



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Accessibility Feedback**

**Prepared By: Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk**

**Department: Legislative Services**

**Date: May. 1, 2023**

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### **Attachments:**

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### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CLK-2023-05-29 prepared by Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk.

### **Background:**

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), 2005 became law on June 13, 2005. Under this legislation, the provincial government developed Standards that identify, remove, and prevent barriers for people with disabilities. The vision of the Act is to have an accessible Ontario by 2025.

The Township is committed to meeting the required legislation and to responding to the needs of an accessible community.

The Township of Huron-Kinloss has an internal Accessibility Advisory Committee which provides:

- Advice and recommendations to Council on accessibility issues within our community; and
- Accessible Customer Service training for all Township employees, contractors and volunteers providing services to the Township of Huron-Kinloss.

The Township also has a Multi-Year Accessibility Plan which describes how the Township will meet accessibility standards over a five-year period which is adopted by Council.

### **Discussion:**

The Clerk's department accepts comments and feedback regarding accessibility and suggestions for improvements to facilities, operations and services. The Accessibility Advisory Committee meet to review any comments or feedback. Recently the

Committee met to review three submissions. Staff has taken measures to make immediate improvements where possible and investigate options and opportunities with the additional comments. In addition, any improvements that can be included in the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan will be added into the plan.

The current Multi-Year Accessibility Plan will expire at the end of 2023. All departments will provide input into preparing the 2024-2028 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan with projects and action items to continue to make accessibility improvements and to meet the needs of an accessible community

**Financial Impacts:**

There are no financial impacts with this report.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone by being open and transparent and by being age friendly, by enhancing our mobility and by being accessible to those with disabilities.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

**Report Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer