

February 10, 2015

County of Grey  
Attention: Council c/o Mrs. S. Vokes, Clerk  
595 Ninth Avenue East  
Owen Sound ON N4K 3E3

Dear Council Members:

Re: **Grey Highlands Ratepayer Accessibility Concern  
Access to Entrance of Municipal Office – 206 Toronto Street S.**

At the meeting of January 21, 2015 the Committee of the Whole reviewed and supported the request of Mr. Sherman Wood that the Municipal entrance become accessible to all Grey Highlands residents. As you will see from Mr. Wood's letter, the Municipal Office is currently inaccessible to mobility challenged residents and staff are required to make other alternative arrangements assisting residents who are unable to enter the office. Council endorsed the Committee's support at the meeting of February 9, 2015.

On behalf of Council, please accept this letter as the Municipality's request that the County of Grey address the need to ensure the Municipal office front entrance is barrier free.

Yours truly,



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**Robertson, Debbie**

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**Importance:** High

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**From:** Sherman Wood

**Sent:** January-05-15 5:30 AM

**To:** Robertson, Debbie

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To: Grey Highlands Municipal Council.

I am writing to talk about the entrance to the municipal office. As some may know I am in a electric wheelchair. Since being placed in the chair my only way of entering the municipal office is by placing a phone call ahead of time to ask the staff to open the double doors until I enter or phone and have the staff talk about whatever issue I have outdoors. I believe placing automatic doors could solve this issue, and not just for me but for anyone that has their hands full or residents that use mobility appliances to get around. If I'm right, I believe Municipality of Grey Highlands leases office space from Grey County and with all other entrance doors in the Grey Gables building have automatic doors,why does the municipal offices not have any. With them (Grey County )owning the facilities,I wonder why they never did all entries. Could council forward this issue to Grey County Council to resolve this issue?

Presently,I volunteered to sit on the Markdale Recreation Committee and with this,I can see myself visiting the municipal office more and I would have to interrupt the front desk staff in order to allow me enter into the building.

So with this,if automatic doors could be installed, I and other mobility challenged residents would not disturbed staff to have to open the entrance doors to enter the municipal office.

Thank you, for taking this time in reading my letter and consider making our accessibility a little easier upon entering the municipal offices.