



## REPORT

**REPORT TO:** Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council

**REPORT FROM:** Kelly Withers, Accessibility Coordinator

**DATE:** January 30, 2020

**REPORT NO.:** ADMIN-2020-0001

**RE:** 2019 Annual Accessibility Status Update Report

### RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2020-0001 dated January 30, 2020 regarding the 2019 Annual Accessibility Status Update Report and the attached Appendix "A" be received for information.

### BACKGROUND:

The 2019 Annual Status Report is the Town of Halton Hills annual update on the measures taken to improve accessibility in our community and to report on the progress made to implement the activities introduced in the 2018-2023 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. The Annual Status Report also highlights areas that the town intends to focus on for accessibility improvements in the coming year.

The Town of Halton Hills Council passed the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2018-2023 on April 16, 2018, and as part of the plan an annual status report has to be completed to outline the progress of measures taken to implement the Multi-Year Accessibility plan. Additionally a review of the plan will be conducted with the plan being updated as required to include any new identified priority action items as new legislation is brought forward,.

In addition to the development and publication of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and Annual Status Report, the Town has other reporting obligations to the Province. As required by subsection 14 (1) of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, the town shall file an accessibility compliance report with the province every two years.

The town filed its most recent accessibility compliance report to the province in December 31, 2019 and was compliant in all areas. The next accessibility compliance reports to the Province will be December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2023 which have all been incorporated into the 2018-2023 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

**COMMENTS:**

In accordance with Section Four (4) of the Integrated Accessibility Standards, and to meet the legislative requirements of the AODA the Town is to prepare an annual status report on the progress of measures taken to implement the strategy including steps taken to comply with the Regulation and to post the status report on the website and if required provide the report in an accessible format upon request.

**RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The Town of Halton Hills' Strategic Plan notes the following Goal:

Foster a Healthy Community

*To maintain and enhance a healthy community that provides a clean environment and a range of economic and social opportunities to ensure a superior quality of life in our community;*

through the Strategic Objective;

*(A.4) To provide accessibility throughout the community.*

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Expenditures needed to meet the requirements of the Integrated Accessibility Standards will be funded through the Accessibility Capital Budget program.

**CONSULTATION:**

N/A

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:**

N/A

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

The Town is committed to implementing our Community Sustainability Strategy, Imagine Halton Hills. Doing so will lead to a higher quality of life.

The recommendation outlined in this report advances the Strategy's implementation.

This report is keeping with the objective of incorporating sustainability into the Town's operation. Implementation of the actions outlined in Town's the Multi-Year Accessibility Plans provide for greater opportunity to sustain community livability for residents of all abilities.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The 2019 Annual Accessibility Status Report, upon adoption by Council, will be made available on the Town's website, and will be communicated to Town staff.

**CONCLUSION:**

To meet the legislative requirements of the Act, the Town must comply with the Integrated Accessibility Standard regulations by preparing an annual status report on the progress of measures taken to implement the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. All identified 2019 Actions Items on the Multi-Year Accessibility plan were completed.

Reviewed and Approved by,

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**Suzanne Jones, Clerk & Director of Legislative Services**

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**Brent Marshall, Chief Administrative Officer**