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2018 Accessibility Status Update Staff Report

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Recommendations

1. That the report entitled “2018 Accessibility Status Update” dated February 4, 2019 be received; and,
2. That Council approve the 2018 Accessibility Status Update, attached as **Attachment A**; and,
3. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the 2018 Accessibility Status Update (attached as **Attachment A**) for Council’s approval.

Background

Ontario Legislation Requires Accessibility Planning

The Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) requires the municipality to establish, maintain and document a Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and provide annual reporting on the plan’s progress. Council approved the 2013 - 2017 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan on December 16, 2013. A new Multi-Year Accessibility Plan is now required for the Town and is currently being developed.

Discussion

The development of the status update included input from staff across the organization. ‘Accessibility Champions’ were appointed from each department to

ensure all staff has access to accessibility related information/tools and that achievements and barriers are captured in each status update.

Conclusion

Following Council approval of the Status Update for 2018, staff will:

1. Post the Council approved 2018 Status Update on the Town's website; and,
2. Draft a new Multi-Year Accessibility Plan in consultation with the Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee and Accessibility Champions from Town departments; and,
3. Seek Council approval for the new Multi-Year Accessibility Plan prior to the end of 2019.

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

This Accessibility Status Update relates to the Well-equipped and managed link of the Town's Community vision.

Consultation

Consultation has taken place with staff and the Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee in the development of the 2018 Status Update.

Human Resource Considerations

There are no Human Resources considerations related to this report.

Budget Impact

Costs to implement requirements of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan will continue to be addressed by the various responsible departments.

Attachments

Attachment A – 2018 Accessibility Status Update

Approval

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