

MUNICIPALITY OF CALLANDER INFORMATION REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Regular Council Meeting

MEETING DATE: December 8, 2020

SUBJECT / REPORT NO: 2020-63 ADMIN – Annual AODA Status Update

SUBMITTED BY: Elaine Gunnell, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED BY: Ashely Bilodeau, Senior Municipal Director

RECOMMENDATION

That Council acknowledge receipt of report 2020-63 ADMIN for Information.

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

Regulation O. Reg. 191/11: **Integrated Accessibility Standards** under the **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)** requires that designated public sector organizations prepare an annual status report on the progress of measures taken in that year and post the status report on their website. This report provides a summary of accessibility measures taken in 2020.

The following measures were accomplished in 2020:

- The service counter at the main Municipal Office, which was too high for persons in wheelchairs was modified in early 2020 to provide a section of counter that provides greater accessibility to those using wheelchairs and similar mobility devices.
- Municipal Office knob-style door handles were replaced with lever style handles, which are easier to open by persons with certain disabilities.
- A new accessible walkway to the Splash Pad in Centennial Park was added.
- The ability to purchase Burning Permits, Animal Tags and Garbage tags online was added to the Municipal Website.
- A Review and Update of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan was done.

It should be noted that, due to the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic, along with other factors, 2020 presented many challenges to accomplishing goals as intended. The following things were not accomplished in 2020:

- The accessible swing that was purchased in late 2019 was not installed in the spring of 2020 as planned because the playground was closed due to COVID-19.
- Although the Municipality did consult with persons with disabilities in the review of the Accessibility Plan, the consultation was not as extensive as originally planned. It was therefore recommended to Council that, as the Accessibility Plan is a living document that should be periodically updated on an ongoing basis and that Council continue to seek input on its Accessibility Plan and implementation measures for future updates.