



**The Corporation of the City of Cornwall
Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee
Report**

Report Number: 2020-363-Corporate Services
Prepared By: Manon L. Levesque, City Clerk
Meeting Date: November 19, 2020
Subject: 2020 Enabling Accessibility Fund - Ramp Project

Purpose

To provide MAAC with an update with respect to the 2020 Enabling Accessibility Fund for the Ramp Project by the Chamber of Commerce.

Recommendation

That MAAC receive Report 2020-363-CS.

Background / Discussion

Through the Heart of the City Program, many storefronts in the downtown and Le Village areas have been made accessible with the City's grants. There may be, however, a few businesses in those areas as well as other areas of the municipality that still have a few steps at their storefronts making it impossible for some people to enter their premises.

Included in the Accessibility Plan is Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee's request for a Ramp Project in Cornwall.

The point of the ramp project is to build and provide temporary, weatherproof, slip-resistant ramps. The Ramp Project is a simple but effective plan for local businesses to make use of temporary, weatherproof, slip-resistant ramps. Because the ramps are viewed as "temporary," they do not have to fall within the strictures of the Ontario Building Code



In July, the Chamber of Commerce, agreed to take on the Ramp Project and applied for funding through the Enabling Accessibility Fund. At the end of October, it received notice that it was not successful in obtaining the funding.

The City continues to work with the Chamber of Commerce to keep this project alive and will look at other options to implement the ramps.