



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Sadie Norrad, Accessibility and Communication Specialist

Meeting Date: June 5, 2019

Subject: Report AAC19-029
Access Fund Request 002-19

Purpose

A report to seek approval for Access Fund Request 002-19 submitted by the Supervisor of Parks and Forestry for the purchase and installation of two benches along the Parkway Trail.

Recommendations

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendations outlined in Report AAC19-029 dated June 5, 2019, of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist as follows:

- a) That a presentation by the Accessibility Compliance Coordinator on the purchase and installation of two benches along the Parkway Trail be received for information; and
- b) That the AAC Access Fund Request 002-19 submitted by Mark Buffone, Accessibility Compliance Coordinator c/o Phil Jacobs, Public Works Supervisor of Parks and Forestry be approved.

Budget and Financial Implications

The amount of Access Fund Request 002-19 is \$5,461.24. The current balance of the Access Fund is \$21,589.78.

Background

Public Works received a request from the Accessibility Office and the City's Transportation Demand Management Planner to install two benches along the Parkway trail. There are currently no benches along the Parkway trail between Fairbairn Street and Hilliard Street.

The City has received numerous requests from the public to add benches along the trail between Fairbairn and Hilliard. The City is not obligated to upgrade existing trails to meet the rest area requirements of the Design of Public Space Standards (DOPS) in the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation. The City shall only meet the DOPS requirements for trails that are being redeveloped. This initiative supports the 2018 to 2022 Accessibility Plan, the 2017 Age-friendly Community Plan, and the 10-year strategic plan for recreation, parks, arenas and culture called Vision 2025.

The Parkway Trail is used by +/- 300 pedestrians and 65 cyclists a day, according to recent counts. New benches will provide a resting place for people who use the trail for commuting and recreation purposes. The trail directly connects residential zones, including low income and accessible housing, to the major commercial zones along Chemong Road and two elementary schools. Rest areas along walkways are important for people who have difficulty walking long distances. They also provide a place to rest when carrying items, such as groceries. Benches act as destinations where people can watch the action, meet up with friends, or relax and read a book. The benches will have armrests and a backrest, will be placed on a firm and stable surface, and placed in a location with shade. A clear path of travel along the existing trail will be maintained.

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Appendix A – Access Fund Request 002-19