



City of  
**Peterborough**

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

**FROM:** Phyllis Hodder, Accessibility Coordinator

**MEETING DATE:** May 1, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Report AAC13-009  
Review of City of Peterborough User Fees By-Law (12-170)

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## **PURPOSE**

A report to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) requesting the AAC review and discuss The City of Peterborough's User Fees By-Law 12-170 regarding facility rentals.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report AAC13-009 dated May 1, 2013, of the Accessibility Coordinator as follows:

That the City of Peterborough By-Law 12-170 being a By-Law to establish user fees appended to Report AAC13-009, be received for review.

## **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications from the review of City of Peterborough By-Law 12-170. If the AAC chooses to recommend that the City reduce or waive facility rental fees to non-profit organizations that support people with disabilities, that recommendation would result in lost revenue.

## BACKGROUND

The purpose is to review the by-law to determine if it is appropriate to make a recommendation to reduce or waive facility rental fees when requested by non-profit organizations that support people with disabilities. This recommendation should be in line with the goals of dignity, independence, integration and equal opportunity as identified in the AODA 2005.

In accordance with the **Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001** (ODA) and the **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005** (AODA) the AAC is responsible to advise and assist Council and staff in promoting and facilitating accessible City goods, services and facilities.

A representative from Spinal Cord Injury Ontario has requested the City revise its policy in order to waive fees or offer reduced rates for facility rentals to not-for-profit agencies that support people with disabilities.

By-Law 12-170 establishes user fees. Appendix A of By-Law 12-170 provides facility rental rates, and identifies the fees as cost recovery. The AAC should review this By-Law and determine if any recommendations regarding reducing or waiving user fees is required.

The following information on fees for not-for-profit organizations was secured from other Municipalities:

- Cramahe Township: offers half price user fees for not-for-profit organizations
- Town of Milton: offers reduced rates for organizations that are affiliated with the town, the affiliation must be applied for and specific criteria met
- Oro-Medonte: the not-for-profit agency must apply to Council for the reduced rate, if approved it is dealt with as a grant or subsidy
- Town of Orillia: allows one day rental per week for not-for-profit agencies if they can provide proof the not-for-profit agency is a registered charity
- City of Vaughan: not-for-profit agencies must apply and be identified as a Community Service Organization (CSO) specific criteria must be met, and they must have registered charitable status to receive a reduced rate

A review of the current process the City of Peterborough offers to not-for-profit organizations that support people with disabilities would ensure that The City is providing accessible services regarding facility rentals. This recommendation should be in line with the goals of dignity, independence, integration and equal opportunity as identified in the AODA 2005.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:  
Appendix A – By-Law 12-170