



**Date:** March 29, 2023  
**To:** Municipal Council  
**cc:** Kim Ramsay, Chief Administrative Officer  
**From:** Deputy Warden Perry, Chair of Accessibility Advisory Committee  
**RE:** **Accessibility Advisory Committee Report to Council**

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The Committee held its regular meeting on March 1, 2023. The following motion is coming forward as a result of the meeting.

**1. OVERVIEW OF ACCESSIBILITY ACT AND EAST HANTS ACCESSIBILITY PLAN**

The Manager of Planning gave a presentation on the Accessibility Act and the municipal Accessibility Plan.

**2. ACCESSIBILITY PLAN REPORT CARD**

The Manager of Planning gave a presentation on the Accessibility Plan report card. The report card indicates whether objectives of the plan are complete, in progress or not started. It was noted that the Accessibility Plan has to be reviewed every three years.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends to Council *that Council accept the report card and place it on file.*

As Chair of the Committee, I so move.

**3. EMOTIONAL SUPPORT/THERAPY ANIMALS**

The Manager of Planning gave a presentation on Emotional Support & Therapy Animals. The goal of the Service Dog Act is to prevent service dog users from being denied access to public places and refused tenancy rights. This act does not cover other emotional support or therapy animals. The municipality has been asked if there is a policy that permits or prohibits the public bringing support animals into municipal buildings; there is not. Committee members shared their experience with municipal staff on emotional support and therapy animals.

As Chair of the Committee, I move the adoption of this report.