

2016 Annual Report

In addition to fulfilling the ongoing requirements set out in the AODA and the IASR as per the legislated deadlines:

Built Environment

- Providing ongoing support--audits and expertise regarding other City Facilities and properties
- Working with Traffic Department to review existing technology and provided input to identify appropriate upgrades needed regarding Audible Pedestrian Signals (for the blind and visually impaired)and developed a Windsor standard
- After the technology review the Committee provided input for needed equipment upgrade to meet the new standard. The Committee then provided funding in the amount of \$30,000 to assist with the retrofit of 5 existing Audible Pedestrian Signals to the Windsor Standard (with voice message) in a combined effort such funds would also be matched by the Traffic so that there was a \$60,000 community accessibility improvement. Furthermore Traffic worked with both WAAC and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) to determine appropriate locations for said improvements.
- Working with Project manager/ Department to provide input and advice on Reame Park Concession Building accessible service counter. Provided funding in the amount of \$11,600 to cover the cost of increasing accessibility of the service area and a new accessible picnic table.
- As a result of public consultation and input that identified a community need WAAC provided funding to the Windsor International Aquatic and Training Centre for the purchase of a Hoyer Power Advanced Power Lift that will allow patrons who require assistance to safely transfer from a wheelchair to the accessible pool lift.
- Provided input and advice regarding new playgrounds/parks accessibility improvements being implemented for 2016.
- Had community consultation regarding Cullen field and the need to replace the bleachers and ensure that they are accessible.
- Committee advocating for Alexander Park accessibility improvements. Provided detailed input and suggestions that identified specialized needs. Such needs were supported by public consultation and the input of residents and community organizations.



- Attended Parks public input event for the community to address public concerns and input regarding accessible features in renovated and new playgrounds. Received input from public as to priorities.
- The Committee supported the approval of funds in the amount of \$2500 to purchase one ceiling track lift system to be placed in the New City Hall.
- Working with Project Manager to provide input and advice on the new east end pool.
- Community Development- Review and provide accessibility input for new developments and renovations
- Provided input regarding Accessibility improvements at the WFCU arena.
- Provided input and advice regarding the Downtown Windsor Transportation Strategy and Central Box Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
- Provided input and advice regarding downtown accessible street parking for the public
- Provided detailed input into the New City Hall project and provided funding in the amount of \$25,000 to add an additional 5 push button accessible doors above and beyond what was already planned for in the project. The location of said accessible door openers to be determined with the input of WAAC.
- Provided input and advice regarding various accessibility improvements to Jackson Park and provided funding in the amount of \$25,000 as a contribution towards the construction of two (2) universal washrooms and two (2) accessible change stalls in the newly constructed accessible washroom to be located in Jackson Park.
- Provided input and funding for accessible features at new east end pool -- One (1) hydraulic lift change table (lift and adjustable adult change table) in the family barrier free washroom - \$11,083.10, two (2) water wheelchairs - \$4,008, one (1) portable lift to be used for the lap and therapy pools - \$9,610.65, convert directional signage to Braille - approximately \$3,560, add floor tile strip around the pool ledges to provide a textural cue for persons with visual impairments - \$18,509.40, one (1) shower chair \$2,715.90.
- Assessment and walkthrough of assessable feature- east end pool- after purchasing of the accessible features noted above.

Information and Communication

- Ongoing meetings with IT and Clerks office regarding strategy and remediations for Council/Standing Committee and Advisory Committee



documents to meet legislative requirements by January 2021. Template remediations were completed.

- Reviewing options for complete accessibility Website review to assist with meeting legislative deadlines.
- Purchased necessary software and provided additional training for key staff on creating accessible documents

Transportation

- The Committee provided input and suggestions for improvement regarding the proportion of on-demand accessible taxicabs required in the community.

Employment

- Enhanced Mental Health, Accessibility, and Human Rights training courses available for staff as part of training program/lunch and learns.
- Noted -Accessibility Procedure updates scheduled for 2017

General requirements and Accessible Customer Service

- Continue with required training as per IASR
- Input as to the accessibility concerns and compliments received through 311 as part of accessibility consultation and input.
- Determined, discussed and planned for upcoming accessibility priorities
- Providing Support/Sponsorship of Windsor/Essex Accessibility Awards and Community Accessibility events