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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:** September 6, 2017

**Subject:** Report AAC17-051  
Access Fund Request 008-17

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## **Purpose**

A report to seek approval for Access Fund Request 008-17 submitted by the Accessibility and Communication Specialist for the purchase of an Ubi-Duo for use at Social Services.

## **Recommendations**

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendations outlined in Report AAC17-051 dated September 6, 2017, of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist as follows:

- a) That Report AAC17-051 of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist be received for information;
- b) That the AAC approve Access Fund Request 008-17 submitted by the Accessibility and Communication Specialist for the purchase of an Ubi-Duo for use at Social Services.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

The amount of the request is \$2,766.95. The quote is from the Canadian Hearing Society. The current balance of the Access Fund is \$78,215.98.

## Background

Access Fund Request 008-17 (Appendix A), is a request for funds to purchase an Ubi-Duo for use by the Social Services Department, 178 Charlotte Street.

Social Services serves approximately 3,600 clients on an annual basis and the department is looking to add technology to enhance their communication with clients.

The Ubi-Duo will provide an effective and efficient means of communication for clients and staff who are hearing impaired, deaf or experience communication barriers. The Ubi-Duo is a face-to-face two-way communication device that allows people to converse by typed messages. People are able to communicate independently, without the assistance of an interpreter.

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Appendix A – Access Fund Request 008-17