



## **REPORT**

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

**REPORT FROM:** Renée Brown, Deputy Clerk - Administration

**DATE:** March 25, 2021

**REPORT NO.:** ADMIN-2021-0013

**RE:** 2020 Annual Accessibility Status Update

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2021-0013 dated March 25, 2021 regarding the 2020 Annual Accessibility Status Update be received for information.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The 2020 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. (Appendix A – 2020 Accomplishments and 2021 and Beyond Action Items)

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. 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 on 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 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:**

This report supports the following Town of Halton Hills' Strategic Plan goals:

- 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.
- Provide Responsive, Effective Municipal Government - To provide strong leadership in the effective and efficient delivery of municipal services.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

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

## **CONSULTATION:**

No consultation was required for this report.

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:**

No public engagement was required for this report.

## **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 2020 Annual Accessibility Status Report, upon adoption by Council, will be made available on the Town's website.

**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.

Reviewed and Approved by,

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Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk & Director of Legislative Services

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Chris Mills, Acting Chief Administrative Officer