



City of Kingston
Information Report to Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee
Report Number MAAC-22-011

To: Chair and Members of the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Neil Carbone, Commissioner, Corporate Services

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

Date of Meeting: November 3, 2022

Subject: Facilities Management & Construction Services

Council Strategic Plan Alignment:

Theme: Corporate business

Goal: See above

Executive Summary:

This report summarizes recent activities throughout the City relating to construction projects in 2021-2022 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 only.

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Authorizing Signatures:

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**Neil Carbone, Commissioner,
Corporate Services**

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**Lanie Hurdle, Chief
Administrative Officer**

Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:

Paige Agnew, Commissioner, Community Services	Not required
David Fell, President & CEO, Utilities Kingston	Not required
Peter Huigenbos, Commissioner, Business, Environment & Projects	Not required
Brad Joyce, Commissioner, Transportation & Public Works	Not required
Desirée Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer	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.

2022/2023 Construction Projects Highlights:

City Hall:

- Upgrade fire system with enhanced audible signals

Fleet Maintenance Garage:

- Opened in 2021
- 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:

- Opened in 2022
- Accessible appliances
- Audible fire alarm system and exterior crossings
- Tactile surfaces, including to identify walking track

Sleeping Cabins:

- 4 of the 10 cabins made accessible with custom built ramps
- New accessible shower facilities

Richardson Beach House:

- Power door operators
- Universal washroom with adult change table
- Widened corridors
- Accessible change rooms and washrooms
- Contrasting finishes on floors, walls and doors

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Transit Bus Shelters:

- Turning radius within shelter
- Vision strips on glass and edges
- Tactile warning surfaces
- Bariatric seating
- Enhanced lighting

Rick Hansen Foundation Gold Certification:

- The Rideau Heights and Kingston East Community Centres were audited by the Rick Hansen Foundation for accessibility. Both facilities received a Gold rating, which is the highest level awarded by the Rick Hansen Foundation.

Other upcoming projects include:

- Market Street Accessible Ramp Repairs, City Hall
- Transit administration, mechanics and storage buildings expansion

Key Maintenance Practices:

Protective scaffolding installed annually 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 has become part of the regular winter routine.

FMCS Training:

Staff continually enhance their accessibility knowledge through various training opportunities.

Existing Policy/By-Law:

Kingston Facility Accessibility Design Standards 2009

Notice Provisions:

None

Accessibility Considerations:

None

Financial Considerations:

None

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

Exhibits Attached:

None