Proposed Planning Approach

For Consideration: Burlington Accessibility Advisory Committee (BAAC)

June 2024

Opportunities

- To strengthen relationships with other city advisory committees and agencies. (e.g. SBAR, March of Dimes, ROCK etc.)
- To develop a more proactive, and strategic document that enhances the impact we have on improving accessibility in Burlington.
- To consider best practices and innovations that other jurisdictions are undertaking regarding advancements in accessibility.
- To strengthen our tasks with key outcomes.
- To engage members in identifying, planning and approving key actions.



Goals, Objectives and Outcomes

Develop a plan that:

- Is outcome focused.
- Strengthens relationships, inculcates and advances knowledge, awareness and solutions regarding accessible principles and practices;
- Provides advice to identify and remove accessibility barriers; and,
- Strengthens relationships with key partners, stakeholders and communities including:
 - City staff/council/advisory committees;
 - Community groups that support persons with disabilities;
 - General public; and,
 - Other municipalities and advisory groups.

Proposed Approach and Next Steps

- BAAC to approve a working group (3-4 members) to draft a strategic outcome-based plan for approval.
- Identify, confirm and prioritize partners, stakeholders, allies and communities.
- Identify tactics and actions tailored to each audience that advises, and advances accessibility.
- Identify and develop key performance measures and outcomes.
- Timing of plan fall/winter 2024/25.

Proposed Motion

- BAAC to strike a working group sub-committee of 3 to 4 members to develop a 2025 and beyond work plan.
- Present a final draft plan for BAAC approval on or before January 2025

Appendix A: Current workplan



ltem	Detail	Lead	Budget
Continuing/ongoing initiatives	 Provide advice to staff and council on accessibility in City of Burlington by-laws, policies, programs, services, and facilities Liaise and participate with other citizen advisory committees Outreach to other organizations to participate in BAAC lead events and initiatives (Special Olympics for example) Continue to create connections with residents Support Transportation staff with RespectTheSpace 	Group effort	\$0
Participate in public education opportunities	 National AccessAbility Week (NAAW) – deliver an event Participate in trade shows, resource fairs, conferences, events, farmers market Food for Feedback – participate with a booth including surveys and give aways Accessible Trick or Treat – look into a partnership with local community group and actively promote the initiative – can we partner with an existing city program? Love my hood? Look for community groups/facebook community groups International Day of Persons Living with Disabilities Day (IDPD) event including flag raising and proclamation 	Lead TBD	\$1,000

Appendix A: Current workplan (Continued)

Item	Detail	Lead	Budget
Accessibility Award	Award presented during NAAW Named after Ron Baliko		\$1,000
AccessNow	Populate AccessNow with accessible Burlington locations	Lead - TBD	
Joint ACC's Halton meeting	Support staff with hosting joint ACC Halton meeting		\$1,000

Other initiatives to consider:

Readability - as part of NAAW? Booth at Burlington Centre Attend Appleby Line Street Festival and Orchard Community Picnic

Appendix B: Example Template for Plan

Partner	Tactics (Examples only)	Budget	Lead	Key Outcomes (Examples only)
City Council	 Individual meetings (e.g. annually) with all/some city councillors to discuss accessibility. Annually provide articles/information/events regarding accessibility to councilors for inclusion in their newsletters. Participate in delegations regarding key motions. 	\$xxxx		 ✓ Advise on improvements to accessibility barriers ✓ Strengthen relationships □ Increase understanding of accessibility □ Solicit advice and/or best practices
City Staff	 Tactic A Tactic B Tactic C 	\$xxxx		 Advise on improvements to accessibility barriers Strengthen relationships Increase understanding of accessibility Solicit advice and/or best practices
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