OAKVILLE

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: June 13, 2024

FROM: Clerk's Department

DATE: June 4, 2024

SUBJECT: **Accessibility Map Refresh**

LOCATION: Town-wide

RECOMMENDATION:
That the presentation regarding the online accessibility map refresh, be received.

KEY FACTS:
The following are key points for consideration with respect to this item:
- In 2017, staff consulted with the AAC to begin developing an online map to identify town accessible features and infrastructure. The intention of the map was to provide residents and visitors of all abilities easy to access information in a geographical format.
- In 2018, there was a public launch of the online accessibility map during National AccessAbility Week. The map highlighted accessible features for parks and playgrounds, recreational trails, and municipal parking, incorporating the committee's feedback with:
  - Increased colour contrast to help differentiate buildings and roads from the canvas and text to background;
  - Easy to identify landmarks; and
  - Easy to locate search function.
- In our commitment to fostering an inclusive community and ensuring equitable access to amenities for individuals of all abilities, the current project aims to refresh the existing accessibility map, so it may continue to serve as a valuable resource for residents and visitors, enabling them to easily locate and access amenities that support diverse needs.
- Feedback is sought on this refresh, including the use of high contrast colours, type of information available, types of landmarks and buildings, and search functionality.
- Project objectives include updating and enhancing the existing map to include comprehensive information on accessible amenities and features, improve the accuracy and reliability of data, and increase awareness and utilization of the accessibility map among the public and staff.

- Project scope will involve reviewing and updating existing data pertaining to accessibility features, incorporating new data sources and information on accessible amenities, designing, and developing user-friendly interfaces for the accessibility map, and conducting outreach and training sessions for the public and staff on utilizing the updated map.
- Staff seek to inform the AAC of the accessibility map refresh and seek feedback and ideas about the project.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Minutes from AAC meeting of March 9, 2017
Appendix B – Minutes from AAC meeting of March 8, 2018

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