



Memorandum

Date: Thursday, January 18, 2018

To: Kawartha Lakes AAC

From: Barbara Condie, Accessibility Officer

Re: Update

Happy 2018 Everyone!

Welcome: Cathie Ritchie, City Clerk

Welcome: Sharlene Marshall, Council appointed – New Member

Reminder:

Thursday, February 1, 2018 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, February 8, 2018 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Address:

Victoria Room, City Hall

Details:

Please join us by attending our **Public Accessibility Presentation and Visioning Exercise**.

Share with us your vision of an accessible, inclusive community by participating in a facilitated round table discussion. Join us in championing accessibility and inclusion by assisting us with identifying key community priorities in the development of the City's 5 year Accessibility Plan.

For more information and/or should you have an accommodation request: Barb Condie, Accessibility Coordinator, Telephone 705-324-9411 extension 1185, email bcondie@kawarthalakes.ca



Coming or New in 2018:

- Committee meetings will be held once monthly with the exception of July, August and December unless notified by the Chair otherwise;
- A Committee Secretary from the Clerk's Office will be available to set Agenda and take minutes. If you have something that you wish to add to the Agenda or you wish to express your regrets for a meeting please contact Miranda Warren by phone at 705-324-9411 ext. 1342 or by email at mwarren@kawarthalakes.ca
- Change in Working Groups titles.
There will be two working groups as we go into 2018 –
Public Awareness (Public Education/Employment/ Information&Communication)
Public Spaces (Parks, Built Environment and Transportation (Transit))
- Working Groups will meet once monthly. Team leaders selected by the membership and meeting dates determined at the first meeting of each year for each group
- Five (5) Year Accessibility Plan consultation coming
- consultation with the AAC and City Staff as we draft a new additional Corporate Policy: Title currently considered and drafted: "**Culture of Accessibility**"
- The Committee will be contacted in the second quarter to assist with the Age-Friendly Business Engagement Committee project

Items of Interest:

- The [Accessibility Hub](#) is growing with resource materials and best practices.
- Alfred Spencer, Director of the Accessibility Directorate presents: [Five Good Ideas about shifting the Culture of Accessibility in the non-profit sector](#) (approximately 30 Minute Video) (I have copies of the written transcript if anyone is interested)
- On September 29, 2016, Chief Commissioner Renu Mandhane launched the Ontario Human Rights Code's [Policy on ableism and discrimination based on disability](#). The OHRC policy depicts many important case law developments, new international human rights standards, and the evolution of social science research Includes current case law and best-practice examples from the employment, housing and service sectors along with other important information on Human Rights. Excellent paper!