



**SUBJECT: 2016 Accessibility Progress Report**

**TO: Committee of the Whole**

**FROM: Capital Works**

Report Number: CW-01-17

Wards Affected: All

File Numbers: 835-01

Date to Committee: February 27, 2017

Date to Council: March 27, 2017

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**Recommendation:**

Receive and file capital works department report CW-01-17 and Appendix A regarding the 2016 Accessibility Progress Report.

**Purpose:**

To respond to legislation.

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**Background and Discussion:**

The 2016 Accessibility Progress Report is the City of Burlington's annual update on the measures taken to improve accessibility in our community and to report on the progress made to implement the activities introduced in the 2013 – 2018 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. The Progress Report also highlights areas the city intends to focus on for accessibility improvements in the coming year.

Appendix A - 2016 Accessibility Progress Report responds to section 4(3) of Ontario Regulation 191/11, Integrated Accessibility Standards (IASR) under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) which requires obligated organizations to prepare an annual status report on the progress achieved on their multi-year accessibility plan.

As required under the regulation, the 2016 Accessibility Progress Report will be made available, in an accessible format, on the city's website. The [2013 – 2018 Multi-Year](#)

[Accessibility Plan](#), the [2014 Progress Report](#) and the [2015 Progress Report](#) are available in hard copy and posted as accessible PDF's, on the city's website.

On April 8, 2013, Council approved the City of Burlington's 2013 – 2018 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and Progress Report (CL-06-13). The plan describes how the city will continue in its work to increase and improve accessibility to our city's goods, services and facilities over the next five years. The plan builds on the good work done by the city to date, incorporates the legislative requirements of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 and provides our approach to compliance with Ontario's accessibility legislation.

Work will begin in 2018 to develop our 2019 – 2023 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

### **Other Reporting Requirements:**

In addition to the development and publication of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and annual Progress Reports, the city has other reporting obligations to the province. As required by subsection 14 (1) of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Act, the city shall file an accessibility compliance report with a director every two years.

The city filed its most recent accessibility compliance report to the province in December 2015. The next accessibility compliance report is due to the province no later than December 31, 2017. We are compliant or on track to meet compliance in all areas.

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### **Financial Matters:**

As projects are identified for construction, renovation or renewal, the requirements for accessibility are applied as part of the regular business process. Specific costs associated with the continuous improvement initiatives and the legislated requirements identified in the plan are brought forward for consideration by Council through the annual capital and operating budget review process.

Funding has been identified in the 2017-2026 capital budget for accessibility projects within the City's facilities. These measures are planned to be implemented over the next 7 years based on priorities from the accessibility audit.

Additional Canada 150 Funding (Government of Canada funding) has been received to cover portions of the costs for accessibility improvements at the following locations: Ireland, Lowville, Millcroft and Orchard Park(s) washrooms; Mainway Arena and the Bayview Park Leash Free area.

### **Total Financial Impact**

Not applicable

## **Source of Funding**

Not applicable

## **Other Resource Impacts**

Not applicable

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## **Public Engagement Matters:**

Public consultation for the 2013 – 2018 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan & Progress Report took place on Thursday, March 14, 2013 through a facilitated discussion to receive feedback and recommendations. Public consultation for the multi-year plan is a requirement under Section 4(2) of Ontario Regulation 191/11, The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, Integrated Accessibility Standards.

While there is no requirement for public consultation of the annual Progress Report, draft copies of the report was made available to the Burlington Accessibility Advisory Committee for their review and comment.

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## **Conclusion:**

To meet AODA legislative requirements, the city must prepare an annual Accessibility Progress Report that describes the measures taken to implement their Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. Appendix A - 2016 Accessibility Progress Report responds to this requirement.

The AODA prescribes multiple reporting requirements to the province. In addition to preparing an annual Accessibility Progress Report, the city must also file an accessibility compliance report with the province, bi-annually. The city will file this report no later than December 31, 2017. We are compliant or on track to meet compliance in all areas.

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Respectfully submitted,

Judi Lytle

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## **Appendices:**

A. 2016 Accessibility Progress Report

**Report Approval:**

All reports are reviewed and/or approved by Department Director, Director of Finance and Director of Legal. Final approval is by the City Manager.