

***Corporation of the Township of
Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield***

Date:	October 25, 2011
To:	Reeve Smith & Members of Council
From:	Angela Chittick, Clerk
Subject:	Year 9 – AAC Objectives/Work Plan
Status:	For Direction

Recommendation

That the report of the Clerk regarding the Year 9 Objectives/Work Plan – Joint Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield and County of Peterborough Accessibility Plan be received for information; and that the Council of the Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield adopt the Year 9 Objectives/Work Plan into the Joint County/Township Accessibility Plan (2004) as required by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act for submission to the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Information

The Ontarians with Disabilities Act 2001 and Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) 2005 require that Council update its accessibility plan on an annual basis. The Township and the County of Peterborough have a joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC). The AAC is responsible for reporting to Council on the preparation, implementation and effectiveness of its accessibility plan. Annually, the Committee reviews the Accessibility Plan (created in 2004 and updated annually) and develops a list of objectives for the coming year to ensure that the plan is being implemented and is effective. The attached work plan sets out the Committee's Year 9 objectives.

Financial Impact

Costs related to the Committee and its initiatives are included in the approved budget. Any capital items or other initiatives would be considered by Council during the budget process.

Strategic Plan Reference

Improving the accessibility of the Township's services and facilities aligns with the Strategic Plan's Quality of Life, Infrastructure Support and Organizational Excellence goals.

Attachments

Year 9 Work plan

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Reviewed By: Janice Lavalley, CAO

Accessibility Work Plan Year 9 - 2011/2012

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Item	Details	Who	Timeframe/ Status
1) Site Plan/Project Review for upcoming County/Township Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Township's Administrative Office – tour of completed renovation 	AAC	Complete
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridgenorth Trail - tour 	AAC	October 2011
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility Improvements – Lakefield – tour final improvements • Ennismore Community Centre Renovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review initial designs and comment ○ Tour completed facilities 	AAC AAC	2011/2012 When available
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Recycling Depots – Cardboard Solar Packers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>If Applicable</i>, Review design and comment for applicable County facilities 	AAC	2011/2012
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward/Willcox - Signalization 	AAC	October 2011
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Renovation – Douro Public Library – Provide feedback 	Alec, Anita and Thomas	October 2011
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development/Site Plan Proposals 	AAC	As required
2) Invitation to Local Businesses to Provide Feedback to Improve Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-site feedback to local businesses on practical ways a business can improve the accessibility of its services and facilities 	AAC	As requested
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in cooperation with the local Chamber of Commerce to promote information on accessibility related regulations and standards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Offer to attend any meetings, provide information and resources. ○ Involve Ministry of Community and Social Services 	AAC	Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee as a link to expertise – provide the Committee's brochure to direct businesses and organizations to accessibility resources 	AAC	Ongoing
3) Participation in the Holnbeck Award Selection Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee to participate in selection a recipient for the Holnbeck Award 	AAC Chair County Staff	April/May 2012
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee to submit a nomination for a potential recipient for the Holnbeck Award 	AAC	Q 1 2012

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4) Designated Disabled Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Designated Disabled Parking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review existing By-law, consult with Police ○ Review existing spaces and identify other possible locations 	Staff AAC AAC	Complete 2011/12
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate increase in set fines for violations of parking in designated disabled parking spaces and bring forward recommendation to Council 	Staff	Q1 2012
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate public education awareness of impacts of parking in designated disabled parking spaces 	Staff	Information Piece Created Continue to promote
5) Continue Outreach Efforts to Community groups/stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Groups who may request assistance/resources 	AAC	On request
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Accessibility Awareness activities held in Peterborough by the Council for Persons with Disabilities 	AAC	May 2012
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver a “Time in My Shoes” program at a local school 	Alec – lead AAC - support	2011/2012
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deliver Program at St. Paul’s School Lakefield ○ Select and Deliver a program in 2012 	AAC	Dec. 2011 2011/12
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore Partnership with the Peterborough Paraplegic Association 	Alec	2011/12
6) Review and consider impacts of future Accessibility Standards imposed under the AODA 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Regulation: Accessible Communications and Information Standard, Employment Standard and Transportation • Built Environment Standard 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monitor development of the standards 	Staff AAC	Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop Policies as Required – seek Committee input as required 	Staff AAC	Dependent on Enactment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implement Training Program as Required 	Staff	Dependent on Enactment

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7) Work with Community Stakeholders to Understand and Promote Accessibility in Recreational Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHEX News at 5:30 PM – awareness piece targeting a specific issue 	AAC	2011/2012
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying Services, Curling Clubs, Sledge Hockey, Sailing etc... 	Alec - Lead	Q3 2011
8) Bridging the Gap – Enhancing Communications /Public Relations Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County and Township web site – continue to provide feedback on information/resources that can be posted on the County and Township web sites 	AAC Eric – technical background	Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee branding exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More user friendly name – <i>Accessibility Advisory Committee</i> ○ Tag line – mission statement 	AAC	Complete 2011/12
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the Terms of Reference for the Committee 	AAC	2011/12
9) Review of Mail Box Placement Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the Township’s Mail Box Placement Policy and make recommendations to consider accessibility 	AAC	2011/12
