

Project Description		Priority	Link to Council's Strategic Priorities and/or Corporate Strategic Goals	Target for Completion	Status
1.	Public Awareness Campaign		Community Engagement i. Engaging our changing resident demographics Well-balanced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased accessibility for persons with disabilities 	Ongoing Logo Contest – June, 2016	September 17, 2015 Committee to review options related to other methods of engaging people (closed captioning, etc.) September 17, 2015 Committee to conduct a logo contest in order to engage the community and spread awareness of disabilities. See initiative sheet.
2.	StopGap Ramp Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate a community ramp project with local businesses to prevent physical barriers 		Well-balanced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased accessibility for persons with disabilities 	May, 2016	June 18, 2015 Tyler Barker to be invited to a future AAC Meeting to provide information on the project. September 17, 2015 The Chair provided a project update. The Deputy Clerk advised that collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce and the BIA would be ideal. Tyler to attend in November or January. January 7, 2016/March 10, 2016 Awaiting response from Tyler Barker regarding attendance at an upcoming AAC meeting.

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3.	Annual Accessibility Award(s) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of an award for presentation during National Access Awareness Week 		Community Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging our changing resident demographics Well-balanced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased accessibility for persons with disabilities 	June, 2016	See initiative sheet.
4.	York Region Area Accessibility Advisory Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newmarket to host a meeting of all York Region AAC Committees 		Well-balanced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased accessibility for persons with disabilities 	Fall, 2016 or later.	
5.	<i>Municipal Act, 2001</i> Amendments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal to amend the <i>Municipal Act</i> to permit alternate forms of meeting attendance (for example Skype, video conferencing, alternate treatments to permit flexibility) 		Community Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging our changing resident demographics Well-balanced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased accessibility for persons with disabilities 	Ongoing/Outstanding	September 22, 2014 Councillor Twinney made a motion requesting amendments to the <i>Municipal Act</i> which was ratified by Council on September 29, 2014.
6.	Accessibility Audit of Town Facilities		Well-balanced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased accessibility for persons with disabilities 	Ongoing	June 18, 2015 List of facilities that require audits has been compiled.
7.	Accessible Taxi Cabs		Well-balanced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased accessibility for persons with disabilities 	April 4, 2016	March 10, 2016 The Committee moved a motion for Council's consideration recommending that an agreement be made with the City of Vaughan for accessible taxi services.

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8.	National Access Awareness Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event held the first week in June 		Community Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Engaging our changing resident demographics Well-balanced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased accessibility for persons with disabilities 	Ongoing – Annual Event	Recommendation to have closed captioning at public presentation/meetings and accommodation for the disabled/hearing impaired. September 17, 2015 Subcommittee for NAAW to include all members. Each meeting to commence at 9:00 a.m. immediately prior to the AAC meeting.

Project: Annual Accessibility Award

Project Summary:

Creation of an annual award to be presented during National Access Awareness Week each year.

Deliverables:

- Development of award criteria;
- Development of an application form/handout and awareness plan;
- Review of nominees and determine the winner; and
- Award at National Access Awareness Week event.

Deadline: June, 2016

Updates: November 19, 2015

The Chair advised that he is in receipt of correspondence from a group recommending that Upper Canada Mall be recognized for their efforts to promote accessibility. The Committee discussed possible inclusions for a media release and/or application form and whether two awards; one for a business and one for an individual.

January 21, 2016

The Committee determined that the award would be open to Newmarket residents and Newmarket based businesses only. Criteria and form to be simple and easy to complete and distributed to schools, the Chamber of Commerce and any other community organization that may be able to spread word of the award. Guidelines and form to be created by the Council/Committee Coordinator and distributed to the Committee for review prior to circulation in the community.

March 10, 2016

The Award form and information has been posted on the Town's website. To be distributed to the Chamber of Commerce as soon as possible. Deadline for submissions has been set as April 1, 2016, with the option to extend, if required.

Project: Development of an approved Town Accessibility logo

Project Summary:

Create an approved corporate logo for the Accessibility Advisory Committee that can be used for accessibility related initiatives in the Town. The intent is that this would be a corporate approved logo, with a contest sent to schools inviting students to prepare logo submissions.

Deliverables:

- Development of logo criteria and formal contest guidelines;
- Review submissions, in consultation with Corporate Communications and determine the winner; and
- Unveil logo at National Access Awareness Week event.

Deadline: June, 2016

Updates: November 19, 2015

The Council/Committee Coordinator to contact Corporate Communications with respect to corporate logo standards and report back to the Committee.

January 21, 2016

The Committee determined that the contest would be circulated through the school system for submissions by students, in an effort to encourage awareness of accessibility related issues. The logo criteria shall reference inclusion of all disabilities, not include text and should be simple and creative. Guidelines and form to be created by the Council/Committee Coordinator and distributed to the Committee for review prior to circulation in the community.

March 10, 2016

The logo contest form and information have been posted on the Town's website and distributed to all Newmarket based private and public schools by e-mail. Circulation to Catholic schools in Newmarket has not occurred as it has been challenging to obtain email addresses. Deadline for submissions has been set as April 1, 2016, with the option to extend, if required.

Project: Accessibility Audit of Town facilities

Project Summary:

Physical audit of Town facilities in order to review existing features and recommend accessibility upgrades for immediate and future consideration.

Deliverables:

- Physically attend each identified facility and complete audit;
- Staff to compile audit results for distribution to facilities staff.

Deadline: Ongoing, with facilities to be determined at the beginning of each year.

Updates: September 17, 2015
Facilities identified for audit in 2016 are Newmarket Theatre, Newmarket Old Town Hall and the Newmarket Public Library.

November 19, 2015
Audit Schedule to be determined at the January AAC meeting, with the first audit to be conducted early in Q2, 2016.

January 21, 2016
Schedule for audits in 2016 shall be the following:

- March 10, 2016 – Ray Twinney Complex
- June 16, 2016 – Magna Centre
- September 15, 2016 – Community Centre & Lions Hall

Audit to be conducted at Old Town Hall as soon as access can be accommodated by staff (likely Spring, 2016).