



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Trish Reed, Accessibility and Communication Specialist

Meeting Date: May 3, 2017

Subject: Report AAC17-037
Access Fund Summary

Purpose

A report to introduce a presentation by the Accessibility and Communication Specialist on the current balance of the Access Fund.

Recommendation

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendation outlined in Report AAC17-037 dated May 3, 2017, of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist as follows:

That the presentation by the Accessibility and Communication Specialist on the current balance of the Access Fund be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

Background

The City of Peterborough (City) is committed to demonstrate leadership for accessibility in the community. Our goal is to meet the diverse needs of all people, and follow the principles of dignity, independence, integration and equal opportunity. We will strive to achieve an inclusive environment for our facilities, goods, services, employment, information and transportation.

The Access Fund can be used to help the City meet the above commitment. The AAC can approve, at its discretion, the use of the Access Fund for project costs that will:

- a) Enhance accessibility in public spaces, transportation, the built environment, customer service, or information and communications;
- b) Remove and prevent barriers; or
- c) Help exceed minimum legislated accessibility requirements.

The 2016 opening balance of the Access Fund was \$232,494.68. The following 2016 approved Access Fund Requests totalled \$95,022.00:

- 1. 001-16 Snow/ice melt system for the Peterborough Public Library \$53,302.00
- 2. 003-16 Lighting for aisles at the Peterborough Memorial Centre \$31,060.00
- 3. 004-16 Peterborough Daycare automatic door operator \$7,160.00
- 4. 005-16 Human Resources Mental Health First Aid training \$3,500.00

The 2017 budget allotted \$25,000.00 to the Access Fund, making the 2017 opening balance \$137,472.68. The following Access Fund Requests have been approved in 2017:

- 1. 001-17 Elevator auto voice announcers at the Peterborough Public Library \$3,600.00
- 2. 003-17 70 Simcoe Court House automatic door operators \$8,606.70
- 3. 005-17 Pearson Daycare playground upgrades \$18,450.00
- 4. 006-17 Elevator auto voice announcers for the new City Hall elevator \$3,600.00

The current balance of the Access Fund is \$103,215.98.

Submitted by,

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