



## Staff Report for Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: March 28, 2018

Report Number: SRCFS.18.013

Department: Office of the Clerk

**Subject: Richmond Hill 2017 Status Report of the 2013-2017 Richmond Hill Accessibility Plan**

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### Purpose:

The purpose of this staff report is to present the 2017 Status Report of the 2013-2017 Richmond Hill Accessibility Plan.

### Recommendation(s):

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends to the Committee of the Whole:

- a) That the 2017 Status Report of the 2013-2017 Richmond Hill Accessibility Plan, attached as Appendix A to Staff Report SRCFS.18.013, be received.
- b) That the 2017 Status Report be posted on the Town's website as required by the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA).

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### Submitted by:

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### Approved by:

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## **Background:**

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) requires municipalities to create a multi-year Accessibility Plan and to prepare an annual status report on the implementation of plan. The Town is also required to post the status report on its website.

The 2013-2017 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, approved by Council in 2013, outlined Richmond Hill's strategy to prevent and remove barriers for persons with disabilities, and meet the requirements under the AODA, including the Town's legislated obligations under each of the standards. 2017 was the fifth and final year of the plan.

As demonstrated in the 2017 Status Report, the Town of Richmond Hill has met the deliverables outlined in the 2013-2017 Multi-Year Plan. The 2017 Status Report highlights the initiatives taken by the Town as part of delivering accessible services, including policy and work processes updates; staff training; alternative formats and communication supports; community safety programs and accessible and integrative library programs; and accessible built environment initiatives for the Town's trails and parks.

## **Financial/Staffing/Other Implications:**

There are no financial, staffing or other implications associated with this report.

## **Relationship to the Strategic Plan:**

This report relates to the Town's Strategic Plan goal of Stronger Connections in Richmond Hill by removing barriers to effective participation for all people in the community, improving access to local information and services and by increasing accessibility for those with disabilities.

## **Conclusion:**

This staff report presents the 2017 Status Report for the 2013- 2017 Richmond Hill Accessibility Plan. The Status Report was developed in consultation with the Richmond Hill Accessibility Advisory Committee and has been designed and built to be an accessible document for persons with disabilities. Moving forward, the Town will continue to meet the accessibility planning requirements as outlined by the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*.

## **Attachments:**

- Appendix A – 2017 Status Report of the 2013-2017 Richmond Hill Accessibility Plan