



October 19, 2020

Honourable Raymond Cho
Minister for Seniors and Accessibility
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Re: AODA Website Compliance Extension Request

Dear Minister Cho,

At the regular council meeting of October 5, 2020, Council reviewed the attached correspondence from the Town of Amherstburg requesting the Province of Ontario extend the deadline requiring designated public sector organizations to meet the compliance standards and to provide funding support and training resources to meet these compliance standards. As a result of the review, the following resolution was passed,

R20-10-371

Moved By Councillor Bjorkman

Seconded By Councillor Garon

That correspondence from the Town of Amherstburg, dated September 21, 2020 to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility requesting that the Province 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 to consider funding support and training resources to meet these compliance standards, be received and supported; and

That a letter of support be sent to the Honourable Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and to the Town of Amherstburg.

Carried



Please consider this letter of support to extend the 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 to consider providing funding support and training resources to meet these compliance standards.

Yours truly,

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Enclosure

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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
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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,

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'T. Fowkes', is positioned above the typed name.

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cc:

The Right Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities