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## **Staff Report CL2020-011**

**Title of Report:** Accessibility Multi Year Plan and 2019 Progress Report  
**Department:** Clerks  
**Branch:** Legislative and Council Services  
**Council Date:** April 15, 2020

### **Recommendation:**

**Be it resolved that** Council receive Staff Report CL2020-011 for information; and  
**That** Council approve the Township of Southgate's Multi-year Accessibility Plan and the 2019 Accessibility Progress Report.

### **Background:**

The Province first introduced the Ontarians with Disabilities Act (ODA) in 2001 to improve the identification, removal and prevention of barriers faced by persons with disabilities. It became clear that the ODA was a very broad piece of legislation and that there were no enforcement capabilities for the Province through that Act. The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) was then introduced in 2005 with a clear goal to make Ontario fully accessible by 2025, which was further strengthened by Ontario Regulation 191/11 - Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR) that included clear standards for implementation and enforcement. The Township of Southgate has requirements to meet under the IASR including that a multi-year accessibility plan be completed and available to the public and that annual progress reports be completed.

### **Staff Comments:**

Staff have prepared a multi-year accessibility plan for 2019-2022, included in this report as Attachment #1, in conjunction with the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee and other Grey County area municipalities. The plan sets out the Township's current progress with the AODA and IASR regulations and sets out goals to be achieved in the next few years under each standard. The plan also provides for the public's feedback on the Township's accessibility initiatives and includes ongoing review of the plan. The 2019 Progress Report, included in this report as Attachment #2, provides the Township's progress on the IASR standards in 2019.

### **Financial Implications:**

There are no financial implications as a result of this report at this time.

### **Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:**

This report has been written and presented to Council to communicate accurate information to the public.

**Concluding Comments:**

That Council approve the Township of Southgate's Multi-year Accessibility Plan for 2019-2022 and the 2019 Accessibility Progress Report.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Dept. Head:** **Original Signed By**  
Lindsey Green, Acting Clerk

**CAO Approval:** **Original Signed By**  
Dave Milliner, CAO

**Attachment #1:** Township of Southgate Multi-year Accessibility Plan: 2019-2022

**Attachment #2:** Township of Southgate 2019 Accessibility Progress Report