

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

Council Report

Report Number CKL2017-009

Date: November 28, 2017

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Council Chambers

Ward Community Identifier:

Subject: The Kawartha Lakes AAC 2017 Annual Work Plan and
Proposed Work Plan for 2018

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Recommendation(s):

RESOLVED THAT Report CLK 2017-009, **The Kawartha Lakes AAC 2017 Annual Report and Proposed Workplan for 2018**, be received;

THAT the 2017 Annual Report of the Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee, be received; and

THAT the Kawartha Lakes AAC 2018 Work Plan be approved.

Department Head:_____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other:_____

Chief Administrative Officer:_____

Background:

The Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) has a membership of 13 (thirteen) by which more than 50% are people with disabilities. Each member appointed by Council for a suggested term to:

- provide advice to Council and Staff in the preparation and implementation of the annual Accessibility Plan,
- review Building Accessibility to Municipally owned/leased premises,
- review and provide comment on selected Site Plans as described in section 41 of the Planning Act,
- provide comment to the Province of Ontario with regard to the development of the AODA, 2005 standards and other matters relating to the identification, removal and prevention of barriers for people with disabilities.

In accordance with the Terms of Reference, this report is provided to inform Council of the 2017 Committee activities and what is proposed for 2018.

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RESOLVED THAT the City of Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee endorse the proposed 2018 work plan; and

THAT a Report, including the Committee's 2018 work plan, be forwarded to Council for approval.

Rationale:

There are 3 (three) Working Groups, where 2 or more members Kawartha Lakes AAC gather to discuss areas of interest in:

- Built Environment
- Communication, Employment and Public Awareness
- Parks and Transportation

The working groups meet as needed (generally once monthly) in the development of public outreach programs and/or to share resources found through research with each other or with City Staff relative to items outlined in the annual workplan of the group. The Leader of each Working Group provides a report back to the entire committee during a scheduled public meeting on their initiatives, accomplishments and/or with a formulated recommendation to Council or Staff for the Committee to consider.

The Committee has been very successful in their efforts during 2017.

Strengthened community outreach and increased committee involvement has been experienced.

Other Alternatives Considered:

The list of 2017 goals and accomplishments to date include but are not limited to, the following:

Goal	Completed in 2017
All Working Groups	
Continue to provide support as identified in the Committee Terms of Reference – under Activities section a) to i).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comment provided on site plans 2. Interaction with staff continues 3. Several concerns addressed through City issue reporting system with successful outcomes
Participation in the Age Friendly Planning – Business Communication Strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resources (AXS Map) shared with the development of an Age-Friendly webpage; 2. Have provided comment through the planning stages of an audit tool; 3. Links to accessibility tools, the “Stop Gap” program, etc.
Participation on the Lindsay Downtown Revitalization Committee	The Chair participated as a member to ensure accessibility was included as an important element when involving revitalization of a downtown area
Built Environment Parks Working Group	
Explore Stop Gap (portable ramp) program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explored the introduction of “Stop Gap” as a possible solution to the less than 8 inch step entering older buildings; 2. Met with Legal, Chief Building Official and Risk Management; 3. The decision made to include information about “Stop Gap” within links to resources in the Age-Friendly Business Guide and checklist to build awareness of the availability of the product.
Accessible Playgrounds	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research completed. 2. Links to resources shared with staff.
City Facilities	Review and comment on the draft document - Facility Design Standards

Goal	Completed in 2017
	lead to discussions regarding a timed approach with facility audits, identification of key issues, and a planned approach for the removal of barriers and the timing deferred to the Accessibility Planning stages.
Public Awareness Working Group	
Enhance Accessibility Awareness Awards Program by displaying names of past recipients	Complete. Accessibility Awareness Awards Program plaques are now displayed outside the Mayor's Office at City Hall.
International Day of Persons with Disabilities, December 3	Councillor Strangway will recognize the day in Council.
Participation/ Attendance at various Community Events: MP, MPP Seniors luncheon, Active Lifestyle show, etc.	Participation at the MP, MPP Seniors Luncheon.
Advocate through local media – explore other opportunities such as Tip of the Month – ED Newsletter	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accessibility Tips of the Month continues to be part of the Economic Development Newsletter. 2. Actively share information on Facebook and Twitter.
AAC Increased coverage of Threshold Marking – this tape is used to reduce slips and trips	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information shared through the Age-Friendly Business Engagement Strategy 2. Exploring other means of communicating the importance of the use.
Transportation Parks Working Group	
Continued to explore avenues of specialized transportation outside of Lindsay	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exploring Best Practices from other areas, available grants, etc. 2. Participation in Transportation Symposium in Fenelon Falls facilitated by local stakeholders that shared best practices across the province. 3. Attendance at Transit Board meetings. 4. Public Open house held seeking public input on Lindsay Transit services.
Accessible walkways (sidewalks – pedestrian flow – sidewalk occupancy)	On-going into 2018.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

The proposed 2018 Kawartha Lakes AAC Budget request for Council's consideration is for the same funding as provided in 2017.

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:

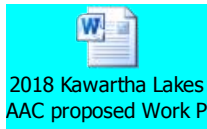
The 2018 Kawartha Lakes AAC Work Plan supports the Committee's Mission, Mandate and Objectives to provide advice on the importance of the removal of barriers for people with disabilities throughout the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Consultations:

Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee

Attachments:

Appendix A – 2018 Kawartha Lakes AAC Proposed Work Plan



Department Head E-Mail:

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Department File: Accessibility