



Staff Report

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Prepared by: Joanna Malott, Deputy
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File Number: 125 Accessibility

Subject: 2017 Accessibility Annual Status Report

Date: Jan. 8, 2018

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Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CLK2018-01-2 prepared by Joanna Malott, Deputy Clerk

Background:

Section 4(3) of the Integrated Accessibility Standards states that an annual status report on the progress of measures taken to implement our Multi-Year Accessibility Plan needs to be prepared and this report serves to meet the requirement.

Comments:

The Township of Huron-Kinloss continues to move forward removing and preventing barriers creating a more accessible environment throughout Huron-Kinloss.

Public Spaces

1. The door to the washroom in the lobby of the Ripley-Huron Community Centre was made accessible for persons with disabilities who use a mobility aid when we installed a push button opener.
2. The elevator in the Ripley-Huron Community Centre was completely refurbished allowing for persons with disabilities to access the upper level of the Community Centre with ease. With both of these upgrades, it makes it possible for persons with disabilities who require a mobility aid to access functions at the Community Centre on either level.
3. A sound system was installed in Council Chambers at 21 Queen Street enhancing the audio for both the attendees of a meeting and also anyone in the audience.
4. The edges of the steps to the municipal office, the Point Clark & Huron Community Centre, the Ripley Medical Centre and the steps on the bleachers were repainted with yellow to increase visibility.
5. The new water tower currently under construction will provide a more secure source of water especially important for persons with disabilities whose health depends on a safe, continuous and reliable water supply.
6. Washrooms in the Ripley-Huron Community Centre lobby had new hand dryers

installed meeting accessibility standards.

Information and Communication

1. Training as required for the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (O. Reg. 191/11) was carried out for all new hires and volunteers.
2. A review and update of the 2018 Municipal Elections Accessibility Plan has been carried out.
3. Our new Agenda Management system which went live on the township website in June of 2017 meets or exceeds Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 Level A requirements enabling access to our online agendas for all.
4. Work is underway to re-vamp our current website taking into consideration the requirements of the WCAG 2.0 Level A standard.

Transportation

1. New curbs were installed in Whitechurch with a low profile rollover to allow persons with disabilities who use mobility aids easier transition from the sidewalk to the road.
2. Detectable warning surfaces for pedestrian crossings were installed in the sidewalks in Whitechurch. These tactile walking surface indicators meet or exceed the requirements of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

Employment

1. All employment opportunities were advertised with the clause that the municipality will provide accommodations throughout the recruitment, selection and/or assessment process to applicants with disabilities.

Moving Forward to a Fully Accessible Ontario by 2025

1. Council, staff and volunteer training will continue in 2018.
2. The Help Centre for the 2018 Municipal Election will be accessible for persons with disabilities.
3. The second set of doors to Council Chambers will be made accessible in 2018 if funding is available.
4. We continually seek for funding opportunities to identify, and remove barriers for persons with disabilities.

Financial Impact/Budget Implications:

There is no financial impact at this time.

Alignment to Sustainability Plan Goals and Directions:

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone by being age friendly, by enhancing our mobility and by being accessible for those with disabilities.

Respectfully submitted:

(original signed by)

Joanna Malott, Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

Reviewed by:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer