



Committee Report

To:	Warden Hicks and Members of Grey County Council
Committee Date:	October 14, 2021
Subject / Report No:	CCR-CW-07-21
Title:	Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee Appointment
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Lower Tier(s) Affected:	Georgian Bluffs, Grey Highlands, Hanover, Southgate, The Blue Mountains, West Grey,
Status:	Recommendation adopted by Committee of the Whole per Resolution CW159-21;

Recommendation

1. **That Report CCR-CW-07-21, Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee Appointment be received; and**
2. **That Brooke Sillaby be appointed as a member of the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee for the remainder of the current term.**

Executive Summary

The Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (“the Committee”) consists of up to seven members with the majority of voting members being persons with disabilities.

The Committee has been recruiting for a member identifying as having a disability to fill a vacancy since 2017. At the end of 2017, one of two vacancies was filled as recommended to Council through report CAOR-CW-01-18.

Background and Discussion

Staff received a referral for a member of the accessibility advisory committee through affiliation with the Ontario Network of Accessibility Professionals.

The applicant, Brooke Sillaby recently relocated to Grey County from the Guelph area. Brooke’s qualifications include membership on the accessibility committee for McMaster University’s Social Work department, she was a member of the accessibility advisory committee in Guelph for over five years and worked on a national standards committee to create national standards for service dogs in Canada. She is Chair of the Canadian Centre on Disability

Studies, now known as Eviance. Eviance is an organization that focuses on disability research to enhance solutions that advance human rights and equity-focused decision making in Canada.

In her application, Ms. Sillaby expressed how important disability issues are to her, especially regarding policies in the area where she is living. Ms. Sillaby self-identified as a person with a disability. If appointed, she has agreed to assist in improving online pdf accessibility and is interested in advocating for accessibility for all disabilities.

Legal and Legislated Requirements

Under the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*, municipalities with populations greater than 10,000 residents are required to have an Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC). The majority of voting members on this committee must be individuals who identify as living with a disability.

Financial and Resource Implications

Appointments to Grey County committees are unpaid volunteer positions. Reimbursement of mileage or similar travel expenses for meeting attendance is minimal.

Relevant Consultation

- Internal: Clerk
- External

Appendices and Attachments

[Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference](#)