



Staff Report

Report Title: Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2024-2028

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Department: Legislative Services

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Attachments: Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2024-2028

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receive for information Report CLK-2023-12-66 prepared by Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk.

Background:

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) is the law that sets out a process for developing, implementing and enforcing accessibility standards that government, businesses, non-profits and public sector organizations must follow to become more accessible. These laws and standards are intended to make Ontario open to everyone by helping to reduce and remove barriers.

The Township of Huron-Kinloss being a public sector organization is required to comply with the AODA and to create a Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

A Multi-Year Accessibility plan outlines the steps the organization will take to prevent and remove barriers to accessibility, while meeting the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA).

Discussion:

As a requirement of the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (Ontario Regulation 191/11) made under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) the Township of Huron-Kinloss is mandated to prepare, implement and maintain a multi-year accessibility plan to prevent and remove barriers. Public sector organizations are required to identify and remove barriers in order to provide programs, services and facilities that are more accessible to people who have disabilities.

An accessibility plan must be updated at least once every 5 years in consultation with people with disabilities and accessibility advisory committees or working groups. The 2019-2023 Township of Huron-Kinloss Multi-Year Accessibility Plan expires at the end of December 2023 and the new plan will cover the period of 2024-2028. The 2024-2028 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan is attached.

Financial Impacts:

Financial implications will be included in the upcoming budgets.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone by enhancing our mobility and by being accessible.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer