



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Trish Reed, Accessibility and Communication Specialist

Meeting Date: January 4, 2017

Subject: Report AAC17-009
Access Fund Request 002-17

Purpose

A report to seek approval for the Access Fund Request 002-17 submitted by the Transportation Demand Management Planner relating to providing a wheelchair accessible vehicle in the future City of Peterborough fleet of Community CarShare vehicles.

Recommendations

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendations outlined in Report AAC17-009 dated January 4, 2017, of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist as follows:

- a) That Report AAC17-009 of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist be received for information;
- b) That the AAC approve Access Fund Request 002-17 submitted by the Transportation Demand Management Planner relating to providing a wheelchair accessible vehicle in the future City of Peterborough fleet of Community CarShare vehicles.

Budget and Financial Implications

The amount of the request is \$47,800.00. The quote is from Community CarShare. The current balance of the Access Fund is \$137,472.68.

Background

Carsharing is a transportation option that can provide access to vehicles for lower than the cost of owning a vehicle and can also allow access to different types of vehicles for special purposes. For example, one of the vehicles in some carshare fleets is a cargo van, allowing people to own a small, efficient vehicle and still haul large items when needed.

The Transportation Demand Management Planner will be preparing a report for City Council proposing an agreement with Community CarShare for four carshare vehicles to be stationed in the City of Peterborough (City), one being wheelchair accessible.

The agreement with Community CarShare will be a two year commitment and the City will fund any net costs of the vehicles. Through this Access Fund Request (Appendix A), the funds would be used to cover the capital costs of retrofitting one vehicle to be wheelchair accessible, as well as the potential operating deficit of the wheelchair accessible vehicle in the first two years of the program. Securing the funds for the wheelchair accessible vehicle is the next step in preparing the report to City Council. Community CarShare is prepared to begin operations in the City in the fall of 2017.

The cost to retrofit a Dodge Caravan, which is the recommended option, into a commercial-grade side loading accessible vehicle is approximately \$27,000. A rear entry accessible vehicle would be about \$20,000 and a lower grade side loading vehicle would be \$22,600. The operating expenses would be \$1450 per month (\$34,800 over two years). In the experience of Community CarShare, the vehicle would have a monthly revenue minimum of \$500 per month (\$12,000 over two years). Therefore, the maximum net cost to operate this vehicle is estimated to be \$22,800. The goal would be to reduce the monthly operating deficit to zero by the end of the second year.

The side loading accessible van could seat six people, plus a person in a wheelchair, and could also be used to haul larger items, so demand for use of this vehicle could be fairly high. The Transportation Demand Management Planner will meet with the AAC Transportation Sub-Committee at the January 18, 2017 meeting to discuss the vehicle options.

Submitted by,

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Appendix A – Access Fund Request 002-17