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City of Peterborough Adds New BrowseAloud Technology to Website

The City of Peterborough is offering a new and easy way for residents to access information online with the adoption of BrowseAloud: a free text-to-speech solution that reads website content aloud.

BrowseAloud provides online reading support to those who may find it difficult to read text on a computer screen. This can include people with a mild visual impairment, dyslexia, literacy challenges and those who speak English as a second language.

In addition to being able to listen to text on the website, users can also have each word highlighted as it is spoken, convert text to MP3 format, tint the screen, look up accurate dictionary definitions -- and translate words from English to French.

The City of Peterborough has demonstrated leadership in the area of improving access to City services for several years. "The implementation of BrowseAloud on our website is another step to meeting the needs of our residents. The advantage of this program is that visitors to our website can download BrowseAloud free of charge, it is easy to use and is one more way of accessing our information."

BrowseAloud is currently used on over 6,000 websites worldwide and has been rapidly adopted throughout Canada. Organizations to have adopted BrowseAloud include Standards Council of Canada, Ministry of Community and Social Services, the Cities of Ottawa and Toronto and many more.

This information is also available on our City of Peterborough website at www.peterborough.ca.

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