



February 2, 2017

The Mayor and Members of  
Municipal Council

Re: Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Compliance

Public access to the video record of Municipal Council and Standing Committee meetings is a critical accountability mechanism. Watching the debate by video allows a member of the public to not only understand how Council came to a decision, but also holds Council Members accountable for their vote.

As a result of advice provided by staff at the Municipal Council meeting held on January 31, 2017, Municipal Council made the difficult decision to direct staff to remove all videos that may not be compliant with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) from the City's website and YouTube.

Since then, contact has been made with officials at the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario to seek clarification with respect to the matter. Based on that discussion and other additional information obtained from accessibility experts in the London community, the undersigned are seeking Municipal Council support of the following recommendation:

"That the following actions be taken with respect to Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) compliance:

- a) pursuant to section 13.3 of the Council Procedure By-law, clause 17 of the 2nd Report of the Community and Protective Services Committee regarding alternative formats for Council and Standing Committee Agendas to support greater participation in local government **BE RECONSIDERED**;
- b) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to make the necessary arrangements to repost all videos pertaining to Municipal Council and Standing Committee meetings as soon as possible;
- c) the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to undertake the following actions:
  - i) contact the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario with respect to the Municipal Council and Standing Committee videos to seek clarification as to the videos compliance to AODA;
  - ii) if it is determined that the videos are not in compliance with the legislation, seek guidance as to how the videos could remain posted while work is undertaken to bring them into compliance; and,
  - iii) report back to the Corporate Services Committee by the end of February 2017 with an update with respect to the above-noted matters;

- d) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report back on what actions have been taken with respect to any outstanding Municipal Council directions and enquiries relating to AODA compliance, including the accuracy of any compliance reports that have been submitted to the Accessibility Directorate;
- e) the report dated January 24, 2017, related to alternative formats for Council and Standing Committee agendas to support greater participation in local government BE FORWARDED to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for comments; it being noted that there will be a follow up report within 60 days; and,
- f) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to bring forward any reports required for submission under the AODA to the Municipal Council, for its review, prior to submission.”

Respectfully submitted,



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