



## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG

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**To:** Mayor and Members of Town Council

**Subject:** Amherstburg Accessibility Advisory Committee Achievements in 2021 and Objectives for 2022

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#### 1. **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that:

1. The report dated July 4, 2022, titled Amherstburg Accessibility Advisory Committee Achievements in 2021 and Objectives in 2022 **BE RECEIVED for information.**

#### 2. **BACKGROUND:**

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) provides that municipalities must establish an Accessibility Advisory Committee. As per the AODA and the Committee's current approved Terms of Reference, the Committee shall advise Council on specific matters. These matters include:

- Advise Council of the requirements and implementation of accessibility standards and the preparation of accessibility reports;
- Review in a timely manner the site plans and drawings described in Section 41 of the Planning Act;
- Preparation, implementation and monitoring of effectiveness of the Town's annual Accessibility Plan;
- Review and comment on the accessibility of buildings, parks and other Town facilities;
- Identify, research and collaborate on Town accessibility initiatives as they relate to new and existing Municipal by-laws; and;

Identify research and collaborate on the Town accessibility initiatives as they relate to purchasing goods and services for the Town and goods and services provided by the Town or agents providing services under contract with the Town.

### **3. DISCUSSION:**

The work plan of the Amherstburg Accessibility Advisory (AAAC) was considerably impacted by the global pandemic, COVID-19, in 2021 but still managed to provide recommendations and advice relative to many objectives.

Administration sought the advice and recommendations of the AAAC relative to:

- The Town's multi-year accessibility plan and compliance requirements of the IASR;
- Facility audits completed on municipal buildings;
- The Town's website and web content accessibility, functionality and needs;
- All development site plans and drawings; and,
- Parkland redevelopment.

Some of the 2021 recommendations made by the Committee included:

- Community education and outreach information on accessibility provisions for Town events.
- That accessibility upgrades be purchased for the 320 Richmond Community Hub.
- That the Committee help promote the Inclusive Community Program's public consultation survey.
- Community education and outreach to service providers on ensuring the prevention of barriers from being created in garbage, recycling and yard waste services.
- That accessible picnic tables be purchased for Ranta Memorial Park and Pat Thrasher Park.

The Committee also spent much of 2021 focused on the creation and adoption of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for the Town of Amherstburg, including public consultation and outreach activities.

In 2021 the annual Accessible Parking Blitz was completed through a combined effort of the Licensing and Enforcement Division and the Amherstburg Detachment of the Windsor Police Service. This educational and enforcement piece is an integral reminder of the importance of respecting and understanding accessibility provisions in our community.

In 2022, plans have been laid to resume the Accessible Parking Blitz through this collaborative partnership.

The committee has also set the goal of including the following five elements in its public consultation on Year 1 of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan:

1. Pilot Project for Public Transportation with the City of Windsor;
2. Accessible Taxi Services;

3. Accessibility in Parkland, Trails and Naturalized Areas;
4. Accessible Municipal Facilities; and,
5. Technology Accessibility as identified in the Information and Communication Standard.

This will allow for targeted engagement on specific matters for focused attention and removal of associated barriers. Administration will commence a targeted outreach campaign on these elements shortly.

**4. RISK ANALYSIS:**

There are no identified risks related to the recommendations of this report.

**5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

There are no financial implications related to the recommendation in this report.

**6. CONSULTATIONS:**

N/A

**7. CONCLUSION:**

While 2021 was a tumultuous and unprecedented year, the Amherstburg Accessibility Advisory Committee continued to meet and remained focused on ensuring that legislative responsibilities were met. Throughout 2022, the AAAC has worked to launch a targeted engagement on the new multi-year Accessibility Plan, for Council's consideration.

  
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