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Memorandum

Accessibility Advisory Committee Accomplishments 2023- 24

Meeting Date: November 21, 2024

Purpose:

To consult with the Accessibility Advisory Committee regarding 2023 and 2024 accomplishments.

Background:

The Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Advisory Committee state that, “a report or presentation summarizing the Committee’s accomplishments and/or workplan shall be provided to Council in the fourth quarter annually.” For 2024, an Information Report will summarize Advisory Committee accomplishments. This Report is expected to be distributed in December 2024.

Discussion:

Below is a list of accomplishments from the Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2023 and 2024:

Work completed by the Accessibility Advisory Committee in 2023-24:

- Completed four site plan reviews of providing recommendations on accessibility improvements to site plan applications submitted to the Town.
- Provided recommendations to Council for downtown accessible parking improvements and additions.
- Continued to review federal and provincial grants as made available.
- Provided comments and suggestions to staff to increase inclusion and accessibility at Town events.
- Visited facilities in nearby municipalities to gather information and insight to suggest accessible features at Town of Newmarket facilities.
- Provided comments to staff regarding barriers to accessibility around the Town of Newmarket.
- Provided comments to staff regarding improved accessibility at Town facilities (like the Ray Twinney Recreation Complex, the Municipal Offices at 395 Mulock Drive and the Magna Centre).
- Engaged the Newmarket – Aurora Member of Parliament and Member of Provincial Parliament to discuss how to make Main Street Newmarket more accessible.
- Consulted with staff regarding the Northwest Quadrant Project and Mulock Park project.
- Provided feedback as it relates to accessibility at a Newmarket Library brainstorming session.
- Completed training related to Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act legislation.

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