



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

FROM: Phyllis Hodder, Accessibility Coordinator

MEETING DATE: November 7, 2012

SUBJECT: Report AAC12-016
Peterborough Lakefield Police Services Board Accessibility
Standards and Taxi Cabs

PURPOSE

A report to provide information to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) regarding the requirements of the Peterborough Lakefield Police Services Board as per **Regulation 191/11 Integrated Accessibility Standard** and Accessible Taxicabs.

RECOMMENDATION

That the AAC review the recommendation outlined in Report AAC12-016, dated November 7, 2012, of Phyllis Hodder, Accessibility Coordinator as follows:

That the presentation by Niquel Pritchard Pataki Administrative Assistant with the Peterborough Lakefield Police Services Board, regarding the requirements of the Police Services Board to seek public opinion on the proportion of on-demand accessible taxicabs required within the City of Peterborough.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

BACKGROUND

The Integrated Accessibility Standard (IAS) was enacted, as law under **Ontario Regulation 191/11** and came into effect on July 1, 2011 as part of the **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005**. Section 79 addresses the **Duties of Municipalities and Taxicabs**, which requires the Peterborough Lakefield Police Services Board to address the following:

79.(1) Every municipality shall consult with its municipal accessibility advisory committee, where one has been established in accordance with subsection 29(1) or (2) of the Act, the public and persons with disabilities to determine the proportion of on-demand accessible taxicabs required in the community.

(2) Every municipality shall identify progress made toward meeting the need for on-demand accessible taxicabs, including any steps that will be taken to meet the need, in its accessibility plan required under Part 1.

(3) Municipalities shall meet the requirements of this section by January 1, 2013.

The Peterborough Lakefield Police Services Board has asked Niquel Pritchard Pataki to present the following issues regarding accessible taxicabs to the AAC in order to determining how they can move forward to meet the legislative requirements outlined above:

- What is the best way to approach the public and persons with disabilities to determine the need for accessible taxis in Peterborough?
- What level of service is required in Peterborough for accessible taxis?
- Do the two taxi firms have enough vehicles to handle the needs of the community?
- What can be done to ensure the needs of the community are being met in terms of accessibility issues and taxicab service?
- What is the best method of communicating this information to the community?

Currently, the City of Peterborough has two taxicab companies operating. Capitol Taxi has ten accessible taxicabs and Call-a-Cab has two accessible taxicabs. This presentation and ensuing recommendations will allow the AAC to assist the Peterborough Lakefield Police Services Board in meeting the required legislation under the **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005**.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:

Appendix A – Report “Upcoming Requirements of the Board with Respect to
Accessibility Standards and Taxi Cabs”