



**Funding Year**  
**2018**

## Access Fund Request Form

### Part A – Instructions

Step 1	<b>Complete Parts B to D of the Access Fund Request Form</b>
Step 2	<b>Attach quotes (Compliance with purchasing By-law)</b>
Step 3	<b>Submit application by the 3rd Wednesday of the month.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By email to: Sadie Norrad snorrad@peterborough.ca</li> <li>• In person at: City of Peterborough, Accessibility Office, 500 George Street North</li> <li>• Questions: Phone 705-742-7777 extension 1785</li> </ul>
Step 4	<b>Present to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) at their next scheduled meeting. The AAC meets on the first Wednesday of the month. It is best practice to present supporting material on the reason for request at the meeting.</b> <b>Note: The AAC does not have a scheduled meeting in July, August or December.</b>

### Part B – Applicant Information

Name and Title																		
Department																		
Facility (if applicable)																		
Phone Number				-				-						Extension				
Email																		

### Part C – Access Fund Request Details

Deadline for Request	
Total Cost of Renovation (if applicable)	\$
Total Cost of Accessibility Upgrade	\$
Compliance with Purchasing By-law (Yes/No)	
Expected Date of Project Completion/ Purchase	

## Part C Continued – Access Fund Request Details

### Reason for Request

Information to consider including:

- The number of people who use (or will use) the facility/product;
- Will the request impact staff, the general public or both;
- Explain the expected impact that the accessibility upgrade will have;
- Explain why the Access Fund Request is considered to be an accessibility upgrade.
- Explain the existing barriers that will be removed with the approval of the Access Fund Request.

## Part D – Photo of Existing Conditions / Product Specifications

Insert, or indicate if attached, photos of areas affected or product specifications.  
(Examples include: area of renovation, area where equipment will be placed, equipment specifications.)

## Part E – Accessibility Office Use Only

Date request received	
Comments	
Submitted to	



Attn: Jeremy Giles

May 18, 2018

Facility Manager  
Peterborough Memorial Centre  
151 Lansdowne St., West  
Peterborough Ontario  
K9J 1Y4

Dear Jeremy,

It is the start of the season for the Peterborough Lakers and we were hoping that the railing system would be installed in time for the season home opener May 31.

I am sure you are aware of demographic profile of our lacrosse and hockey fans as much as we are. A significant number of fans in Peterborough are aging and the stairs to the seating provide a barrier to comfortable safe access to the seat that they purchase. Peterborough is known statistically to have one of the highest ratios of seniors in Canada and is only second to Kelowna British Columbia. The urgency of installing the railing should reflect this fact in itself.

Also, in the many comments received from our fans, we hear that they have difficulty of climbing the stairs at the PMC in many of the sections. Not having assistance getting to their seats is a barrier to them and we are losing season ticket holders because they cannot or do not feel safe getting to their seats. Having railings to assist the young and old would not just benefit relieve this stress for our fans but railings would also help the hockey fans and the many users who attend other events at the PMC.

It is also surprising that the City, who requires the Lakers to get insurance policies for every agreement we have with them, lacks the will power to install railings without any urgency. There have been a few falls on the stairs and at events over the past year and there doesn't seem to have been any immediate reaction by the city to correct or to prevent further incidents. To the Lakers staff, it is very evident and reasonable to know that, given the demographics of the people attending events at the PMC, someone will (not might) fall and receive serious injuries. The City in the past has been known as a very risk adverse manager and surely must be aware of the potential liability this creates should legal action follow up on

an incident. Even as a third party, or operator of the Laker game we feel that someone may include our organization in a legal action. We want to be proactive but in this matter we have taken it as far as we can and as facility manager we are requesting you to move the installment of the railings forward before our 3000 fans come to the arena.

To date the Lakers have been happy to research and assist in the design of a railing. It is our understanding that the most recent design and the ease of installment of this design have made it through the approval of city engineers and council members. Therefore, it is just the installment schedule that needs to move forward. Please expedite this matter if you can! Our seniors have the right to access our public buildings and want to attend entertainment opportunities at the PMC. Both the young and old need to feel safe ascending or descending the stairs. More people would come out to attend an event without the fear of falling. In favour of the Lakers and Petes, people would be less likely to stop buying season tickets to lacrosse or hockey because of the perceived barrier and concerns for safety.

Thank you for your consideration and action on this matter!

Ted Higgins  
President  
Peterborough Lakers Lacrosse Association Inc.

Peterborough Petes, Ltd. | 151 Lansdowne St. W., Peterborough, ON, K9J 1Y4



Attn: Jeremy Giles  
Facility Manager  
Peterborough Memorial Centre  
151 Lansdowne St., West  
Peterborough, ON, K9J 1Y4

May 22, 2018



Jeremy,

As is the case with any junior hockey organization, fan support is tantamount to the ongoing success – and in fact survival – of the Peterborough Petes. In an effort to maintain and grow the level of support we receive from our community, we are reaching out to you in hopes of confirming the installation of a railing system at the Peterborough Memorial Centre prior to the start of our season in September 2018.

A hand rail system that allows for safer passage up and down stairs, but does not interfere with vantage points in the arena, is a constant request received from our fans. Without addressing this issue promptly, we feel that we will lose season ticket members, which would in turn have a negative effect on advertising, merchandise, and food & beverage revenues.

As of the 2016 Census, more than 22% of Peterborough's population are over the age of 65 (the second highest such percentage in the country). This demographic is clearly represented in our fan base, and although many seniors are able to navigate steep stairs with no difficulty, there are a significant number of patrons whose ability to access and enjoy live events at the PMC is severely hindered by the absence of hand rails.

We trust that you will continue to take this matter seriously, and that we will be able to announce to our fans that an effective hand rail system will be installed before the 2018-19 hockey season gets underway this fall.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dave Pogue'.

Dave Pogue  
President  
Peterborough Petes Ltd.

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