

## Accessibility Advisory Committee

September 16, 2016 – 2:00 PM

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

Present: Chair Dwight Burley; Stan Arnelien, Christina Schnell and David Mollison;

### Staff

Present: Rob Hatten, Communications Officer; Sarah Morrison, Intermediate Planner and Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator

Others: Tara Turnbull

## Call to Order

Chair Burley called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

## Adoption of the Agenda

AAC06-16 Moved by: Christina Schnell                      Seconded by: Stan Arnelien

**THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee agenda dated  
September 16, 2016 be adopted as presented.**

Carried

## Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

## Business Arising from the Minutes

### Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes dated May 27, 2016

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on September 6, 2016.

## Reports – Planning

### PDR-AAC-33-16 Increasing Accessibility on the St. Vincent Trail

Sarah Morrison provided the Committee with the above report, regarding opportunities to improve accessibility on the St. Vincent Trail. The Trail is accessed from the Georgian Trail.

Ms. Morrison outlined the proposed upgrades to the trail, including widening of the trail and constructing a stone dust path, as well as signage requirements, and benches along the trails where necessary.

Funding was applied for through the Canada 150 Grant in 2015, however the application was not successful. The application was resubmitted and to date the County has not received any response back. There is money allotted in the budget to complete the project this year, regardless of whether funding is received.

Mr. Hatten showed the Committee the proposals for the trail and spoke to the improvements.

The Committee made a number of suggestions on the project, including improvements to the information sign such as having tactile signage and noting where benches are located along the path.

There is one section of the trail that is gradually inclined. There is roughly five feet of slope here. There was a suggestion to widen the trail part way up to serve as a rest area.

Inquiry was made as to how the public knows this is an accessible trail. Staff noted the County would work with Tourism Department along with promoting and educating the public on the project. There was a suggestion to brand it so all groups can use it rather than promoting it as accessible.

Further suggestion was made to have a sign at the beginning of the trail that provides people with a number that can be called if you come across maintenance issues.

The Committee concurred that if the timing works, the Committee can meet at the trail to visit it when it's complete.

Staff are requesting feedback and continued support from the Committee on the project.

AAC07-16 Moved by: Stan Arnelien

Seconded by: David Mollison

**THAT Report PDR-AAC-33-16 regarding increasing the accessibility of the St. Vincent Trail be received;**

**AND THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee support staff proceeding with the development of more accessible features on the St. Vincent Trail.**

Carried

## Other Business

Mr. Hatten brought the Committee up to date with new Committee memberships. Tara Turnbull and Catherine Scholtz have been added to the membership and just awaiting approval from County Council on October 4, 2016.

## Next Meeting Dates

At the Call of the Chair

On motion by David Mollison, the meeting adjourned at 2:36 PM.

Dwight Burley, Chair