



# Committee Minutes

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## Accessibility Advisory Committee

March 11, 2014 – 1:00 PM

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met on the above date at the County Administration Building with the following members in attendance:

Present: Dwight Burley, Christina McDonald, Stan Arnelien,

Regrets: Jim Gow, Brooklyn Marx

### Staff

Present: Sharon Vokes, County Clerk / Director of Council Services; Heather Morrison, Deputy Clerk / Records Manager; Brian Manser, Museum Manager; Sim Salata, Collections Manager; Barb Fedy, Director of Social Services; Patti Gardiner, Administrative Assistant and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

### Municipal

Representatives: Bill Klingenburg, Chief Building Official, Georgian Bluffs; Don Tedford, Chief Building Official, Hanover; Amanda Healy, Health and Safety / Human Resources Coordinator, The Blue Mountains; David Mollison, Councillor, Municipality of West Grey;

## Call to Order

Heather Morrison called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM and requested that those in attendance introduce themselves.

## Election of the Chair and Vice Chair

Mrs. Morrison called for nominations for Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2014.

AAC01-14 Moved by: Christina McDonald Seconded by: Stan Arnelien

**THAT Councillor Dwight Burley be nominated Chair of the**

### **Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2014.**

Councillor Burley accepted the nomination and was acclaimed Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2014.

Mrs. Morrison called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2014.

AAC02-14 Moved by: Councillor Burley                      Seconded by: Stan Arnelien

### **THAT Christina McDonald be nominated Vice Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2014.**

Ms. McDonald accepted the nomination and was acclaimed Vice Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2014.

Chair Burley assumed the Chair.

## Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

## Business Arising from the Minutes

### *Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes dated September 24, 2013*

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by the Corporate Services Committee on October 8, 2013 and County Council on November 5, 2013.

## Deputations

### *Introduction to Grey Roots and Moreston Village Overview*

Brian Manser and Sim Salata were in attendance to provide an introduction to Grey Roots and Moreston Village to the Committee.

Mr. Manser noted that the construction of the new church in Moreston Village is slated for 2014 and staff would like to ensure it is accessible. The original plans for the church included washrooms, however it is now proposed that centrally located washrooms be included in the village site. Staff noted that a building cannot always be open if it is not staffed, so having central washrooms would alleviate the issue of staffing.

Bill Klingenburg noted that 45 metres is the spacing required between washrooms.

Centrally located washrooms satisfy limitations in the number of washrooms that can be accommodated by septic systems.

Staff noted that the future railway station is slated to house washroom facilities in the future.

Christina McDonald and her daughter Natalie demonstrated the sizing needed by someone using a wheelchair with tilt functions. The Committee discussed the size of the proposed washroom, as well as the placement of accessible seating in the church and the seating needed for an individual's care giver.

Staff indicated that a report and finalized plan will come forward at the next meeting for discussion and input.

## Private Sector Awareness

Heather Morrison spoke to the difficulties in getting the private sector to comply with accessibility requirements legislated by the Province. The Minister has stated he will be making compliance a priority.

It was noted that many of the Chambers of Commerce did not receive any information from the Province and municipalities have difficulty in emphasizing the importance of compliance without strong leadership from the Province. Many of the Province's documents or websites are not considered accessible.

Many Accessibility Advisory Committees are working together very closely and have surpassed many of the Province's activities in terms of moving forward with accessibility implementation.

## Accessibility Compliance Report

Heather Morrison noted that Grey County has submitted its Accessibility Compliance Report and is in compliance with Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) standards.

## AODA and Customer Service Standards Review

Heather Morrison noted that the legislation is being standardized with others in order to make it consistent.

## 2014 Compliance Deadlines / Requirements

It was noted that the deadline for 2014 compliance reports is on the radar.

## Accessible Transit

Graham Driving Service provides transportation in the West Grey, Southgate, Grey Highlands and Brockton areas, for shopping, appointments, events, etc. A number of vehicles are available, including a wheel chair accessible van.

Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit is another specialized public transit system in the areas of Arran-Elderslie, Brockton, Hanover, Huron – Kinloss, Kincardine, Saugeen Shores, Southgate and West Grey.

Barb Fedy noted that the County is looking to coordinate the various transportation services at the end of this year, and having a report go to Committee examining the types of transportation services and the possibility for having a coordinated body involved. Staff are hopeful 211 will be able to be associated as well. Mrs. Fedy noted that part of the Transportation Master Plan is looking at all aspects of transit in Grey. Staff are looking at various models in other communities such as Simcoe County.

It was noted the school board is detached and it has been difficult to involve it in coordinated service discussions.

## Grey County AAC 2014 and Beyond

Heather Morrison requested Committee members to look at the roles the Committee should have in the future. This item will be included on the agenda at the next meeting.

## Other Business

The Space Needs Task Force will be making presentation at an upcoming Corporate Services Committee regarding a proposed addition to the County Administration Building and Provincial Offences office. The benefits of having the matter come forward to the Accessibility Advisory Committee after the presentation were noted.

## Next Meeting Dates

**Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at Grey Roots Museum and Archives**

On motion by Christina McDonald the meeting adjourned at 2:11 PM

Dwight Burley, Chair

