

For Information

REPORT TITLE: **Accessibility Planning Program Update - June 16, 2022**

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OBJECTIVE

To provide an update on the activities undertaken by the Region of Peel Accessibility Planning Program and the Accessibility Advisory Committee, subsequent to the April 21, 2022 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- The Accessibility Advisory Committee and Accessibility Planning Program have been involved in various activities during this period, which are categorized as follows:
 - Consultation and compliance support provided to Regional Programs;
 - Participation in community events.
 - This report also highlights upcoming events and observances.
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DISCUSSION

1. Background

The main objective of the Region of Peel's Accessibility Planning Program (the Program) is to ensure that Regional programs, services and facilities continue to be inclusive and accessible for persons with disabilities. In order to accomplish this objective, the Program works collaboratively with all Regional departments and the Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC).

2. Activity List

a) Consultation and Compliance

i) 2021 Annual Accessibility Status Report

- Regional Council approved the 2021 Annual Accessibility Status Report.
- The report highlights Peel's accessibility accomplishments and initiatives undertaken in 2021.
- As required under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA), the report must be made available to the public.
- The report can be found on the Region of Peel Accessibility website.

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ii) AODA Training Refresh

- As legislated under the AODA, all Region of Peel employees must complete AODA training.
- In April 2020, a revamped AODA training module was launched.
- On May 2nd, Peel launched the AODA training refresh to ensure that all staff have taken the new module while at the same time provide an opportunity for staff to review the AODA and obligations under the legislation as it pertains to persons with disabilities.
- Training completion date is August 31, 2022.

iii) AAC Recruitment

- The current term of Council will be coming to an end and a new Council will be elected this fall.
- The Region of Peel will be recruiting community members for the 2022-2026 term.
- The recruiting process will be undertaken in the fall of 2022.
- More information, including how to apply will be made available as planning gets underway.
- All current members of the AAC are welcome to reapply but preference will be given to new qualified applicants as per the Community Member Appointments to Committees and Boards policy.

iv) PAMA Website

- The Region of Peel will be launching a new website for the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA).
- In collaboration with community based cultural, arts and heritage-based organizations, PAMA connects the community to Peel's rich history.
- The new website will be AODA compliant and meet Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 Level AA criteria.
- End user testing will include a few members of the AAC.

b) Participation in Community Events

i) CNIB Mississauga E-scooter Town Hall

- CNIB hosted a virtual town on May 11th on the dangers posed by e-scooters in the City of Mississauga.
- The City of Mississauga community members shared their concerns with the potential legalization of e-scooters in that municipality including the dangers these devices pose for persons with disabilities.
- A related report titled, "Jurisdiction and Regional Role in the Five Year Provincial Pilot E-scooter Program " is listed on the June 16, 2022 AAC agenda.

c) Upcoming Events and Observances

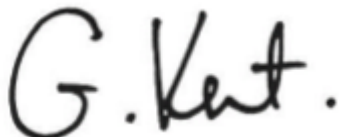
i) National Accessibility Week (NAAW)

- The Region of Peel is hosting a virtual event on June 1, to commemorate NAAW.
- The theme for this year's event is: Recover, Rethink & Thrive.
- Attendees, including Regional staff and community partners will have an opportunity to hear from keynote speaker Justine Fedak, a self-declared 'Corporate Hippie'.
- Justine will share her continuous journey of integrating disability with recognizing and owning one's immense ability and what a 'new normal' looks like as we recover from the pandemic.

CONCLUSION

This report summarizes the activities and consultations that the Accessibility Planning Program (the Program) has been involved in, together with participation of members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) since April 21, 2022. The AAC and the Program continue to engage in activities that support the Region of Peel's primary accessibility objective of ensuring Regional programs, services and facilities are inclusive and accessible for all persons with disabilities and respond to the evolving community needs, including during times of a pandemic.

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