

**Report to
Rapport au:**

**Community and Protective Services Committee
Comité des services communautaires et de protection
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SUBJECT: ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT

OBJET: COMITÉ CONSULTATIF SUR L'ACCESSIBILITÉ – RAPPORT ANNUEL DE 2015-2016

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend that the Community and Protective Services Committee receive the 2015-2016 Annual Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee as detailed in Document 1.

RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité consultatif sur l'accessibilité recommande que le Comité des services communautaires et de protection reçoive le rapport annuel de 2015-2016 du Comité consultatif sur l'accessibilité.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 12 September 2012, City Council approved a new structure for its [Advisory Committees](#), which aligns these committees with the Term of Council Priorities. Subsequently on July 8, 2015, City Council approved the [Term of Council Priorities](#) for the 2014 – 2018 Term of Council.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) completed its [work plan](#) for the term of Council (2015-2018), which was approved at City Council on October 28, 2015. Is it the responsibility of advisory committees to produce an annual report, reporting on the accomplishments of the committee. As such, an annual report for 2015 and 2016 is attached as Document 1.

DISCUSSION

The attached 2015-2016 Annual Report outlines a brief description of the accomplishments and activities that the AAC undertook in those two years. This Annual Report was approved by the AAC at its February 21, 2017 meeting.

As part of AAC's input on the 2017 City of Ottawa Municipal Accessibility Plan Update Report that was recently received by City Council (City Council April 12, 2017, Agenda Item 4, FEDC Report No. 23, page 96), the AAC commended the City's forward-thinking approach to its regulation of private transportation companies (PTCs) like Uber and its commitment to negotiating a voluntary accessibility levy for those PTCs who choose not to offer accessible vehicle services in Ottawa. In addition, the AAC emphasized its position that full accessibility and inclusion for Ontarians living with disabilities in Ottawa will only be possible once the City is properly empowered to enforce accessibility in PTC services under the *Accessibility for Ontarian with Disabilities Act, 2015* (AODA), that the Government of Ontario must react more quickly in ensuring that emerging markets like PTCs are covered by the AODA, and that municipalities must have the powers necessary to enforce and promote accessibility throughout these emerging markets.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

Any applicable rural implications are identified in the Council Priorities for each project, as outlined in Document 1.

CONSULTATION

Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public and anyone wishing to speak to an item may do so. No members of the public spoke to this item at the AAC meeting of February 21, 2017.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

This is a city-wide issue.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE(S) COMMENTS

This is a report from the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal impediments to receiving the information in this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk management implications associated with this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications only reflect the spending of funds by the advisory committee. As such, there are no financial implications directly associated with this report.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

There are no accessibility impacts directly associated with this report.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Applicable Term of Council priorities are identified in Document 1.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Document 1 – 2015-2016 Annual Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

DISPOSITION

The Accessibility Advisory Committee will continue to work with staff to complete the projects identified in its 2015-2018 work plan.