

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number CLK2019-003

Date: April 9, 2019

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Council Chambers

Ward Community Identifier: All

Title: The Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)
2018 Activities Report and 2019 Proposed Work Plan

Description: Annual Activities Report and Work Plan

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on behalf of the Kawartha Lakes AAC

Recommendation(s):

That Report **CLK2019-003 Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC), 2018 Activities Report and 2019 Proposed Work Plan**, be received;

That the 2019 Work Plan for the Kawartha Lakes AAC be approved; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting on April 23, 2019.

Department Head:_____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other:_____

Chief Administrative Officer:_____

Background:

As per a revised Terms of Reference, the Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACC) has been reduced from a committee of fifteen (15) to a membership of ten (10). More than 50% of the members are people with disabilities aligning with the legislative requirements of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

The Kawartha Lakes AAC vision statement is “Opening Doors to Accessibility by promoting a barrier free City of Kawartha Lakes”

Within the **Activities** Section a) of the revised terms of reference it states that the committee is to prepare an annual written report to Council by the end of Q1 to outline the Committee’s/Board’s achievements from the previous year in line with their approved work plan and a current year work plan. The plan is to include details on the promotion of public education programs, review of other government reports, programs and legislation that may have impacts on the City or its’ programs, and future City policy direction all with the view of advancing the City’s adopted strategic priorities and the proposed budget.

In accordance with the Terms of Reference, this report is provided to inform Council of the 2018 Committee activities and what is proposed for 2019.

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That a Report, including the Committee’s 2019 Work Plan, be forwarded to Council for approval.

Rationale:

The Kawartha Lakes AAC has formed 2 (two) Working Groups, where 3 or more of the members of the Kawartha Lakes AAC gather to develop recommendations and complete work in the areas of:

1. **Public Spaces** (City facilities and other public areas such as transit, transportation routes, parks, etc.). This group actively provides comment to various City Departments and Site Plans;
2. **Public Awareness**. This group generates ways in which to share information and to raise public awareness about the importance of making our community more accessible. Coordinating Accessibility Awareness Recognition Awards at Council is one annual event organized by this group that raises much awareness.

The working groups meet as needed throughout the year reviewing the status and ensuring the annual work plan is implemented. Each Working Group provides a report back to the committee during a scheduled public meeting on their initiatives, accomplishments and/or with presentation of a formulated recommendation with supporting rationale. The Committee then will determine

whether the recommendation should be forwarded to Council or Staff for their review and consideration.

The main focus in 2018 for the Committee was their participation in the development of the Five Year Accessibility Master Plan and the review processes associated with the update to the Accessibility Policy and associated City Management Directives. Review and comment was provided and amendments made based on their feedback.

The Committee has been very successful in their efforts during 2018 through their participation in a number of important City initiatives that involved but was not limited to the planning associated with Downtown Revitalization, Downtown Reconstruction in Lindsay and Fenelon Falls and through their continued presence as members of the Parks Advisory Committee and Transit Advisory Board. Site Plan review and input has benefited with the addition of a volunteer technical advisor. The Members have continued to support the efforts of Age-Friendly Kawartha Lakes. The public will soon see information booklets on Accessible Business, posters highlighting the Accessibility Awareness Recognition Awards and other materials created during the course of this past year. The Annual Awards presentation was held in May 2018 bringing an increase in public awareness and recognition.

Moving forward with the 2019 year the Committee will continue to strengthen their community outreach and increase their involvement in a number of areas that will include but will not be limited to the following list of initiatives:

- Assist with the planning and presentation of a Fall Accessibility Forum in partnership with Fleming College;
- Accept, review and make recommendation to Council regarding suggested recipients of the 2019 Accessibility Awareness Recognition Awards;
- Outreach – Create greater awareness through several avenues such as participation in local events, with the creation of information brochures, posters, sharing stories through social media platforms, etc.
- Continue to provide comments to City Planning on Site Plans and explore the development of list of standard comments including updated statistic most recently released from Statistics Canada and Angus Reid;
- Explore opportunities to educate and encourage investment in accessible residential growth/community models;
- Continue to participate in the public processes associated with Downtown Revitalization and Reconstruction;
- Continued to support Age-Friendly initiatives in Kawartha Lakes;
- Continue to review and provide comment to Council, City Staff and stakeholders on projects, plans and policy as reviewed and renewed, etc.

- Completion and review of a compliance report in association with the requirements of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation no later than December 31, 2019.

Other Alternatives Considered:

This report presented annually as a requirement of the Terms of Reference of the Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee of Council.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

The 2019 Kawartha Lakes AAC budget has been set at \$ 17,000

Relationship of Recommendation(s) To The 2016-2019 Strategic Plan:

The Kawartha Lakes AAC supports the strategic priorities by strengthening Goal 1 – An Exceptional Quality of Life through Enhancing Accessibility for our residents. The Committee membership is the guiding group to ensure accessibility is at the forefront for this Municipality and included in our daily decision making process.

Review of Accessibility Implications of Any Development or Policy:

The 2019 Kawartha Lakes AAC Work Plan supports the Committee's Vision, Mandate and Objectives to provide advice on the importance of the removal of barriers for people with disabilities throughout the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Consultations:

Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee

Attachments:

Appendix A – 2018 Workplan and Review of Activities



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Appendix B – 2019 Workplan



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