

Report CCR-AAC-33-15

To: Chair Burley and Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee
From: Robert Hatten
Meeting Date: November 13, 2015
Subject: Mapping Municipal Buildings with Accessible Features
Status: Recommendation adopted by Accessibility Advisory Committee as presented per Resolution AAC06-15; Endorsed by the Corporate Services Committee January 12, 2016 per Resolution CS04-16; Endorsed by County Council February 2, 2016;

Recommendation(s)

WHEREAS accessible facilities are important in an accessible community;

AND WHEREAS it would be helpful to identify accessible municipal buildings within Grey County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report CCR-AAC-33-15 be received;

AND THAT Grey County staff be directed to work with staff from the Municipality of Meaford on an accessible mapping project for municipal buildings in Grey County.

Background

Accessible buildings are important features in an accessible community. People with disabilities depend on accessible washrooms and other accessible features. In fact, accessible washrooms are an important consideration when people plan their daily activities. A major challenge is finding out what accessible features already exist in a community and where they are located.

Many municipal buildings across Grey County have accessible features but they are rarely promoted. The only way a resident or visitor can learn about them is to visit these locations or call ahead.

Recently Bruce County launched an online mapping website to map accessible public washrooms within Bruce County. It can be found here: [Bruce County Accessible Public](#)

[Washrooms](#). This website uses a Geographical Information System (GIS) to map accessible municipal washrooms. Users can click on each marker to learn the building address, hours of operation, and other details.

The Municipality of Meaford is interested in working together with Grey County on a similar mapping project. The idea has been discussed with Grey County's Business Solutions Manager and a similar project is within scope for Grey County. Timelines would need to be evaluated further to know when staff resources will be available.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/Information Technology Considerations

The mapping project would use existing software licenses and should not create additional extra costs.

Staff time would be required to collaborate with Meaford, input data, and build the website.

Link to Strategic Goals/Priorities

4.1 Continue to work collaboratively with local municipalities to define services and program responsibilities between the upper and lower-tier municipalities.

6.7 Ensure that county services and programs are inclusive, accessible, and reflective of the diversity of the population.

Attachments

None

Respectfully submitted by,

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