



Memorandum

To: Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Murray Colquhoun, Director of Information Technology Services
Alex Fuller, Director of Communications

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Date: May 18, 2022

Re: Funding request for accessibility tool

I am writing to request that the Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee consider funding a critical website tool called Site Improve – a digital website accessibility checker used by staff to scan for issues and errors. Staff uses the tool daily to identify and correct issues to ensure the website continues to meet current Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) requirements. The Town has been using this tool for the past few years with great success, finding and correcting, on average, approximately 50 issues per week ranging from broken links to low colour contrast.

The cost of the annual subscription for the tool is \$10,000. We are looking for a temporary (2 year) funding source while we use the website budget to address other issues to improve functionality and meet current and new service demands.

The Committee's consideration of this request for funding the tool for the 2023 and 2024 budget is most appreciated.