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**Peterborough**

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

**From:** Trish Reed, Accessibility and Communication Specialist

**Meeting Date:** March 1, 2017

**Subject:** Report AAC17-023  
Access Fund Request 004-17

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## **Purpose**

A report to seek approval for the Access Fund Request 004-17 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 AAC17-023 dated March 1, 2017, of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist as follows:

- a) That Report AAC17-023 of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist be received for information; and
- b) That the AAC approve Access Fund Request 004-17 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 \$27,000.00. The quote is from Community CarShare. The current balance of the Access Fund is \$133,872.68.

## Background

At the January 4, 2017 meeting of the AAC, Access Fund Request 002-17 pertaining to Community CarShare was deferred until further information could be provided to the Committee. The Access Fund Request was for \$47,800.00 which included the cost to retrofit a Dodge Caravan (\$27,000.00) and the cost to operate the vehicle for two years (\$2,800.00).

At the February 1, 2017 meeting of the AAC, the Transportation Demand Management Planner presented additional information about Community CarShare. The presentation included testimonials from the local chapter of Spinal Cord Injury Ontario, the Council for Persons with Disabilities, Community Care, Living Well Mobility and the AAC Transportation Sub-Committee. The testimonials were in favour of an accessible carshare vehicle in our community. Additional testimonials are included in Access Fund Request 004-17 (Appendix A).

Access Fund Request 004-17 is a request to cover the cost to retrofit a Dodge Caravan to a commercial-grade side loading accessible vehicle which is approximately \$27,000. The approximate cost for a rear entry accessible vehicle would be \$20,000 and a lower grade side loading vehicle would be \$22,600.

If approved, Community CarShare would work with the AAC Transportation Sub-Committee to determine vehicle specifications. A brochure of one of the options is provided in Appendix A as an example of the type of conversion that could be done. The van could seat five people, plus a person in a wheelchair, or three people plus two people in a wheelchair. There are other options for the person using a wheelchair to be in the passenger seat or the driver seat. More investigation of the options would be conducted if this project proceeds. Upon Council approval, the operating costs will be assumed by the Transportation Demand Management section of the Transportation Department.

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Appendix A – Access Fund Request 004-17