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December 16, 2020

Via email: tfowkes@amherstburg.ca

Town of Amherstburg
Attention: Tammy Fowkes, Deputy Clerk
271 Sandwich Street South
Amherstburg, ON N9V 2A5

Dear Ms. Fowkes:

RE: Correspondence – AODA Website Compliance Extension Request

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, please be advised that the above-noted correspondence was presented at the last regularly scheduled meeting on December 15, 2020, and the following was passed:

“Resolution #7(a)/12/15/20

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays hereby supports the Resolution received by the Township of Amherstburg regarding Support for the AODA Compliance Extension Request, dated September 21, 2020;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Amherstburg, Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, Premier Doug Ford, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.”

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Municipal Office at 705-635-2272.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carrie Sykes', is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.

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Encl.

Copy to: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Raymond Cho, Minister of Seniors and Accessibility
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



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
M7A 1S5

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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cc:

The Right Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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