



GEORGINA

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF GEORGINA**
Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee Addendum Agenda

Monday, November 2, 2020

9:00 AM

Pages

11. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS

- *1. Request for Extension on AODA Compliance deadline

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Please be advised that the following motion was passed at the October 21st Council meeting:

RESOLUTION NO. C-2020- 0330

Moved By Councillor Sebo
Seconded By Councillor Neeson

That Council receive and refer General Information Item (iv) from the Town of Amherstburg recommending that Schedule 11 of Bill 108 of the Ontario Heritage Act be amended by returning the powers for final decisions to municipal Councils and Item (v) from the Town of Amherstburg advising of its position requesting the Province of Ontario to extend the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Compliance deadline to at least January 1, 2022 and consider providing funding support and training resources to meet compliance standards, to the Georgina Heritage Advisory Committee and to the Georgina Accessibility Advisory Committee respectively.

Carried.

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The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

September 21, 2020

VIA EMAIL

The Right Honourable Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility
College Park 5th Flr, 777 Bay St,
Toronto, ON
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Re: AODA Website Compliance Extension Request

At its meeting of September 14, 2020, Council passed the following for your consideration:

Resolution # 20200914-281

- “1. **WHEREAS** Section 14(4) of O.Reg 191/11 under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act requires designated public sector organizations to conform to WCAG 2.0 Level AA by January 1, 2021;
2. **AND WHEREAS** the municipality remains committed to the provision of accessible goods and services;
3. **AND WHEREAS** the municipality provides accommodations to meet any stated accessibility need, where possible;
4. **AND WHEREAS** the declared pandemic, COVID-19, has impacted the finances and other resources of the municipality;
5. **AND WHEREAS** the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act contemplates the need to consider the technical or economic considerations in the implementation of Accessibility Standards;
6. **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the municipality requests that the Province of Ontario extend the compliance deadline stated in Section 14(4) of O.Reg 191/11 to require designated public sector organizations to meet the compliance standards, by a minimum of one (1) year to at least January 1, 2022; **AND**,
7. **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT** the municipality requests that the Province of Ontario consider providing funding support and training resources to meet these compliance standards.”

The impacts of the pandemic on municipal finances and resources affect the ability of municipalities to meet the January 1, 2021 deadline for full compliance with WCAG 2.0 Level AA.

We humbly request the Ontario government consider an extension request, in addition to financial support and training due to the unprecedented impacts of the global pandemic.

Regards,



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