

## Accessibility Advisory Committee

May 27, 2016 – 2:00

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

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

## Staff

Present: Rob Hatten, Communications Officer; Barb Fedy, Director of Social Services; Nancy Elder, Corporate Training/Web Coordinator; Brad Fritz, Business Analyst Programmer and Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator

## Municipal

## Representatives:

Holly Morrison (Township of Georgian Bluffs); Matt Smith (Municipality of Meaford); Amanda Healy (The Blue Mountains); Don Tedford (Town of Hanover) Megan Goss (Municipality of Grey Highlands)

## Call to Order

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

## Adoption of the Agenda

AAC04-16 Moved by: James Gow

Seconded by: David Mollison

**THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee agenda dated May 27, 2016 be adopted as presented.**

Carried

## Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

## Business Arising from the Minutes

*Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes dated March 4, 2016*

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by the Corporate Services Committee on April 12, 2016 and County Council on May 3, 2016.

Reports – Clerk’s

*CCR-AAC-21-18 Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference*

Rob Hatten provided an outline of the above report. Staff are recommending that the terms of reference be amended, so that the County can take advantage of the opportunity for increased membership on the Committee. The Terms of Reference as they exist today do not allow for additional members to be appointed to the Committee.

Mr. Hatten recommended that the Terms of Reference also state that voting membership be a maximum of seven members. This recommendation was not included in the report.

AAC05-16 Moved by: Stan Arnelien Seconded by: David Mollison

**WHEREAS the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) Terms of Reference outlines the scope and responsibilities of the AAC, in respect to the Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act;**

**AND WHEREAS the AAC Terms of Reference defines the membership of the subcommittee;**

**AND WHEREAS the membership definitions are very specific and limit public participation on the subcommittee;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report CCR-AAC-21-14 be received;**

**AND THAT the AAC Terms of Reference from Report CCR-AAC-21-16 be endorsed as amended, by requiring that the maximum number of voting members be seven.**

Carried

Grey County Website Preview

Brad Fritz and Nancy Elder presented the new Grey County website for Committee’s input. Staff hope that the website will be launched at the end of June.

Brad Fritz noted that the font is large and icons should be identifiable and easy to recognize. The various sections of the website are also distinct. There is a lot of spacing and colour contrast, which allows the font and background to be easily distinguished. It was further noted that the order of the headings is logical and responsive, so it collapses when the screen size is changed. This will be beneficial on a mobile device.

The standard body font size is 16.

Rob Hatten gave the Committee an overview of the “BrowseAloud” tool and its functions.

The Committee noted that the name “BrowseAloud” might not be clear to users. It was suggested that a name such as “Accessibility Tools” would be clearer. The media release launching the website should include reference to what “BrowseAloud” does.

## People First Ontario – Video Series

Rob Hatten noted he was contacted by People First Ontario, who are looking for the County to share their video series “This is My Life”. The Committee viewed one of the videos.

There are no local chapters of “People First Ontario” that staff are aware of.

## Other Business

Stan Arnelien noted that he visited Amici, a new restaurant in Meaford. It is accessible, but the owner is looking for automatic door openers and was inquiring as to whether there are any grants available for this.

Barb Fedy indicated that she has not seen any grant money recently. Don Tedford indicated that he is not aware of funding for private businesses, however there are some tax breaks or incentives. Staff will see if they can find any grant opportunities.

The Municipality of Meaford has a Community Improvement Grant Program that has been used to install ramping. Staff would have to talk to the Planning and Development Department to see if door openers would qualify. Barb will follow up with Stan on this.

## Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

On motion by David Mollison, the meeting adjourned at 2:51 PM.

Dwight Burley, Chair

