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**Peterborough**

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**To:** Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

**From:** Sadie Norrad, Accessibility and Communication Specialist

**Meeting Date:** March 6, 2019

**Subject:** Report AAC19-011  
Assistive Listening Device Kits

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## **Purpose**

A report to introduce a presentation from the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator on the assistive listening device kits being installed in specific City facilities/meeting rooms.

## **Recommendation**

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendation outlined in Report AAC19-011 dated March 6, 2019, of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist as follows:

That a presentation from the Accessibility and Compliance Coordinator on the assistive listening device kits be received for information.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

The total cost for the project was \$51,413.31. The project included \$33,559.00 in funding from the Government of Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund. The balance of the cost was covered from City Reserves.

## Background

The City of Peterborough secured funding and procurement for the installation and set up of five assistive listening device kits for meeting rooms across the Corporation. The meeting rooms selected were:

- Community Services – 210 Wolfe Street Auditorium
- Peterborough Public Library – Lower Level Auditorium
- City Hall - Doris Room
- Social Services - Staff Meeting Place “The Hub”
- Police Services – Police Board Room

The assistive listening device kits make it easier for people with various degrees of hearing loss to hear what others are saying in noisy environments. The kits separate sounds that a person wants to hear from sounds in the background to improve the “speech to noise ratio.”

The kits include a variety of assistive listening device equipment based on the needs of each site, including microphone transmitters, receivers and a sound-field speaker system.

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