

# **Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee**

## **Proposal for Funding from Capital Project 7086008**

### **(Accessibility)**

Access Funding Proposals are only available to projects internal to the Corporation. Funding proposals may be submitted at any time. Proposals should be received by the clerk's office 2 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting to ensure the matter is addressed at the next scheduled meeting. If the agenda for the next meeting is already full it will be addressed at the following meeting.

#### **Instructions for completing this application:**

Complete Sections 1 and 2 and return to Karen Kadour, WAAC Coordinator at [kkadour@citywindsor.ca](mailto:kkadour@citywindsor.ca). Please forward a PDF version in addition to the Word version that you fill out (please "save as" a PDF rather than scanning). WAAC will consider all proposals and may request attendance at a WAAC meeting for further discussions.

#### **Section 1: Project Details**

**Date Submitted: August 29, 2018**

**Department: Facilities**

**Description of Barrier Removal Project and how it promotes universal access to all persons with disabilities (include appropriate references to attitudinal, informational, physical, technological, and architectural or policy barriers):**

This funding application is respectfully being submitted for committee consideration. Events and programming at Mackenzie Hall are enjoyed by many individuals and families from various diverse backgrounds and abilities.

This proposed project is to renovate and expand the existing 2<sup>nd</sup> floor washrooms at Mackenzie Hall in order to greatly improve the accessibility and the functionality of the washrooms. The existing washrooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor were last renovated in the mid 1980s and therefore do not meet the current requirements of either the Ontario Building Code (OBC) nor the Facility Accessibility Design Standards (FADS). The proposed renovation will improve accessibility and provide a stand-alone universal washroom that will be handicap accessible/universal and compliant with all current standards including the City of Windsor FADS and the OBC.

The second floor of Mackenzie Hall can be accessed by both stairs and elevator. This level contains the large court auditorium and court annex spaces. These rooms are often rented out for wedding receptions, musical recitals, dance classes, theatrical

performances and meetings / conferences. Some of the issues with the current washroom configuration include:

- Accessed through a small hallway rather than opening directly into the main corridor. This is especially difficult for people in wheelchairs or walkers.
- Size of accessible washroom does not currently meet FADS or Ontario Building Code.
- Existing doors swing in the wrong direction, are too narrow and have no mechanical assist for opening.

The proposed design would eliminate these issues. As part of the proposal, the existing washrooms and an adjacent dressing room space would be reconfigured. The reconfiguration would allow for replacement of the existing washrooms, a fully FADS compliant Universal washroom and reduction of the adjacent dressing room space. Automatic door openers are proposed for the existing washrooms and new universally accessible washroom. In addition, a fully motorized lift is proposed to be installed in the universal washroom.

**Provide a list of users and groups that will benefit from this barrier removal activity:**

Of the approximately 85,000 visitors per annum, the user groups that will benefit from Facility improvement include:

Social Justice Tribunals such as the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, Social Benefits Tribunal for ODSP, Landlord Tenant Board, Child and Family Services Review Board.

Public Meetings where consultative bodies such as Ward meetings, Windsor Detroit Bridge Authority, Kinder Morgan, CoW Planning Department, Windsor Por Authority, ALSO, United Way, and more

Arts Cultural users presenting concerts and plays such as Windsor Folk Music and Arts Society, Leal Jazz Productions, 4<sup>th</sup> Wall Music, Paperknife Theatre Co, Purple Theatre, Royal Conservatory of Music examinations, more than a dozen Music Schools doing one or more recitals per annum and more, each with 100 to 600 audience members from the general public each event.

Community Celebrations such as family weddings, anniversaries, showers, birthdays, graduations etc.

**Identify all partners in this project:**

Parks, Rec & Culture, Facilities, WAAC, Friends of the Court

**Identify in kind and volunteer contributions:**

The Friends of the Court have already fundraised \$5,000 to put towards these improvements to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor washrooms at Mackenzie Hall.

**If this is for a modification to the built environment, has your site been audited for accessibility using the Windsor Barrier Free Design Standards (FADS)?**

Yes  No

**Does the project meet or exceed Ontario Building Code or Windsor Barrier Free Design Standards requirements?**

Yes. We have retained Maged Basiliou, Architect, who has developed a designed solution that will meet the requirements of the both the OBC and FADS. Should WAAC approved this funding request, then these washrooms will be upgraded to meet the standards.

**Does the vendor/supplier/designer/contractor of this project support the principles of full accessibility for people with disabilities?**

Yes  No

**Appropriate supporting Documents to be provided to the Committee Coordinator, Council Services one week prior to the meeting: Letters of Support  Plans/drawings Cost Analysis  Other**

Draft plans have been prepared by Maged Basiliou, Architect, and will be presented in large format to the members of WAAC at the September 11, 2018 meeting. The expected cost of construction is shown below.

**What is the expected project completion date? Spring 2019 ( if funding is received)**

**Section 2 Project Costs:**

Total Estimated Cost of Construction	\$100,000
Consulting Fees	\$15,000
Project Management	<u>\$15,000</u>
Total Cost of Project	\$130,000
Third Party contribution (Friends of the Court)	\$5,000
Amount Requested from Accessibility Advisory Committee	\$125,000

**Requested by:**

Name and title: Derek Thachuk,

Supervisor of Maintenance, Contracts & Special Projects

Date: August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018