



SUBJECT: 2019 Accessibility progress report

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Capital Works

Report Number: CW-47-19

Wards Affected: All

File Numbers: 838-01

Date to Committee: December 2, 2019

Date to Council: December 16, 2019

Recommendation:

Receive and file capital works department report CW-47-19 and Appendix A regarding the 2019 Accessibility Progress Report.

Purpose:

Respond to legislation.

Background and Discussion:

The 2019 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 2019 – 2023 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. The Progress Report also highlights the goals and targets the city intends to focus on for accessibility improvements in the upcoming year.

Appendix A - 2019 Accessibility Progress Report responds to section 4(3) of Ontario Regulation 191/11, Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (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 2019 Accessibility Progress Report will be made available, in an accessible format, on the city's website. [The 2019 – 2023 Multi-Year](#)

[Accessibility Plan](#) is available as an accessible PDF on the city's website. It is also available in alternative formats or with communication supports upon request.

On January 28, 2019, Council approved the City of Burlington's 2019 – 2023 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (CW-01-19). 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 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.

Other Reporting Requirements

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

The city filed its most recent accessibility compliance report to the province on December 8, 2017. The next accessibility compliance report is due to the province no later than December 31, 2019. The city complies in all areas.

Financial Matters:

As projects and programs are identified for delivery, 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 2020 – 2029 Capital Budget for accessibility projects within the city's facilities. These measures are planned to be implemented over the next 10 years based on priorities from the 2013 Accessibility Audit.

Total Financial Impact

Not applicable

Source of Funding

Not applicable

Other Resource Impacts

Not applicable

Public Engagement Matters:

While there are no requirements for public consultation of the annual Progress Report, a draft copy of the report was made available to the Burlington Accessibility Advisory Committee for their review and comment.

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 - 2019 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 next accessibility compliance report is due to the province no later than December 31, 2019. The city complies in all areas.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Lytle
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Appendices:

- A. 2019 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.