

Municipality of Lakeshore – Report to Council

Growth & Sustainability

Building Services



To: Mayor & Members of Council

From: Morris Harding, Division Leader – Building Services

Date: November 23, 2022

Subject: Second Evacuation Chair for Council Chambers

Recommendation

Approve the request from the Accessibility Advisory Committee to purchase one additional evacuation chair for Council Chambers, and that the amount of \$2,595 plus HST be included for consideration in the 2023 Budget process.

Background

The Lakeshore Accessibility Advisory Committee at its April 7, 2022, meeting passed the following resolution:

“Move the evacuation chair to the south entrance of Council chambers and to purchase one additional EVAC chair for Town Hall.”

Comments

The Ontario Building Code requires access and egress to all stories above the first floor where access for the general public is required. Access and egress are provided by exit stairs and elevators.

The Lakeshore Council Chambers is located on the second floor of the Municipal Offices. There are two entrances and an elevator which provide access to and from this location. In the event power is disrupted or during an evacuation the elevator is not accessible. Evacuation (EVAC) chairs are provided for persons with disabilities. The Chairs are manually operated by one adult person, providing safe movement for any persons requiring egress out of the building.

Previously an EVAC chair was purchased and located in the upper Northwest corridor of the exit stairs. At the April 7, 2022, Accessibility Committee meeting, the committee voted to relocate the existing Evac Chair to the Southwest exit stair and purchase a second chair to be in the original location. Council Chambers was not in use for public meetings due to COVID restrictions and a continued engagement in virtual meetings.

Council Chambers have recently been renovated to enable hybrid meetings. Therefore it is an appropriate time to proceed with ordering a second EVAC chair. The second chair will be installed in the Southwest exit corridor.

Financial Impacts

The purchase price of the EVAC 500 Chair is \$2,595.00 plus tax. There was no budget available in the 2022 budget. However, the funding for this chair is currently in the Lakeshore Accessibility Committees 2023 draft budget contingent upon Council approval.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Photos of proposal

Attachment 2 – Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Second Evac Chair for Council Chambers.docx
Attachments:	- Attachment 1 Photos of Evac Chair location.docx - Attachment 2 LAAC Minutes - April 7th 2022.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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