



City of Kingston
Information Report to the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee
Report Number MAAC-19-008

To: Chair and Members of the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Gary Dyke, Commissioner, Corporate Enterprise Services

Resource Staff: Speros Kanellos, Director, Facilities Management & Construction Services

Date of Meeting: June 6, 2019

Subject: Facilities Management & Construction Services

Executive Summary:

This report summarizes the recent activities throughout the City relating to construction projects in 2018/2019 as well as future projects. It also highlights how Facilities Management & Construction Services is taking a proactive approach to accessibility through training and planned maintenance.

Recommendation:

This report is for information purposes only.

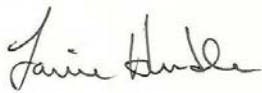
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Authorizing Signatures:



**Gary Dyke, Commissioner,
Corporate Enterprise Services**



**Lanie Hurdle, Acting Chief
Administrative Officer**

Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:

Peter Huigenbos, Acting Commissioner, Community Services



Jim Keech, President & CEO, Utilities Kingston

Not required

Desirée Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer

Not required

Sheila Kidd, Commissioner, Transportation & Public Works

Not required

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Options/Discussion:

The City's Facilities Maintenance & Construction Services department (FMCS) is responsible for the renovations, construction and maintenance of City owned buildings and properties. All work is planned to meet the Facilities Accessibility Design Standards (FADS) wherever feasibly possible. Below is a list of key accessibility items addressed in recently completed, current and future construction projects, as well as issues addressed during regular building maintenance and topics covered through staff training.

2018/2019 Construction Projects Highlights:

Southeast Wing, City Hall:

- Widened corridors and more circulation space
- New colour scheme to achieve required contrast between transitional surfaces
- New widened doors and lever hardware
- Upgraded reception millwork

Kingston Airport Expansion:

- New elevator to make second floor accessible
- Focus on way-finding
- Universal washrooms with adult change tables
- Exterior detectable warning surfaces
- New colour scheme to achieve required contrast between transitional surfaces

Fleet Maintenance Garage:

- Detectable warning surfaces
- Power door operators
- Colour contrast on doors, and wall/floor transitions
- Accessible washroom facilities with room for future adult change table
- Audible and visual alarms

Kingston East Community Centre:

- Design will meet FADs
- Accessible appliances
- Audible & visual fire alarm system
- Tactile surfaces with visual separations, including to identify walking track
- Power door operators on all program spaces
- Adult change table
- Multiple accessible washrooms

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- Bariatric seating

Rideau Heights Community Centre:

- Opened to the public April 2018
- Electric adult change table
- Multiple accessible washrooms
- Height adjustable counters and accessible appliances in community kitchen
- All lounge seating bariatric
- Contrasting window film

Kingston Frontenac Public Library:

- Opened to the public in March 2019
- Accessible shelving, computer stations and height adjustable millwork
- Non-slip flooring and tactile surfaces
- Upgraded frontage to include accessible access to entrance from both east and west
- Modernized elevator controls and new stairwell refuge areas
- Bariatric seating options
- Universal washrooms and adult change tables
- Contrasting colours and signage

362 Montreal:

- Upgraded exterior lighting in the parking lot to increase visibility at night

Other upcoming projects include:

- New wayfinding signage throughout the 1st floor, City Hall
- Market Street Accessible Ramp Repairs, City Hall
- Upgraded fire system with enhanced audio, City Hall
- Transit administration, mechanics and storage buildings expansion

Key Maintenance Practices:

- Protective scaffolding was installed in November 2018 over the Market Street entrance to protect staff and visitors from falling snow and ice. This allowed the accessible entrance to remain open throughout the winter and will become part of the regular winter routine.

FMCS Training:

- Accessible Documents – most staff have completed this full day course that is required for all FMCS staff.

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- Accessibility Workshop, April 2018 – Seminar presented to FMCS staff by an accessibility specialist from DesignABLE Environments.

Existing Policy/By-Law:

Kingston Facility Accessibility Design Standards 2009

Notice Provisions:

Not applicable

Accessibility Considerations:

Not applicable

Financial Considerations:

Not applicable

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Jeff Rempel, Manager Realty Construction Projects, Facilities Management & Construction Services

Therol Peterson, Manager, Facilities, Facilities Management & Construction Services

Luke Follwell, Director, Recreation & Leisure Services

Exhibits Attached:

Not applicable