



Subject: Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee Annual Report and Work Plan

Department: Corporate Services

Division: CPS

Report #: CPS-2021-082

Meeting Date: 2021-11-22

Recommendations

That the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee 2021 Annual Report, be received.

Background and Analysis

The Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee consists of a maximum of thirteen members including one member of Council, a minimum of three and a maximum of five members appointed by the County of Dufferin to represent areas outside of the Town of Orangeville.

The committee solicits feedback from the community on issues relating to people with disabilities and other citizens with access issues and brings to Council the relevant matters identified by the Committee as requiring action by the Municipality.

As public health restrictions were still in place the committee has been meeting virtually for all of 2021.

As much as possible given the public health restrictions in place the committee advanced several projects during 2021 including:

Tip of the Month – the committee voted each month on an accessibility tip provided by one of the members. This tip was published in the Town page with a view to educating the public on accessibility issues.

Ramp Program – the committee researched various ramp programs with a view to recommending and implementing a more permanent accessibility ramp program within the Town. Unfortunately, due to some unexpected issues the company that was identified for this project is unable to provide the service. The committee continues to search for solutions to this issue.

Planning Circulations – the committee has established a process whereby the committee reviews and provides comments on various planning matters within the County of Dufferin from an accessibility perspective.

The committee has prepared an annual work plan, which outlines the various projects that will be focused on in 2022 as Public Health Guidelines permit.

Strategic Alignment

Orangeville Forward – Strategic Plan

Priority Area: Community Stewardship

Objective: Encourage and strengthen participation in the community by people of all ages

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Corporate and Fiscal

Strategy: Encourage and support collaboration to implement sustainability initiatives between municipal and community organizations, local Indigenous groups, conservation authority, colleges, and adjacent municipalities

Notice Provisions

Not applicable

Financial Impact

None.

Respectfully submitted

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Attachment(s): 1. Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee 2022 Work Plan