



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Trish Reed, Accessibility and Communication Specialist

Meeting Date: April 6, 2016

Subject: Report AAC16-025
Access Fund Request 001-16

Purpose

A report to seek approval for the Access Fund Request 001-16 submitted by the Manager of Facilities and Special Projects relating to the Peterborough Public Library renovation and expansion project.

Recommendations

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendations outlined in Report AAC16-025 dated April 6, 2016, of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist as follows:

- a) That Report AAC16-025 of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist be received for information; and
- b) That the AAC approve Access Fund Request 001-16 submitted by the Manager of Facilities and Special Projects relating to the Peterborough Public Library renovation and expansion project.

Budget and Financial Implications

The amount of the request is \$97,872.00. The quote is from the consultant of the project, a quantity surveyor who prices the project and its elements from past market examples. The current balance of the Access Fund is \$207,494.68. If the request is approved, the Access Fund will have a balance of \$109,622.68.

Background

Access Fund Request 001-16 (Appendix A) is a request for funds to improve the accessibility of the Peterborough Public Library (Library). This facility receives 350,000 visits per year. The request is for:

1. Funding of a snow/ice melt system on the Library pathway
2. Installation of a new user controlled lift to access the outdoor courtyard.

At the November 25, 2015, meeting of the AAC Built Environment Sub-Committee (Committee), the Manager of Facilities and Special Projects and Nicole Crabtree of the Ventin Group (+VG Architects) presented the drawings of the proposed renovation and expansion of the Library. The Committee requested that options be explored to ensure the outdoor courtyard is accessible for a person using a mobility device.

On January 15, 2016, the Committee received a presentation (Appendix B) of the Manager of Facilities and Special Projects which included three options for access to the outdoor courtyard. The Committee recommended option three, a lift from the inside of the building. Option three was also the preferred option of staff as it consumes the least amount of library space.

The courtyard area will be used for additional programming space and is located in the lower level off the new children's library.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:

Appendix A – Access Fund Request 001-16
Appendix B – Library Renovation and Expansion Project Access to Courtyard