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CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT – LEGISLATIVE SERVICES 2016-23

TO: Committee of the Whole

SUBJECT: 2016 Status Update – 2013-2017 Multi-year Accessibility Plan

ORIGIN: Legislative Services

RECOMMENDATION

- a) **THAT Corporate Services – Legislative Services Report 2016-23 dated November 14, 2016 regarding the 2016 Status Update – 2013-2017 Multi-year Accessibility Plan be received and the following recommendation be adopted:**
- i) **THAT the 2016 Status Update – 2013-2017 Multi-year Accessibility Plan, attached as Appendix 'A' be approved.**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the 2016 Status Update - 2013-2017 Multi-year Accessibility Plan (attached as Appendix '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 Multi-year Accessibility Plan on December 16, 2013. The Status Update attached as Appendix 'A' is the third annual report on achievements since the approval of the Multi-year Accessibility Plan.

COMMENTS

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.

Next Steps:

- Post the Council approved 2016 Status Update on the Town's website;
- Implement requirements of Multi-year Accessibility Plan identified for 2017;
- Continue to review the Multi-year Accessibility Plan and provide an annual progress report in 2017; and

- Submit Compliance Report to Accessibility Directorate of Ontario before December 31, 2017;

BUSINESS PLAN AND STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGES

This report aligns with the Town's Strategic Plan directions through the enrichment of lives, increased accessibility, service excellence, improved inter-connectivity, and well respected in achieving balanced living.

CONSULTATION

Consultation has taken place with staff and the Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee in the development of the 2016 Status Update. Additionally, staff maintains membership in the Ontario Network of Accessibility Professionals (ONAP), which provides the opportunity to share accessibility planning resources and initiatives province-wide.

HUMAN RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

There are no Human Resources considerations related to this report.

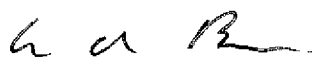
BUDGET IMPACT


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

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