

# **The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes**

## **Committee of the Whole Report**

**Report Number CKL2020-04**

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**Meeting Date:** March 10, 2020

**Title:** Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)  
2019 Annual Activities Report and Proposed 2020 Work Plan

**Description:** Annual Activities Report and Work Plan

**Author and Title:** Barbara Condie, Accessibility Officer on behalf of  
Kawartha Lakes AAC

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### **Recommendation(s):**

**That** Report CLK2020-04, **Kawartha Lakes AAC 2019 Annual Activities Report and Proposed 2020 Work Plan**, be received;

**That** the Kawartha Lakes AAC 2020 Work Plan be approved; and

**That** this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting on March 24, 2020.

**Department Head:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Financial/Legal/HR/Other:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Administrative Officer:**\_\_\_\_\_

## **Background:**

The Kawartha Lakes AAC consists of one (1) Council Liaison and ten (10) Council appointed members. 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”

The Committee terms of reference, Activities section a) states that the committee is to prepare an annual written report to Council by the end of Q1 of each calendar year to outline the Committee’s/Board’s achievements from the previous year in line with their approved work plan and to present to Council their current year work plan to include details on promotion of public education programs, review of other government reports, programs and legislation for any 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 2019 Committee activities and what is proposed for 2020. This report addresses that direction.

At a meeting of the Kawartha Lakes AAC on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 B. Condie presented the 2019 Activities Report and proposed 2020 Work Plan and the following recommendation was made.

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**Moved by** E. Peeters

**Seconded by** A. O’Bumsawin

**THAT** the City of Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee endorse the 2019 Activities Report and proposed 2020 Work Plan; and

**THAT** a Report, including the Committee’s 2019 Activities Report and proposed 2020 Work Plan, be forwarded to Council for consideration.

## **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 discuss, form recommendation and complete work in areas of:

1. **Public Spaces** (City facilities and other public areas such as transit, transportation routes, parks, etc.). This group actively provides comment to City Planning on 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 the Council presentation of the Accessibility Awareness Recognition Awards is one annual event organized by this group that raises much awareness.

The working groups meet as needed (generally once per month) in the generation of this annual work plan and to fulfill the contents of the plan. Each Working Group provides a report back to the entire 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 and vote on whether the recommendation should be forwarded to Council or Staff for their review and consideration.

The main focus in 2019 for the Committee was the coordination, in partnership with Fleming College of a Fall Accessibility Forum held at Fleming College which was held on October 23, 2019 titled “Accessible Education towards Accessible Employment”. A great deal of time and energy was focused on the development and the deliverables of the day. Their input and support considered instrumental on the success of the event. Success was measured by the positive feedback received from approximately 140 attendees from across the Province. Global News released a video regarding the Accessibility Forum, including comments from Crystal Morrissey (Kawartha Lakes Advisory Committee Chairperson), Maureen Adamson (President of Fleming College), Sarah Levis (Aging Well Committee of Haliburton) and Debra Toth (Alternatives Community Program Services of Peterborough). The release that was also shared by MSN and Yahoo! Canada was a rewarding outcome to a fabulous day of knowledge shared on topics relevant to the day, networking opportunities and overall accessibility awareness.

The Committee has been very successful in their efforts during 2019 through their participation in a number of important City initiatives. The details are available as **Appendix A** to this report, titled – 2019 Work Plan Activities Report.

Moving forward with the 2020 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 contents of **Appendix B** to this report, titled – Proposed 2020 Work Plan.

## **Other Alternatives Considered:**

This report is presented annually as a requirement of the Terms of Reference of the Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC).

## **Financial/Operation Impacts:**

The 2020 Kawartha Lakes AAC budget has been approved by Council.

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

Kawartha Lakes is committed to accessible, timely, knowledgeable, courteous and fair services as described in the guiding principles associated with the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan. The Kawartha Lakes AAC 2019 Activities Report and Proposed 2020 Work Plan supports and strengthens the commitment of Goal 1 in the Strategic Plan that reads: Improve the health and well-being of residents that further states that Kawartha will make this happen by Enhancing accessibility and encouraging and supporting “age-friendly” programs and initiatives.

## **Review of Accessibility Implications of Any Development or Policy:**

The 2020 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 (AAC)

## **Attachments:**

### **Appendix A – 2019 Activities Report**



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Appendix A.pdf

### **Appendix B – 2020 Work Plan**



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