

## Accessibility Advisory Committee March 23, 2018 – 2:00 PM

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

Present: Dwight Burley, Tara Turnbull, Christina Schnell, Andrew Edgcumbe, David Mollison

Regrets: Catherine Scholtz

### Staff

Present: Rob Hatten, Communications Manager; Heather Morrison, Clerk; Tara Warder, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator; Jody MacEachern, Acting Director of Information Technology;

### Municipal

Representatives: Debbie Yip, Municipality of Grey Highlands; Wendi Hunter, Township of Georgian Bluffs; Kaitlin McArthur, Town of the Blue Mountains

## Call to Order

Heather Morrison called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

## New Member Introduction

Each Committee member introduced themselves to the group.

## Election of the Chair and Vice Chair

Heather Morrison called for nominations for Chair of the Committee for 2018.

AAC01-18 Moved by: Christina Schnell                      Seconded by: Tara Turnbull

**That Councillor Dwight Burley be nominated as Chair of the  
Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2018.**

On motion by David Mollison, nominations closed.

Councillor Burley accepted the nomination and was acclaimed Chair of the Accessibility

Advisory Committee for 2018.

Heather Morrison then called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Committee.

AAC02-18 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: David Mollison

**That Christina Schnell be nominated as Vice Chair of the  
Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2018.**

On motion by Councillor Burley, nominations closed.

Christina Schnell accepted the nomination and was acclaimed Vice Chair of the Committee for 2018.

## Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

## Information Technology Accessibility Practices

Jody MacEachern provided an overview of accessible documents and the Information Technology department's role in training and ensuring the accessibility of documents.

Mr. MacEachern then outlined the tools on the Grey County website for accessibility, including the Browse Aloud function.

GIS and interactive mapping software were outlined as well.

## Durham Heritage Bridge

Rob Hatten noted that the Lion's Club in Durham would like to extend an existing park near the entry way to the Heritage Bridge. They would like to fund raise for the project and in the meantime, they have asked the Accessibility Advisory Committee to provide feedback on the drawing provided. Mr. Hatten requested members look at the plan and provide input.

The Committee commented on the difficulty with manual wheelchairs on a gravel surface and the presence of stairs. Further, the importance of ensuring signage has the appropriate sized font was noted and that any signage be visible and free from tree branches and foliage. The Committee also discussed the width of the pathway.

Mr. Hatten will forward the feedback and note that the Committee can review the more detailed plans if requested.

Discussion occurred on the requirements of a recreational trail.

## Draft Multi Year Accessibility Plan

Rob Hatten read the draft multiyear accessibility plan. The County is required to have such a plan which outlines the County's direction on accessibility over the next five years.

Comments were provided on accessible internal documents and accessibility in Moreston Village at Grey Roots. There was a suggestion to have a portable aluminum ramp to enter some of the buildings at Moreston.

Discussion occurred on transit services in the area and the cost to access. The Committee inquired whether there is another way to help the people of Grey County to have improved access to affordable transit and user share opportunities. The Committee noted that Grey County could play a larger role in assisting with affordable transit.

The recent addition and renovations to the Administration Building were discussed. It was noted that there is little contrast in the upstairs bathroom and it can be difficult for people walking around the corner to access. Mr. Hatten noted that the Committee should tour the new building now that it is nearing completion.

Support was given for the mapping system which shows accessible features of municipal facilities across Grey County.

Discussion occurred on the structures of joint Accessibility Advisory Committees in other counties and regions and the role of the Committees in site plan review. It was noted that there will have to be a process outlining how to facilitate this.

Mr. Hatten will bring an updated version of the draft plan to the next committee meeting.

## Other Business

Mr. Hatten noted he will bring forward an update in the spring on the progress of the St. Vincent trail work.

## Next Meeting Dates

### **To be determined**

On motion by Christina Schnell, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Dwight Burley, Chair