



Committee Minutes

Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee August 25, 2020 – 10:30 AM

The Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee met on the above date through electronic means with the following members participating:

Present: Catherine Sholtz, Claudia Strelocke, Andrew Edgcumbe, Dwight Burley,

Regrets: Andy Underwood and Christina Schnell

Municipal

Representatives: Jonathan Zettel, Municipality of West Grey; Melissa Hilgendorff, Town of Hanover; Sarah Traynor, Town of the Blue Mountains; Brittany Drury, Township of Georgian Bluffs and Lindsey Green, Township of Southgate

Staff

Present: Kathie Nunno, Administrative and Accessibility Coordinator; Heather Morrison, Clerk; Shawn Roberts, GIS Specialist; Bryan Plumstead, Tourism Manager; Stephanie Stewart, Manager of Community Transportation; Stephanie Lacey – Avon, Intermediate Planner and Tara Warder, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair Sholtz called the meeting to order.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations made.

Grey Transit Route Bus Stop Consultation

Stephanie Stewart addressed the Committee on the proposed Grey Transit Route bus stops and design and location of the signage.

Questions were addressed regarding the future plans for accessible buses, and ideas for improving their accessibility.

Site Plan Reviews

Kilsyth Meadows Subdivision

Jennifer Burnett, Planner for the Township of Georgian Bluffs, noted that the Township has approved the Kilsyth Subdivision at the corner of Grey Road 5 and Concession 7.

Ms. Burnett presented the air photo to the Committee, showing where the subdivision will be located. She outlined the location of the proposed parkette and existing walkway which will connect the Derby Community Centre to the new neighbourhood park.

The site plan was reviewed and the location of the park was highlighted. It was noted that the site plan is currently a conceptual plan and the Township would appreciate comments and suggestions from the Committee. It was noted that the walkway from the community centre to the park will eventually need to meet accessibility standards and is currently quite steep. The walkway will not be in operation immediately.

Ms. Burnett noted that the park will be accessible from Fleming Drive. Potential designs for the community centre walkway will be looked at in the future in order to make it accessible. There was a suggestion from the Committee for the path to be serpentine design.

There was a suggestion for the Committee to meet on site to see the location of the path and provide comments and ideas as well.

It was noted that the space is meant to be for the community, as well as kids. There will be playground equipment and benches so families can gather at the park.

The Committee further discussed options for accessible playground equipment.

CCR-JAAC-11-20 Fulfilling Municipal Accessibility Requirements

Kathie Nunno presented the above report, noting that there is a significant amount of information on accessibility requirements for both public and private corporations. The report provides a centralized location to outline municipal legislative requirements. The information will be sent out to the Clerk's and Planning Departments of Grey County's local municipalities.

JAAC01-20 Moved by: Councillor Burley

Seconded by: Andrew Edgcumbe

That Report CCR-JAAC-11-20 regarding fulfilling municipal accessibility requirements be received for information; and

That the report be circulated to the Clerk's and Planning departments of Grey County's local municipalities for information.

Carried

Accessible Facilities Website Map Update

Shawn Roberts provided an overview of the accessible facilities website map. Currently, the data for the map is being collected. It is provided by each municipality located in Grey County. The goal is for users to be able to click on municipal facilities and be provided with information on what accessible features that facility hosts. Users can also search by type and service.

At this time, the map is designed as an online resource and will only include municipal facilities. There is opportunity to expand this in the future.

If the Committee members have any questions, they can email their questions and comments to Shawn.Roberts@grey.ca.

Claudia Strelocke left the meeting at this time.

Heather Morrison noted that quorum was lost, and that the information presented during the remaining part of the meeting was being presented for information purposes only.

Draft Cycling & Trails Master Plan Overview

Bryan Plumstead provided an overview of the draft cycling and trails master plan and highlighted areas of accessibility consideration. It was noted that the master plan is a long-range blueprint document. It provides guidance and direction and is not a feasibility study for any specific projects.

Mr. Plumstead outlined the three phases involved, including establishing context, developing the network and developing an implementation plan.

Mr. Plumstead noted that a public open house was held in March. He then reviewed the comments that were heard from the various stakeholders and reviewed the proposed network.

Mr. Plumstead then outlined the ways to support the implementation of the Plan. The plan will come forward be considered for adoption as a formal policy document. Staff will look at some of the potential projects that can be included in the County's budget for consideration as well. Further, consultation and stakeholder engagement will be a large part of the implementation.

Reference Documents

Stephanie Lacey-Avon provided information on the Recolour Grey: Healthy Community & Residential Subdivision Guidelines document. This document will be available for the development community in order to further promote different urban design ideas with the aim of developing healthy, vibrant and supportive communities in Grey County. The main elements of this document include a focus on inclusive design, design for sustainability, street design, parks & open spaces, compatibility, building & lot design, and site design. It will better equip both staff and the development community with the knowledge and tools required to meaningfully review proposals while keeping the broad interests of all potential occupants/visitors of the development in mind.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Next Meeting Dates

To be determined.

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:58 AM.

Catherine Sholtz, Chair