



City of  
**Peterborough**

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

**From:** **Sarah Mackillican, Communication Coordinator**

**Meeting Date:** **February 3, 2021**

**Subject:** **Report AAC21-002**  
**Access Fund Summary**

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## **Purpose**

A report to update the Accessibility Advisory Committee on the current balance of the Access Fund.

## **Recommendations**

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendations outlined in Report AAC21-002 dated February 3, 2021, of the Communication Coordinator as follows:

- a) That report AAC21-002 with respect to the current balance of the Access Fund be received for information.
- b) That the AAC continues to hold the funds approved on March 4, 2020 for the Time In My Shoes program (Access Fund Request AFR2020-002), to ensure the funding is available when the program can be safely held again.
- c) That the AAC advise staff on possible uses for unspent funds, as a result of committee inactivity in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

## **Background**

### **Commitment to Accessibility**

The City of Peterborough (City) is committed to demonstrate leadership for accessibility in the community. Our goal is to meet the diverse needs of all people, and follow the principles of dignity, independence, integration and equal opportunity. We will strive to achieve an inclusive environment for our facilities, goods, services, employment, information and transportation.

### **Access Fund Guidelines**

The Access Fund can be used to help the City meet its commitment to accessibility. The AAC can approve, at its discretion, the use of the Access Fund for project costs that will:

- a) Enhance accessibility in public spaces, transportation, the built environment, customer service, or information and communications;
- b) Remove and prevent barriers; or
- c) Help exceed minimum legislated accessibility requirements.

## **Access Fund Project Status**

Active Access Fund projects in 2020:

1. \$5,641.00 - Peterborough Memorial Centre signage (Access Fund 2020-009)  
The fund was approved in January 2020 and work was completed summer 2020.
2. \$8,191.86 - Trail benches (Access Fund 002-19)  
The fund was approved in May 2019 and work was completed summer 2020.
3. \$1,130.00 - Time in My Shoes (TIMS) training for City staff delivered by the Council for Persons with Disabilities (Access Fund 2020-002)  
The fund was approved in March 2020. The project is on hold due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

## **Access Fund Balance**

As of February 3, 2021, the total funds available in the Access Fund are \$50,809.96.

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