



Funding Year
2017

Access Fund Request Form

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Part A – Instructions	
Step 1	Complete Parts B to D of the Application
Step 2	Attach quotes (minimum of 3)
Step 3	<p>Submit application by the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Presentation to the Accessibility Advisory Committee will be scheduled on the first Wednesday of the following month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By email to treed@peterborough.ca • In person at: City of Peterborough, Accessibility Office, 500 George St N • Questions: Phone 705-742-7777 extension 1785 <p>Note: Applications will not be accepted in June, July or November.</p>

Part B – Applicant Information	
Name and Title	Susan Sauve, Transportation Demand Management Planner
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Facility (if applicable)	
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Part C – Access Fund Request Details	
Deadline for Request	
Reason for Request (Include # people who use facility, describe if use is for staff only or for general public)	<p>This Access Fund request is to cover the cost of converting a Dodge Caravan to accommodate wheelchairs for use in the Community CarShare. If a quality used vehicle is available, the cost may be lower than the requested amount. The amount requested is based on a quotation Community CarShare received. Three quotes will be solicited if approval for the overall CarShare is approved. More details attached.</p>
Total Cost of Renovation (if applicable)	\$
Total Cost of Accessibility Upgrade	\$ \$27,000
Compliance with Purchasing By-law (Yes/No)	yes

Part D – Photo of Existing Conditions / Product Specifications

Insert photos of Areas Affected or Product Specifications
(ie/ area of renovation, area where equipment will be placed, equipment specifications, etc.)

Supporting information attached.

Part E – Office, Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) and AAC Sub-Committees Only	
Date request or presentation received	February 17, 2017
Comments	
Name of representative	Trish Reed, Accessibility and Communication Specialist

Supplement to Request for Access Fund Application for Wheelchair Accessible Community CarShare Vehicle

Background

Several years ago, Susan Sauve attended a Transportation Sub-Committee meeting of the Accessible Advisory Committee where there was a discussion about the challenges of paying for taxis for people in wheelchairs attending medical appointments in Toronto. After hearing that discussion, she had the idea of including a wheelchair accessible vehicle in the local CarShare fleet. An accessible CarShare vehicle would provide another option to people seeking transport, complementing what is provided by the Handi-Van, Community Care, private taxis and personal vehicles.

Cost

The cost to retrofit a Dodge Caravan to 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. If approved, Community CarShare would work with the Transportation Sub-Committee of the Accessible Advisory Committee to determine vehicle specifications. A brochure of one of the options is provided 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 is an option for the person using a wheelchair to be in the passenger seat and possibly the driver seat. More investigation of the options would be conducted if this project proceeds.

The operating costs will be assumed by the Transportation Demand Management section of the Transportation Department, which will need Council approval.

Consultations

At the suggestion of the Accessible Advisory Committee, Susan Sauve has consulted with several people with direct experience or knowledge about the perceived need for and uses of an accessible CarShare vehicle. The following is a summary of those conversations.

January 11 Interview with Allison Seiderer, Living Well

- Many people would benefit from an accessible CarShare vehicle
- Family members would be more likely to include someone in a wheelchair for an outing or event if they had this option for transportation
- Taxi cabs are too expensive for some people or are not available
- Community Care and other community partners may be interested. Their volunteer drivers could use it. Right now, they turn down people in wheel chairs because they do not have drivers with accessible vehicles. (A later conversation with Ann Trudel-Inglis at Community Care said that they have an accessible vehicle to serve people in Peterborough and their clients have access to rides with it. They have the Caremobile in the county.)

Appendix A

- MS Society, MD Society and 5 Counties may be interested, sometimes for when personal vehicles are needing repairs or if the situation is temporary, like after surgery

January 11, Tony Smith, resident

- A taxi costs \$250 each way to Toronto
- Capital taxi provides a great service. They cap their rates locally at \$20-25 each way, event to Bridgenorth, etc.
- There are wheelchair rental vehicles in Toronto. They are very expensive.
- Upon further reflection, Tony thought that he and his wife would likely continue to use the local taxis. Their service is excellent and they always cap the rates for them.

January 17, Anna Lee, Council for Persons with Disabilities

- Most of their clients do not have a driver's license
- The service would most likely to be used by a friend or family member to take someone with them
- Would provide another option besides a taxi to get around
- Could be a high demand at seniors buildings
- Transportation is one of the biggest barriers that people with disabilities face

January 17, Community Care, Ann Trudel-Inglis

- Community Care Peterborough operates an accessible van in the City of Peterborough and two wheelchair accessible Caremobile vehicles that travel throughout the County to take clients to appointments in the County or City of Peterborough
- After thinking about the CarShare option a bit, Ann felt that it would be provide a valued and appreciated option and that it would complement existing transportation options

January 17, Anne Wood

- Community Care offers a great service, but you do have to book well in advance and medical appointments have a priority
- There may be a vulnerability to speak out about needs/wishes because it could be seen as being against a system that is helping people, afraid of being denied rides
- The committee should jump at this opportunity, having another transportation option can contribute to an increase in quality of life
- With the CarShare, there would be more chance of a spontaneous trip and not having to book so far in advance
- You don't have to qualify to use the CarShare, whereas you do with many of the other options

Stephanie Bolton, Spinal Cord Injury Association

- While Community Care provides much needed transportation services, the options for people in wheelchairs are limited. Volunteer drivers do not transfer individuals so the person must be able to independently transfer themselves. In addition, they must use a lightweight wheelchair. Often this is a borrowed chair. This means that it does not provide

the sometimes customized wheelchair cushioning that helps sores heal and often the person is cannot travel independently at their destination.

- There are many examples where people feel vulnerable in getting around
- For events out of town, the CarShare would be wonderful. The Caremobile won't take city residents and the Handi-Van only serves destinations in the City, so the taxi is the only option for a city resident in a wheelchair to go to the County if they do not have access to a personal accessible vehicle.
- Stephanie provided some data but it wasn't detailed enough to give a picture of the number of people in wheelchairs locally, what % have access to a personal vehicle, etc. There is not much data available.
- If Peterborough does get an accessible CarShare vehicle, Stephanie would like to do an article in her provincial magazine about it

Matthew Piggott of Community CarShare has confirmed that Personal Support Workers are covered fully for insurance when they transport clients in CarShare vehicles, which is not always the case when personal vehicles are used. For this reason, Waterloo Region requires their staff to use CarShare vehicles if they are transporting clients.

Next Steps for Bringing the CarShare to Peterborough

The City is in discussions with Community CarShare with a view to providing a fleet of CarShare vehicles in Peterborough. Due to Peterborough's size and the co-operative nature of their business, they are proposing a program where the City will front any net operating deficit associated with the Peterborough fleet. The goal is for the fleet to be financially self-sustaining within two years.

The concept is to start with four vehicles, one being wheelchair accessible. The City and Community CarShare would work together to make the system financially self-sustaining after the two year period. Matthew Piggott of Community CarShare has offered to create a video demonstrating how to use the accessible CarShare vehicle if this project comes to fruition.

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 Peterborough. This will be a two year commitment and the City will fund any net costs of the vehicles. Through this request, the Access Fund would be used to cover the capital costs of retrofitting one vehicle. Securing the funds for the wheelchair accessible vehicle is the next step in preparing the report to Council. Community CarShare is prepared to begin operations in Peterborough in the fall of 2017.

About Community CarShare

Community CarShare is a non-profit co-operative which provides its members access to vehicles on a self-serve, pay-per-use basis. The co-operative was founded in 1998 and operated first in Kitchener-Waterloo, adding service to Hamilton in 2009, Elmira, Guelph and St. Catharines in 2013, London in 2014, Burlington in 2015, and Cambridge in 2016.

Community CarShare's mission is to deliver a carsharing service which empowers people to make affordable and sustainable transportation choices. As well, Community CarShare upholds the International Co-operative Principles through the following values:

- Service: Providing an excellent membership experience by being responsive, fair, and transparent.
- Sustainability: Guiding the transportation system towards an affordable, efficient, and inclusive future.
- Collaboration: Supporting employees, volunteers, partners, and peers by building strong relationships.
- Innovation: Advancing the carsharing sector through leadership, creativity, and long-term vision.

Reservations for CarShare vehicles can be made for as little as 30 minutes, or as long as needed, and gas and maintenance costs are included in driving rates. By filling in transportation gaps with occasional car use, Community CarShare also helps support the use of greener transportation modes such as transit and cycling. Many CarShare members also already own a car, but supplement their driving needs with CarShare reservations a few times a week.

Community CarShare currently has more than 2000 members who have access to a fleet of 70+ vehicles, stationed along main transit corridors. As membership grows and vehicle usage increases, additional vehicles are added to the fleet to meet membership and usage demands. Community CarShare is governed by a volunteer board of directors, elected from the membership, and supported day-to-day by six full-time staff members.



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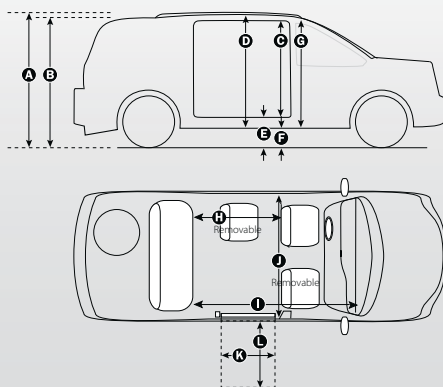


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SPECIFICATIONS



Flexible seating configurations with removable, interchangeable passenger and behind-driver seats. Optionally, the driver seat is removable for a wheelchair driver.

A	Overall height of van with luggage rack	75"/1905 mm
B	Overall height of van	72"/1828 mm
C	Standard door opening height on ramp side (usable)	54.75"/1391 mm
D	Interior height at center of van	59"/1499 mm
E	Height at floor	11"/279 mm
F	Ground clearance	5.5"/140 mm
G	Interior height at passenger position	58.5"/1473 mm
H	Interior floor length from back seat to behind driver's seat	56.75"/1442 mm
I	Interior floor length passenger side	86.75"/2204 mm
J	Overall interior floor width behind front seats	61"/1549 mm
K	Side ramp width (usable)	29.5"/749 mm
L	Side ramp length (usable)	54"/1372 mm

Note: specifications are subject to change without notice

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