



**City of Kingston**  
**Information Report to Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee**  
**Report Number MAAC-23-009**

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**To:** Chair and Members of the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

**From:** Jenna Morley, Acting Commissioner, Corporate Services

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

**Date of Meeting:** June 8, 2023

**Subject:** Facilities Management & Construction Services Update

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**Council Strategic Plan Alignment:**

Theme: Corporate business

Goal: See above

**Executive Summary:**

This report summarizes the recent activities throughout the City relating to construction projects in 2022/2023 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:**

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER

**Jenna Morley, Acting  
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.

**2023/2024 Construction Projects Highlights:**

City Hall:

- Upgrade fire system with enhanced audible signals
- Market Street accessible ramp repairs

Sleeping Cabins:

- 4 of the 10 cabins were 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

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.

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Other upcoming projects include:

- City Hall:
  - Graspable handrails for main staircase
  - Accessible exterior wayfinding signage
  - Revised signage for restrooms to include all-gender
- Kirkpatrick Fountain Restoration:
  - Will widen sidewalks as part of restoration

**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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**Other City of Kingston Staff Consulted:**

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

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

**Exhibits Attached:**

None