



Committee Minutes

Accessibility Advisory Committee

March 4, 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: Councillor Dwight Burley; Stan Arnelien, David Mollison and Christina Schnell

Staff

Present: Rob Hatten, Communications Officer; Heather Morrison, Deputy Clerk/Records Manager; Aaron Whitney, Technical Supervisor; Ted Noble, Grey Roots Building Superintendent and Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator

Municipal

Representatives:

Raylene Martell (Southgate); Don Tedford (Hanover); Holly Morrison (Georgian Bluffs); Matt Smith (Meaford); Amanda Healy (The Blue Mountains); John Bell (West Grey);

Call to Order

Deputy Clerk Heather Morrison called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM.

Election of the Chair and Vice Chair

Heather Morrison called for nominations for Chair of the Committee.

AAC01-16 Moved by: Christina Schnell Seconded by: Stan Arnelien

THAT Councillor Burley be nominated as Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2016.

Councillor Burley accepted the nomination and was acclaimed Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2016.

Heather Morrison then called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Committee.

AAC02-16 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Stan Arnelien

THAT Christina Schnell be nominated Vice Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2016.

Christina Schnell accepted the nomination and was acclaimed Vice Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2016.

Councillor Burley then assumed the Chair.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes dated November 13, 2015

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by the Corporate Services Committee on January 12, 2016 and by County Council on February 2, 2016.

Reports – Clerk's

CCR-AAC-12-16 Accessibility Audit Update

Rob Hatten outlined the above report, noting that Grey County is required to submit a compliance report every two years. Grey County was also randomly selected as a municipality to be audited for accessibility compliance.

Mr. Hatten noted that the auditor suggested that improvements be made in terms of job specific accessibility training. Feedback received from the directorate will be considered in the training.

AAC03-16 Moved by: Christina Schnell Seconded by: Stan Arnelien

WHEREAS Grey County is required to submit an accessibility compliance report to the province every two years;

AND WHEREAS Grey County was randomly selected for a compliance audit, provided the requested documentation, and passed the audit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report CCR-AAC-12-16 be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to look for opportunities to improve job-specific training relating to accessibility and the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulations after July 1, 2016.

Carried

David Mollison then entered the meeting.

Review of Revised Construction Drawings for the Proposed Addition and Renovation of the Administration Building

Chair Burley noted that the plans for the Administration Building are before the Committee for review and comment.

Aaron Whitney outlined the proposed drawings.

Don Tedford inquired as to whether the elevator can accommodate a stretcher. He expects that it could become law eventually. Aaron Whitney noted that this is something staff can look into. Mr. Whitney also indicated that the grading allows access from both levels of the building.

Don Tedford elaborated on the requirements for the adult change table in the washroom. It was noted that the plans have incorporated this requirement.

Concern was expressed over the barrier free washroom, as it appears the current layout will not accommodate the adult change table. Mr. Whitney noted that the detailed drawings will be available next month. These drawings will show the elevated drawings and confirm whether there is appropriate space.

Inquiry was made as to whether the tables are included in the cost of the addition/renovation or if they will be purchased and installed after the fact.

The Committee also discussed the positioning of the grab bars in the universal washroom on the second floor.

Christina Schnell inquired as to whether the new design allows for any employees with disabilities to have an appropriate working environment.

Mr. Whitney noted that the estimated width of the corridors is about six feet. A minimum of five feet is needed. Locks on the doors could be easily changed over to fob key access as well. New buildings are required to be accessible for everyone.

Amanda noted the importance of slip resistant flooring and appropriate lighting.

The “Enabling Change” grant could be available to assist with some of the required accessibility changes.

Mr. Whitney will provide the input received from the Committee to the Building Task Force and the Ventin Group.

Review of Revised Construction Drawings for the Historic Church at Grey Roots Museum

Ted Noble outlined the proposed drawings for the Church in Moreston Village.

It was noted that the pulpit area will not be accessible for heritage reasons. There is possibility for incorporating a back entrance to the area with a removable ramp.

Suggestion was made to have options for accessible seating at both the back and the front areas of the church.

The Committee inquired as to whether accommodations will be made for low vision and hearing impaired individuals. Mr. Noble provided information on the augmented reality device that would meet these needs.

It was noted that the church will be non-denominational.

The new drawings reflect the accessible spaces being within the pew sections.

Inquiry was made as to whether there is there a way to build the pews so that they can be removed when an accessible spot is required. Mr. Noble noted that all the pews have been donated so changing them could be difficult.

Other Business

A church in Durham would like the Committee to review proposed plans for its renovation.

Next Meeting Dates

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

On motion by Christina Schnell, the meeting adjourned at 2:52 PM.

Dwight Burley, Chair