



Committee Minutes

Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee August 10, 2021 – 3:00 PM

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

Present: Vice Chair: Dwight Burley, Andrew Edgcumbe, Andy Underwood, and Christina Schnell

Regrets: Catherine Sholtz, Claudia Strelوحة

Municipal Representatives:

Jen Patton, Town of the Blue Mountains; Lindsey Green and Holly Malynyk Township of Southgate, Raylene Martell, Municipality of Grey Highlands, and Brittany Drury and Carly Craig, Georgian Bluffs

Staff

Present: Kathie Nunno, Administrative and Accessibility Coordinator; Heather Morrison, Clerk; Stephanie Lacey-Avon, Intermediate Planner/Forestry-Trails Coordinator

Others: Raylene Martell, Municipality of Grey Highlands; Dave Milliner, Township of Southgate; Zach Carson, Georgian Bluffs

Call to Order

Vice Chair Dwight Burley called the meeting to order. New municipal members were introduced. Jennifer Patton is the new representative for The Town of The Blue Mountains. Ms. Patton is replacing Sarah Traynor. Holly Malynyk is replacing Southgate's representative, Lindsey Green.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations made.

Site Plan Reviews

Installation of Families for Autism Grey Bruce Communication Boards: Georgian Bluffs

Zach Carson, Facilities Coordinator, spoke about installing communication boards at the

Shallow Lake playground and Sarawak Family Park. Georgian Bluffs staff collaborated with Families for Autism Grey Bruce to create communication boards that allow nonverbal or limitedly verbal people to point at the images that represent what they want to communicate. There are a variety of symbols that can be designed to be meaningful to the location of the boards. The boards will be installed close to ground for all people to use.

JAAC06-21 Moved by: Andy Underwood Seconded by: Christina Schnell

That the installation of communication boards at Georgian Bluffs parks be supported.

Carried

Township Parks Signage: Georgian Bluffs

Zach Carson presented signs that highlight important information for township parks. The signage has appropriate colour contrast and font size and includes important information for people who may not be familiar with the area.

It was suggested that information about guide dog etiquette would be helpful such as do not touch, etc.

JAAC07-21 Moved by: Christina Schnell Seconded by: Andrew Edgcumbe

That the information signage proposed for installation at Georgian Bluffs township parks be supported.

Carried

Dundalk Community Health Centre & Parking Including CP Rail Trail

Dave Milliner, Southgate Chief Administrative Officer discussed the Dundalk community health centre and rail trail parking project. Southgate staff are working with South East Grey Community Health Centre staff to build a facility that will be like the one in Markdale. Mr. Milliner outlined the accessibility considerations including elevators, dedicated crossing over the rail trail with stop signs and safety considerations, parking including accessible parking for cars and a covered area for horses, gardens, and rest areas on both sides with an accessible sidewalk through the gardens.

There were no additional comments from committee members.

Other Business

Age-Friendly Community Strategy and Action Plan

Stephanie Lacey-Avon talked about Grey County's plan to create communities that are inclusive for everyone at all stages of life including youth, working-age, older adults, and people with disabilities. There is a project website on grey.ca. Ms. Lacey-Avon is planning to bring the consultants to a fall meeting to ask the committee for input on the strategy which should be in draft form by that time.

There are four community virtual workshops being held starting this week. Each workshop will specifically look at two of the eight age-friendly dimensions:

1. Outdoor Spaces and Buildings, and Transportation
2. Housing and Social Participation
3. Communications and Information, and Respect for Social Inclusion
4. Civic Participation and Employment, and Community Supports and Health Services

There will also be an online survey on the website. The survey has about fifty questions. Ms. Lacey-Avon asked the Committee for ideas about distributing printed copies of the survey. Thoughts included distributing through Meals on Wheels or Probus club, Alzheimer Society or any place that is age-friendly, the Hanover pool, libraries, and Saugeen Mobility. There was also a suggestion to announce the survey on the radio for people to call in and complete over the phone if staff were available to help with that.

Ms. Lacey-Avon asked for volunteers to help to complete a community audit in early fall. Christina Schnell offered to help in Hanover and Andy Underwood offered to help in Owen Sound.

Grey Highlands Service Counter Improvements

Raylene Martel, Grey Highlands Clerk attended to talk about accessibility improvements that were made at the Grey Highlands municipal office service counter. The old counter was a semi-circle that took up most of the space in the foyer and was not accessible. The photos of the upgrade showed much better use of space and flow of traffic. The accessible counter has a chair on the staff side to allow for face-to-face communication. Ms. Martell added that public also have access to a tablet.

2021 Accessibility Compliance Report

Kathie Nunno advised that the 2021 compliance report is now available on the Ministry's forms web page. She will be bringing a draft of Grey County's 2021 compliance report to the fall meeting for consideration by the committee.

Next Meeting Dates

To be determined.

On motion by Andy Underwood seconded by Christina Schnell, the meeting adjourned at 3:48 PM.

Dwight Burley, Vice Chair