



Staff Report for Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date of Meeting: October 7, 2021

Report Number: SRCFS.21.050

Department: Corporate and Financial Services

Division: Office of the Clerk

Subject: **SRCFS.21.050: 2020 Status Report on the 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan**

Purpose:

To present the 2020 Status Report on the 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for formal approval in order to communicate accessibility progress and initiatives to the community and to satisfy the City's obligations under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*.

Recommendation(s):

- a) That staff report SRCFS.21.050 regarding the 2020 Status Report on the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan be received, and;
- b) That the 2020 Status Report on the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan be posted to the City's website in accordance with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*.

Contact Person:

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Report Approval:

Submitted by: Sherry Adams, Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services

Approved by: Mary-Anne Dempster, City Manager

All reports are electronically reviewed and/or approved by the Division Director, Treasurer (as required), City Solicitor (as required), Commissioner and City Manager. Details of the reports approval are attached.

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Background:

The City of Richmond Hill is required under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA) to prepare and implement a multi-year accessibility plan and to prepare annual status reports on that plan. The status reports should describe the progress of measures taken to implement the City's accessibility strategy as outlined in the multi-year accessibility plan and other steps taken to comply with accessibility standards. It is also required that the status report is posted to the City's website.

In 2018, Council approved Richmond Hill's 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. The plan outlines Richmond Hill's strategy and initiatives to identify, prevent, and remove barriers for persons with disabilities and to comply with the AODA and accessibility standards. Each year since then, the City has met or exceeded all targets outlined in the plan.

In 2020, Richmond Hill succeeded again in meeting all of the year's targets for the 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. Attachment A to this report, "2020 Status Report – 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan," provides details on initiatives from the plan that were completed or advanced in 2020. A small number of items that were slated for completion in 2020 are not included in the report because they were completed ahead of the 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan's schedule and have been reported on in a previous Status Report. Additionally, the report includes other initiatives not originally captured in the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, such as election accessibility, new outdoor play spaces, and an extensive policy audit.

Next year is the final year of the current Multi-Year Accessibility Plan. In 2022, the work of producing a new Multi-Year Accessibility Plan will begin. Staff will continue to implement the initiatives of the 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plans while developing ways to improve the City's accessibility strategy moving forward.

Financial/Staffing/Other Implications:

There are no financial, staffing, or other budgetary implications to this report. Each initiative from the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan independently follows the standard annual budget process through the lead department.

Relationship to Council's Strategic Priorities 2020-2022:

The 2020 Status Report on the 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan advances Council's strategic priority of Strong Sense of Belonging. Developing and following an effective and active strategy to identify, prevent, and remove barriers for individuals with disabilities will ensure that all residents are able to engage with and enjoy their community.

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Conclusion:

Richmond Hill continued to meet and exceed the targets of the 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan in 2020. The attached 2020 Status Report on the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, which must be prepared and published on the City's website to satisfy the City's AODA obligations, communicates the City's accessibility progress and initiatives to the community.

Attachments:

The following attached documents may include scanned images of appendixes, maps and photographs. All attachments have been reviewed and made accessible. If you require an alternative format please call the contact person listed in this document.

- Attachment A – 2020 Status Report – 2018-2022 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

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Report Approval Details

Document Title:	SRCFS.21.050 - 2020 Status Report on the 2018-2022 MYAP.docx
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Stephen Huycke - Sep 28, 2021 - 10:48 AM

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