



COUNTY OF GREY ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

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Participating Municipalities:

**Corporation of the County of Grey
Township of Georgian Bluffs
Municipality of Grey Highlands
Town of Hanover
Municipality of Meaford
Township of Southgate
Town of The Blue Mountains
Municipality of West Grey**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001 (ODA) is to improve opportunities for persons with disabilities and to provide for their involvement in the identification, removal and prevention of barriers to their full participation in the life of the Province. To this end, the ODA mandates that each Municipality prepare an annual accessibility plan. Municipalities have the opportunity to prepare a joint plan with other interested municipalities. The County of Grey Accessibility Plan is a joint initiative.

On May 10, 2005 Ontario's legislative assembly passed Bill 118, the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) 2005. It took effect upon royal assent June 13, 2005. This new act is strong and effective legislation that will allow people with disabilities to participate in building a stronger province.

The purpose of the new act is to benefit all Ontarians by achieving accessibility for people with disabilities. This will be done by developing, implementing and enforcing accessibility standards concerning customer service, information and communication, goods, services, accommodations, facilities, buildings including the built environment and employment. Improvements will be phased in, in stages, of five years or less, moving towards an accessible Ontario within 20 years (January 1, 2025).

The intent of this plan is to ensure barrier-free accessibility for people in our communities by January 1, 2025.

The plan has been prepared by the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) for the Corporation of the County of Grey and participating Municipalities. This is the fifth annual review of our plan. The plan responds to the requirements of the new Act and describes the measures the Corporation of the County of Grey and participating Municipalities have taken in the past, will be taking in the current year and planning for the future, to identify, remove and prevent barriers to all persons. The plan contains an updated inventory of facilities and services of the Corporation of the County of Grey and participating Municipalities.

Through this plan, the Corporation of the County of Grey and participating Municipalities have committed themselves to the continual improvements of

access to public facilities including the electronic (world wide web) premises as well as actual physical premises (public buildings).

Two types of standards are being established under the AODA, 2005; Common Standards which broadly apply to all persons and organizations include: Customer Service, Built Environment, Employment, Information and Technology. Standards that apply to a single sector to address accessibility in a particular sector include Transportation.

The Accessible Customer Service Standard regulations were approved by the government on July 31, 2007 with regulations coming into effect on January 1, 2008. Compliance date for the Accessible Customer Service Standard for the broader public sector (including all municipalities) was January 1, 2010. The AODA requires that accessibility reports be filed by both public and private sector organizations to which an accessible standard applies. AODA Compliance Reports will be focused on specific areas of accessibility addressed by each standard and must be individually submitted for each municipality; whereas ODA Annual accessibility plans address a range of accessibility measures.

An updated inventory of facilities and any outstanding identifiable barriers to persons with disabilities within those facilities as has been provided from each participating Municipality, and are included as Appendices. Over the next several years, the Accessibility Advisory Committee will be, through review, providing advice on changes, which will remove those barriers to access public offices and facilities in an advisory capacity. And further, the Committee will be advising on new developments and major expansions, through the site plan control and land development processes to assist access for all persons within our communities. It was concluded that further development of a work plan and communication strategy/process is needed.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Accessibility Advisory Committee – Terms of Reference

1.1 Accessibility Definition

Accessibility is defined as barrier-free access to public services, facilities, amenities and spaces that are available, approachable, comprehensible

and useable to all people. Each Municipality shall review the Plan and respective Appendix annually; and have sole discretion in implementation and amendments to their respective Appendix.

1.2 Accessibility Advisory Committee Mandate

The Committee will make recommendations as an advisory body to Grey County Council and other member Municipal Councils. Its purpose is to consider the needs of all persons and assure maximum integrated barrier-free accessibility for all citizens within the County of Grey.

1.3 Accessibility Advisory Committee Membership & Structure

The Committee has been formed in compliance with the Act to include 50% plus one of persons with disabilities; the remainder of the members includes political representation, staff and interested public:

1. Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee shall be selected and appointed by County Council.
2. The Accessibility Advisory Committee shall be composed of nine voting members as follows;
 - a. One member of County Council; plus
 - b. Grey County Warden; plus
 - c. Two residents of Grey County; and
 - d. Five persons with disabilities from Grey County.
3. The majority of members of the Committee shall be persons with disabilities.
4. Neither the Committee nor any member thereof shall pledge the credit of the County in any manner whatsoever, nor shall the Committee or any member thereof authorize any expenditure or expend public monies in any manner unless authorized by Council.
5. The Committee may appoint up to three non-voting members to

provide input and assistance to the Committee.

6. A Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC) consisting of the AAC members and a non-voting representative from each lower tier Municipality will meet on a regular basis to support the AAC.

1.3.1 Length of Term

The length of term of Committee members will be three years. A Committee member may have their membership renewed once and may not serve longer than six consecutive years.

Chairperson: A Chairperson will be elected from Committee members on an annual basis at the first meeting of the new year to preside over meetings and Committee business.

Absence: If a Committee member is absent for three consecutive meetings they have forfeited their membership unless their absence is justifiable.

1.3.2 Staff Support

Staff from the County of Grey shall act as secretary and administrative support to the Committee. Minutes of proceedings are to be recorded and kept in accordance with the County's records management practices.

The following County staff shall serve as resources to the Committee:

- Director of Social Services or his/her designate;
- Administrative Assistant or his/her designate;

Other staff members as required to facilitate the work of the Committee and as authorized by the appropriate Commissioner or County Administrator.

1.3.3 General Duties:

- a) Advise Councils each year about the preparation, implementation and effectiveness of its accessibility plan.
- b) Provide advice on the accessibility for persons with disabilities to a

building, structure or premises:

- i. Purchased, constructed or renovated by the Corporation of the County of Grey and participating municipalities;
- ii. Considered for new lease;
- iii. Provided as a municipal capital facility under an agreement in accordance with the Municipal Act.

- c) Review in a timely manner the site plans and drawings described under Section 41 of the Planning Act that the Committee is circulated when requested.

In response to circulated plans the Committee shall review and provide timely comment to Council or its designates on site plans prepared for major renovations and newly constructed developments including new commercial, institutional, industrial, major residential and other development subject to site plan control.

- d) Perform any other functions required by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and/or its regulations.
- e) Provide advice on the accessibility for persons with disabilities as it relates to all new standards under the AODA.

1.3.4 Goal

To work toward improving barrier-free accessibility for all persons to services offered by the Corporation of the County of Grey and its participating municipalities.

1.3.5 Objectives:

To work toward appropriate accessibility standards for facilities and services under the operation of the Corporation of the County of Grey, and its participating municipalities.

To encourage the development of a reasonable capital program to retrofit all facilities for accessibility improvements.

To identify all types of accessibility concerns and potential solutions that addresses the needs of persons with limited accessibility.

To encourage private developments to comply with Ontario Building Code, Accessibility Plan and any other policy or standard regarding accessibility.

To provide advice regarding policies and standards to Council for:

- a) Facilities
- b) Projects such as streets
- c) Site Plan review
- d) Corporate Services
- e) Public Spaces

To advise all lower tier municipalities of their requirement to comply with all standards within the AODA and of their requirement to complete reporting records individually for submission the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario.

To act as a liaison with the Ministry of Community and Social Services and other government agencies (i.e. AccessON) on behalf of the lower tier municipalities with regard to printed and/or promotional material in support of compliance of the standards within the AODA and to provide such material to the lower tier municipalities.

1.4 Accessibility Advisory Committee Procedures:

1. The Committee members shall elect a chairperson from amongst their members who shall serve a term of 12 months with a maximum appointment of 2 terms.
2. Each resident member shall be eligible to be nominated as chairperson.
3. The chairperson shall be responsible for establishing the date and time of meetings, for establishing the agenda and for conducting the meetings.
4. Committee meetings shall be scheduled quarterly or at the call of the chairperson.
5. Committee meetings shall take place at the County Administration Building unless otherwise advised.
6. A majority of the voting members of the Committee constitutes a quorum.

1.5 Funding:

The Committee recognizes that members are volunteering considerable time and commitment to their roles and should be compensated for expenses such as accessible transportation and/or mileage in a manner similar to other Municipal Advisory Committees.

Conflict of Interest:

A conflict of interest may arise for committee members when their personal or business interests clash with the duties and decisions of the committee. Provincial legislation specific to Municipalities governs conflict of interest for councilors and as a result, many Municipalities have created their own conflict of interest guidelines. Conflict of interest as defined by legislation applies to the Accessibility Advisory Committee and all municipal guidelines in place regarding conflict of interest should also apply to Accessibility Advisory Committee members.

1.6 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

The Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001 and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 states Municipalities must:

- 1.6.1 Prepare an Accessibility Plan to be reviewed annually. It is a requirement that the plan be made public.
- 1.6.2 An Accessibility Advisory Committee is a requirement for municipalities exceeding 10,000 in population.
- 1.6.3 Allows for the AAC to review and provide recommendations to Council regarding Site Plans circulated under Section 41 of the Planning Act.
- 1.6.4 Enjoins the AAC to provide advice on accessibility for persons with disabilities respecting municipal property acquisition.
- 1.6.5 Advise councils on requirements and implementation of AODA

Standards and preparation of AODA standards reports.

2.0 COUNTY POLICY

2.1 Official Plan

Adopted by County Council on May 6, 1997, the Official Plan contains policies for the growth and development for the County of Grey over a 20 year planning horizon. The policies have not been reviewed in a comprehensive fashion relative to the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA, 2005). The plan should be reviewed during the five-year review process, which is currently under review, to include all requirements under the AODA, 2005. The Accessibility Advisory Committee should be included as an advisory body during this review. As each municipality prepares its own Official Plans, the Accessibility Advisory Committee should make itself available in an advisory capacity to include key AODA, 2005 principles.

County staff should be encouraged to give consideration when commenting to municipalities on development proposals to the AODA, 2005.

2.2 By-Laws

By-laws for the Corporation of the County of Grey shall have regard to the AODA, 2005 in circumstances where issues of accessibility are applicable.

3.0 MUNICIPAL POLICY

3.1 Zoning

As each municipality prepares its own Zoning By-Law, the Accessibility Advisory Committee should make itself available in an advisory capacity to include key AODA, 2005 principles.

Zoning By-Laws contain detailed provisions pertaining to building and redeveloping all properties within the individual municipality.

3.2 Ontario Building Code / Building Permits

Barrier-free access must be considered at the initial stage of development and implemented during construction approval process.

3.2.1 The Ontario Building Code requires all public buildings to have adequate parking, ramps, and entrances for wheelchair accessibility. It further requires accessible washrooms, hallways and doorways, etc. for the physically handicapped. There are few exceptions to the requirements for wheelchair accessibility. Those are for industrial and buildings housing mechanical apparatus.

Renovations to existing buildings only require upgrades for physically handicapped if the building is already wheelchair accessible.

Renovated buildings do require upgrading if work is being carried out to the entrance of the building. If a building was requiring an addition, the addition would have to meet the requirements of the Code for accessibility, but changes to the existing building are not required.

On June 14, 2006 the following motion was recommended by the AAC and endorsed by County Council on July 5, 2006:

“THAT the County of Grey adopt CSA B651-04 Accessible Design for the Built Environment standards for all newly constructed County buildings;

AND THAT County Council recommend that all municipalities within Grey County adopt CSA B651-04 Accessible Design for the Built Environment standards for all newly constructed municipal buildings.”

3.3 Site Plan Control

The Planning Act grants authority to establish site plan control areas through section 41. Further, the County of Grey Official Plan contains policies enabling municipalities to apply site plan control to certain land uses.

This is an area in the developmental process where the AAC could be of assistance, through an advisory capacity, to both developers and municipalities.

4.0 INVENTORY

4.1 Facility Inventory

Attached Appendix

4.2 Programs/Services

The programs and services are still being compiled.

5.0 FACILITY ASSESSMENTS

The following table lists the barrier assessment guidelines utilized in the preliminary compilation and assessment of the inventory.

Barrier type	Example
Physical	A door knob that cannot be operated by a elderly person with limited upper-body mobility and strength
Architectural	A hallway or door that is too narrow for a wheelchair or scooter
Informational	Typefaces that are too small to be read by a person with low vision
Communicational	A professor who talks loudly when addressing a deaf student
Attitudinal	A recreational swimming program which discourages people with developmental disabilities from participating.
Technological	Information on a municipal Web site, which cannot be accessed by a person who is blind who has reading software for a computer.
Policy/Practice	A practice of announcing important messages over an intercom that people with hearing impairments cannot hear clearly

* Source: <http://www.gov.on.ca/MCZCR/accessibility/english/munobligations-planningguidelines.htm>

6.0 FUTURE PLAN INITIATIVES

The Plan supports the following initiatives:

- Identify the manner by which the Accessibility Plan will be shared with the Public, and a schedule for reviewing and updating the Accessibility Plan.
- Identify the services and programs within the County and participating municipalities, other than facilities, where improvements to allow for full access by all persons is a priority. Establish actions that would address issues of accessibility and reasonable budget estimates for developing and maintaining these services (ie. web site, tax billing, Council meetings, municipal elections, waste disposal and recycling, parks and playgrounds etc.)
- Develop an on-going communication strategy within the County and participating municipalities to ensure all staff, Councillors and volunteers continue to identify and address issues of accessibility in accordance with the Accessibility Plan (i.e. mission statement on accessibility, feedback processes within Accessible Customer Service Policies).
- Develop accessible marketing material and enhance website communication.
- Identify any additional resource issues with respect to ongoing programs implementing the Accessibility Plan.
- Develop and implement policies and procedures to meet the requirements of the regulations for each standard (Customer Service, Built Environment, Employment, Information and Communication, and Transportation (if applicable)).
- Advise Councils of lower-tier municipalities on requirements and implementation of AODA standards and preparation of AODA standards reporting requirements.

7.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Conclusions

The Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) acknowledges the following conclusions:

- Work is required on an ongoing basis to make improvements and amendments to our Annual Accessibility Plan
- The necessity to make it available to the public is paramount
- It would be beneficial, bearing in mind the size and scope of the County of Grey, to include additional members to ensure ready access and requirements of the AODA, 2005.
- That Grey County Social Services continue to administer and support the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee
- That the County of Grey Accessibility Advisory Committee continues to report to the Grey County Social Services Committee
- That an inventory and assessment of all services and programs offered by the County of Grey should be compiled and assessed based on AODA and discussed with the AAC.

7.2 Recommendation

THAT the 2010 Annual Accessibility Plan and accompanying appendices be approved as presented noting Appendix E for the Municipality of Meaford for 2010 and Appendix H for the Municipality of West Grey for 2010 will be forthcoming once approved by respective councils;

AND THAT the 2010 Annual Accessibility Plan be forwarded to the Social Services Committee and County Council for further endorsement;

AND THAT the 2010 Annual Accessibility Plan be forwarded to the Ministry of Community and Social Services;

AND FURTHER THAT the amended 2010 Annual Accessibility Plan inclusive of the approved Appendix E for the Municipality of Meaford for 2010 and Appendix H for the Municipality of West Grey for 2010 be resubmitted to the Ministry of Community and Social Services once endorsed by Grey County Council.



APPENDIX 'A' Corporation of the County of Grey Addendum to Accessibility Plan

1.0 Introduction

For residents, visitors and businesses alike the County of Grey is *beautiful... naturally*.

Grey County is within a six-hour drive of major Ontario and US border centres and offers beauty second to none, along with a lifestyle that is relaxed and family oriented. Grey County is bordered by Georgian Bay and Simcoe County to the east, the County of Bruce and the Bruce Peninsula to the west and Wellington and Dufferin Counties to the south.

The County is over 4,426 square kilometers in area, and consists of 9 lower tier municipalities, including its major urban centre, the City of Owen Sound.

With a population more than 10,000, the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA, 2005) requires that Grey County form an Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC). The AODA, 2005 further requires that all municipalities implement an 'Accessibility Plan', which is to be made public. Under the terms of the AODA, 2005, organizations are accountable to their communities for accessibility improvements. A joint AAC and plan have been coordinated and includes seven lower tier municipalities.

County Council will annually review and approve the plan. The intent is to work toward removing the identified barriers over time, revising this Appendix as necessary.

1.1 Plan

The intention of this Plan is to provide clear policies on accessibility so that it can be integrated it into corporate, strategic and financial resource planning exercises, basically budgeting of time and resources.

1.2 Committee

The joint AAC will enable consultation with people with disabilities when new or expanded municipal facilities are planned. Assistance from community stakeholders and the perspective of persons with disabilities in identifying and implementing policy to work toward the removal of barriers is needed.

The joint AAC will enable consultation with people with disabilities when renovations to existing facilities are planned. Assistance from community stakeholders and the expertise of persons with disabilities is needed to identify and assist in the implementation of works to remove barriers. Councils may request that the AAC review and provide advice on other proposed institutional, industrial or commercial development, through the planning processes, as deemed necessary.

2.0 Goals and Objectives

- To comply with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005;
- To identify barriers currently in the community and measures taken to date to address these constraints;
- To identify means of removing barriers and include them within future documents and planned community improvements;
- To include barrier-free criteria in assessing land use development proposals;
- To include all aspects of barrier-free access when implementing the Strategic Plan for the County of Grey;
- To include all aspects of the AODA, 2005 when reviewing Grey County's Official Plan, anticipated in the year 2004.

3.0 Barriers Identified

The 'Guide to Accessibility Planning' provided a table listing barriers. This table was used to assess public facilities found in this Appendix.

3.1 Implementation

A list of all facilities has been assimilated, as attached.

Action has already been taken to eliminate or reduce Barriers, if applicable, as attached.

Means to avoid new barriers and eliminate old ones, including status, options and actions.

3.2 Annual Review Program

- The Corporation shall undertake an assessment of each of its community facilities to identify barriers, and monitor these facilities through the year.
- Subsequent to the assessment, the Corporation will reestablish priorities and include works to eliminate barriers in the budgeting plan.
- In preparation for the implementation of the Built Environment Standard, detailed facility assessments will be thoroughly conducted using the Facility Accessibility Design Standards (FADS), designed by and with written consent from the City of London.

INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			
Location/Facility	Barrier Type - Description	Strategy for Removal Prevention	Status/Actions
County Administration Building	<i>Physical/Architectural barrier-</i> Doors	Both entrances (east and west) have automatic door openers however button on wrong side	To be addressed as part of the Built Environment Standard
	Washrooms	Both floors; room is large with handrails at toilet, paper towel dispensers a little high; accessible taps. No emergency pull cord in the accessible washroom on the lower level and location needs to be reviewed further	To be reviewed with Director of Housing/maintenance staff
	Accessible Parking	4 accessible parking spots; paved; curb cuts	Complete
	Entrance from outside (Main entrance)	Access is available from both ends via ramps, parking lot/entry to bldg is all one level	Number of accessible parking spots will be addressed within the Built Environment Standard
	(Back entrance)	Proper curb cuts however only one handicap parking spot	
	Finding individual offices and/or Departments	Proper signage required to allow the general public to navigate throughout the building independently	To be addressed as part of the Built Environment Standard
	Access to lower/ upper level	Lift installed but requires further review as part of the built environment i.e. no emergency phone/call button inside while in operation.	To be addressed as part of the Built Environment Standard
	Signage	Also need signage to indicate the availability of a operator assist accessible lift. Level of all signage needs further review	To be addressed as part of the Built Environment Standard
	Parking Lot	Flagstone is inaccessible for wheelchair, walker, cane user s	To be addressed as part of the Built Environment Standard
	Misc	Overhang on lower level from the spiral staircase is very dangerous. Further review is required.	To be addressed as part of the Built Environment Standard

INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			
Grey Roots Museum and Archives	Entrance Auto Door Openers Accessible Parking Curb Cuts Washrooms	Accessible; one floor building Yes Yes although very long walk from parking lot to the building Yes; Paved parking lot Accessible washroom and taps. Location of toilet/sinks/paper dispensers needs further review Accessible drinking fountains; Resting area; trash receptacles; public payphone; stage area not accessible	To be addressed as part of the Built Environment Standard
Provincial Offences	Entrance Auto Door Openers Accessible Parking Curb Cuts Washrooms	Accessible Yes Yes Curb needs work; Paved parking lot Accessible washroom and taps. Accessible drinking fountains; Resting area; trash receptacles; public telephones	This applies to the public access area and courtrooms only; does not include the staff area.
Information Access	<i>Informational/ Technological barrier-</i> Making information available outside of the office or phone	Website Braille /Larger print and other alternate formats if requested	In progress As per ADM04-09 Accessible Customer Service Policy - will be provided as requested
Planning Policy	<i>Policy/Practice barrier-</i> Older policies developed prior to ODA have limited reference	New Official Plan By-Laws (any By-laws relating to issues of accessibility shall have regard for the AODA, 2005)	As applicable As appropriate
	<i>Information barrier-</i> Signs	Need large type face and Braille on all signs	Capital review
Transportation and Public Safety Chatsworth Depot (Foreman: Ron Parkin)	Entrance Auto Door Openers Handicap Parking Spots Parking Lot Condition Curb Cuts Trash Receptacles Access Drinking Fountain Resting Area Public Telephones Wheelchair Access Washroom Washroom location	Yes; Bay doors Yes – from inside only No Gravel N/A Yes Water Cooler Yes Yes One One Yes	

INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

Clarksburg Depot (Foreman: Ray Shilvock)	barrier (floor)	No
	Access W/R Sinks/taps	No
	Access Kitchen sinks/taps	No
	Upper/lower floor access	N/A
	Stage Access	N/A
	Entrance	Yes
	Auto Door Openers	No
	Handicap Parking Spots	No
	Parking Lot Condition	Paved
	Curb Cuts	N/A
	Trash Receptacles	No
	Access Drinking Fountain	No
	Resting Area	No
	Public Telephones	None
Wheelchair Access Washroom	One	
Washroom location	Yes	
Durham Depot (Foreman: Ron Parkin)	barrier (floor)	No
	Access W/R Sinks/taps	Yes
	Access Kitchen sinks/taps	No
	Upper/lower floor access	N/A
	Stage Access	N/A
	Entrance	Yes; Bay doors
	Auto Door Openers	Yes; from inside only
	Handicap Parking Spots	No
	Parking Lot Condition	Gravel
	Curb Cuts	N/A
	Trash Receptacles	Yes
	Access Drinking Fountain	Water cooler
	Resting Area	Yes
	Public Telephones	None
Wheelchair Access Washroom	No	
Washroom location	Yes; small step into it	
Dundalk Depot (Foreman: Bill Elvidge)	barrier (floor)	No
	Access W/R Sinks/taps	No
	Access Kitchen sinks/taps	No
	Upper/lower floor access	N/A
	Stage Access	N/A
	Entrance	Yes; Bay doors
	Auto Door Openers	Yes; from inside only
	Handicap Parking Spots	No
	Parking Lot Condition	Gravel
	Curb Cuts	N/A
	Trash Receptacles	No
	Access Drinking Fountain	Water cooler
	Resting Area	Yes
	Public Telephones	None
Wheelchair Access Washroom	No	
Washroom location	Yes; small step into it	
Dundalk Depot (Foreman: Bill Elvidge)	barrier (floor)	No
	Access W/R Sinks/taps	No
	Access Kitchen sinks/taps	No
	Upper/lower floor access	N/A
	Stage Access	N/A
	Entrance	Yes; Bay doors
	Auto Door Openers	Yes; from inside only
	Handicap Parking Spots	No
	Parking Lot Condition	Gravel
	Curb Cuts	N/A
	Trash Receptacles	No
	Access Drinking Fountain	Water cooler
	Resting Area	Yes
	Public Telephones	None
Wheelchair Access Washroom	No	
Washroom location	Yes; small step into it	

INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			

APPENDIX 'B'
Township of Georgian Bluffs
Addendum to Accessibility Plan

1.0 Introduction

The Township of Georgian Bluffs is a primarily rural municipality. The majority of the public and social services are provided to residents by the abutting urban communities of Owen Sound and Wiarton. As a municipality with population less than 10,000, the Ontarians with Disabilities Act (ODA) does not require that the Township form an Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC). The ODA does require that all municipalities implement an 'Accessibility Plan', which is to be made public. Under the terms of the ODA organizations are accountable to their communities for accessibility improvements. Township Council determined that participating in a joint AAC and Plan would of benefit as it would provide a mechanism for consulting with persons with disabilities and coordinating a plan with neighboring municipalities.

The Township Council will annually review and approve the plan. The Township Council may utilize the expertise of the Accessibility Advisory Committee when undertaking this annual review. The intent is to work towards removing the identified barriers over time, revising this Appendix as necessary.

1.1 Plan

The intention of this Plan is to provide clear policies on accessibility so that the municipality can integrate it into corporate, strategic and financial resource planning exercises, basically budgeting of time and resources. The ODA defines 'disability'.

The Council of the Township passed motion #102-2003 to confirm their wish to participate on the joint Committee and Plan, however they retain the authority to approve any changes to this Appendix and the Plan, in co-operation with other parties to this plan.

1.2 Committee

- 1) The joint AAC will enable consultation with people with disabilities when new or expanded municipal facilities are planned. Assistance from community stakeholders and the perspective of persons with disabilities in identifying and implementing policy to work toward the removal of barriers is needed.
- 2) The joint AAC will enable consultation with people with disabilities when renovation to existing facilities are planned. Assistance from community stakeholders and the expertise of persons with disabilities is needed to identify and assist in the implementation of works to remove barriers.
- 3) The Council may request that the AAC review and provide advice on other proposed institutional, industrial or commercial development, through the planning processes, as deemed necessary.

2.0 Goals and Objectives

- 1) To comply with the Ontarians with Disabilities Act.
- 2) To identify barriers currently in the community and measures taken to date to address these constraints.
- 3) To identify means of removing barriers and include them within future documents, budgeting processes and planned community improvements.
- 4) To include barrier-free criteria in assessing land use development proposals.

3.0 Barriers Identified

The 'Guide to Accessibility Planning' provided a table listing barriers. This table was used to assess public facilities found in this Appendix.

As can be seen from the list some initiatives have already been undertaken in municipal public buildings, such as administration office and community arenas, where barriers have been eliminated. Other initiatives such as the inclusion of policies and provisions in planning documents, such as the new zoning bylaw, have been completed or are on-going. Further review of facilities and identification of barriers has occurred as part of this joint plan development process. Annual budget process will include consideration of improving compliance with ODA

3.1 Implementation

- 1) A preliminary list of all facilities has been assimilated, as attached.
- 2) Action already taken to eliminate or reduce barriers, as attached.
- 3) Means to avoid new barriers and eliminate old ones, including status, options and actions will be assessed during site plan and building permit approval process.
- 4) The new Official Plan for the Township shall address and include the principles of the ODA.

3.2 Policies Affecting NEW Development Proposals

- New zoning bylaw contains provisions in regard to handicapped parking, accessibility of structures. All other municipal bylaws will comply with the requirements of the ODA.
- Responsibilities, which include enforcing the barrier-free access requirements of the Ontario Building Code and implementing key accessibility considerations under the ODA, are crucial roles for local municipalities involved with development and building approvals.
- Site Plan Control review process may be amended to include the AAC in an advisory capacity, recognizing the insight they provide when meeting ODA requirements.

3.3 Annual Review Program

- The Municipality shall undertake an assessment of each of its community facilities to identify barriers, and monitor these facilities through the year.
- Subsequent to the assessment, the Municipality will reestablish priorities and include works to eliminate barriers in the budgeting plan or policy documents, where and when feasible.

INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			
Location/Facility	Barrier Type - Description	Strategy for Removal Prevention	Status/Actions
Municipal Administration Office	<i>Physical/Architectural barrier-</i> Door	Open into lobby, automatic opener with beeper.	Complete
	Doors(2)	Opens into vestibule from office/ council chamber Needs Power opener as per OBC 3.8.3.3. (6)	Complete
	Bathroom	Door opens in, room large with handrails at washbasin and toilet. Vanity too high as per OBC 3.8.3.11. (1)(b) Mirror too high as per OBC 3.8.3.11.(4)(a) Needs a coat hook and a shelf as per OBC 3.8.3.12. (1)(h)	Complete
	Entrance from outside	Access is ramp with small ½" lip at door.	Complete
	Finding individual offices	Small or no directional signs.	
	Parking spaces	Location of special spaces have been identified to enhance access.	Complete
	Information Access	<i>Informational/ Technological barrier-</i> Making information available outside of the office or phone	Website

INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			
Planning Policy	<p><i>Policy/Practice barrier-</i> Older policies developed prior to</p> <p>ODA have limited reference</p>	<p>New Zoning Bylaw</p> <p>and</p> <p>New Official Plan</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Work in progress</p>
Roads Department Depots	<p><i>Physical barriers -</i> Doors and Door openers</p> <p>Overhead doors heavy</p> <p>Lighting</p> <p><i>Parking areas</i> Gravel surfaces do not permit many mobility aids and are often uneven.</p>	<p>All doors are manual with small knobs and not wide enough to allow entry by wheelchair or similar aid.</p> <p>All vehicles doors should be electrically operated</p> <p>Control too high</p> <p>Exit signs need lights, larger and Braille incorporated into them</p> <p>Paving surfaces or portions of them</p>	<p>Program of capital upgrades to public facilities is being implemented as part of budgeting process.</p> <p>Minimum of 2 In each are Operational</p> <p>Capital review</p>

INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			
	Gravel surfaces can not be easily identified for handicapped parking		
	<i>Information barrier- Signs</i>	Need large type face and Braille on all signs including those with respect to warnings such as 'hard hat and safety boot' area.	Capital review
Shallow Lake Community Centre	<i>Physical barriers – Entrance door</i>	Power door operator as per OBC 3.8.3.3.	2010
	Stairs	Elevator has been installed	Complete
	Exterior/Interior Ramp	Slope is greater than 1 in 12. Rails and ramp do not conform to OBC 3.8.3.4	Complete 2010
	Water Closet Stalls (upstairs and downstairs)	Do not conform to OBC 3.8.3.8.	
	Washrooms available to public (upstairs and downstairs)	Typically are too narrow and small turn rounds. Do not conform to OBC 3.8.3.11.	
Kemble Arena	Seldom used by public	Not barrier free	
Kilsyth Arena		Stair Lift installed	Complete
Water Plants, Etc.	Seldom used by public	Not barrier free	

Appendix C
**Municipality of Grey Highlands
Accessibility Plan**

Introduction

The Municipality of Grey Highlands is primarily a rural municipality. With a population approaching 10,000, it is not required by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act 2005 (AODA) to form an Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC). However, the AODA requires all municipalities to implement an Accessibility Plan. This is a public document and under the terms of the AODA, organizations are accountable to their communities for accessibility improvements. The Grey Highlands Council determined that participating in a joint AAC and plan would provide an opportunity to consult with persons with disabilities and to coordinate a plan with neighbouring municipalities. It is the intent of Council to work towards removing the identified barriers over time and to revise this plan as necessary.

1.1 Plan

This Plan provides a clear policy so that the Municipality integrates accessibility into its planning for corporate, strategic and financial resources, basically budgeting resources and staff time. The AODA defines disability.

The Grey Highlands Council passed a resolution and provided written documentation dated February 14, 2003 to authorize its participation on the joint committee and to contribute to a joint plan. Council retains the authority to approve any changes to this appendix and the plan, in co-operation with other parties to this plan.

1.2 Committee

The County of Grey Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee enables consultation with people with disabilities when new or expanded municipal facilities are planned. Assistance from community stakeholders and the perspective of persons with disabilities are needed to identify and implement policy to remove barriers.

The Joint AAC enables consultation with people with disabilities when renovations to existing facilities are planned. Assistance from community stakeholders and the expertise of persons with disabilities are needed to identify and assist in the implementation of work to remove barriers.

The Council may request that the joint AAC review and provide advice on other proposed institutional, industrial or commercial development, through the planning process, as deemed necessary.

1.3 Goals and Objectives

To comply with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.

To identify barriers currently in the community and measures taken to date to address these constraints.

To identify means of removing barriers and include them within future documents and planned community improvements.

To include barrier-free criteria in assessing land use development proposals.

1.4 Barriers Identified and Projects Complete

The Grey Highlands Council facilitated the creation of an accessibility inventory of all municipal facilities. A preliminary review of these facilities occurred in early 2010 with the inclusion of several facilities to the list that had not been reviewed in previous reports. A more intensive review of all municipally owned and operated facilities is scheduled for the fall of 2010.

During the past 12 months a number of barrier items have been addressed. Additionally, a number of plans have been started in order to complete.

The Kimberley Hall Complex had a barrier free entrance installed in the 2006 calendar year. This made the facility accessible. Access to the Washrooms and Kitchens remains an issue that the Community is working to develop a plan to address.

The Maxwell Seniors Centre and its members completed a Trillium Grant Application and were successful in retaining a grant. Fully accessible washroom facilities and entrance have been constructed in the 2007 calendar year.

The Markdale Recreation Complex has been upgraded due to a Community Adjustment Fund grant and is now considered to be barrier-free in the majority of the facility. The upstairs Hall washrooms remain an issue to be considered going forward.

The Flesherton Community Centre (Kinplex) is undergoing renovations in the summer of 2010 due to funding from the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund to provide an accessible entryway and washroom at the hall.

The South Grey Museum is working towards barrier-free washroom facilities.

The Flesherton branch of the Grey Highlands Library will be built in the summer/fall of 2010 due to funding from the Build Canada Fund – Communities Component.

The table listing all barriers to Municipal Facilities is a living document and continues to be updated annually.

1.5 Policies Affecting New Development Proposals

The Zoning Bylaw contains provisions regarding handicap parking and accessibility of structures. All other municipal bylaws and policies will comply with the requirements of the AODA as the standards are released.

Responsibilities that include enforcing the barrier-free access requirements of the Ontario Building Code and implementing key accessibility considerations under the AODA are crucial roles for local municipalities involved with development and building approvals.

The Site Plan Control review process may be amended to include the AAC in an advisory capacity, recognizing the insight it provides when meeting AODA requirements.

1.6 Annual Review Program

The Municipality of Grey Highlands undertakes an ongoing assessment of its community facilities to identify barriers and to monitor these facilities. Subsequent to the assessment, the Municipality will re-establish priorities and include work in the budget to address barriers. A full review of all municipally owned and operated facilities will be completed by the end of 2010.

**Municipality of Grey Highlands
Inventory of Municipal Facilities**

Location/ Facility	Barrier Type - Description	Strategy for Removal	Status/ Actions
Municipal Office	No automatic door.	-push button access and reduce door sill	2010 budget consideration
Euphrasia Arena - Rocklyn	No automatic doors. No curb cuts. No accessible drinking fountains. No wheelchair accessible washroom facilities or kitchen. No upper level access. No stage access.	-push button access and reduce door sill - add curb cuts - uncertain - renovation of existing facilities - due to construction of building this is not feasible - uncertain due to construction	Major budget consideration required.
Flesherton Arena	-	-	Considered barrier-free in 2010
Flesherton Library	Stairs at front entrance, library collection not accessible. No automatic door, no handicapped parking spaces. Lower meeting room partially accessible.		Replacement of building in summer/fall 2010.
Kimberley Library	No automatic door No accessible washrooms.	- push button entry - not possible due to construction of building	Major budget consideration required.

**Municipality of Grey Highlands
Inventory of Municipal Facilities**

Location/ Facility	Barrier Type - Description	Strategy for Removal	Status/ Actions
Kinplex Hall - Flesherton	No automatic door openers. No accessible washrooms.	- new entryway required - new facilities or renovation of existing	Hall undergoing renovations in 2010.
Markdale Complex	No accessible washroom in Upper Hall	- renovation of existing washroom facilities	Budget consideration in 2011.
Markdale Library	-	-	Barrier-free
Maxwell Hall	No automatic door openers. No handicap parking spaces. No wheelchair accessible washroom facilities or kitchen. No lower level access. No stage access.	- push button - Handicap parking spaces to be considered - - not possible given construction - uncertain	Hall board is considering grant application for accessible washroom facilities and entrance.
Osprey Arena	No automatic door openers. No accessible drinking fountain. No accessible washroom facilities or kitchen. No stage access.	- push button and curb cut - uncertain - renovation of washroom facilities, kitchen accessible with main door - uncertain	Major budget consideration required. With automatic door openers the kitchen will be accessible.
South Grey Museum	No handicapped parking spaces. No accessible washroom facilities.	- push button - Handicap parking spaces to be considered in 2010.	Major budget consideration required.
Stothart Hall	No wheelchair	- exterior elevator	Major budget

**Municipality of Grey Highlands
Inventory of Municipal Facilities**

Location/ Facility	Barrier Type - Description	Strategy for Removal	Status/ Actions
- Priceville	accessible entrance including automatic door openers. No handicap parking spaces. No wheelchair accessible washroom facilities. No upper/lower level access. No stage access.	or ramp – very difficult given original construction - Handicap parking spaces to be considered in 2010. - renovation of existing facilities - exterior ramp or elevator - uncertain	consideration required.
Markdale Clinic	No accessible entry	- push button and door sill	Budget consideration required
Olde Markdale Firehall	No upper level access No accessible entry	- elevator & interior improvements - new entry way	Major budget consideration required.
Old Osprey Town Hall (Farmstead)	No accessible entry	- Ramp to porch level and push button	Budget consideration required
Old Artemesia Town Hall (The Lube Centre)	No upper level access No accessible entry	- exterior elevator - new entry way (major construction)	Budget consideration required
Markdale Fire Station (Station #2)	No accessible entry	- push button and door sill	Budget consideration required
Flesherton Fire Station (Station #1)	No accessible entry	- push button and door sill	Budget consideration required
Old Euphrasia Town Hall	No accessible entry	- push button	Building not currently occupied by public
Duncan Community Center	No accessible entryway	- push button and ramp	Major budget consideration required.

APPENDIX 'D'
Town of Hanover
Addendum to Accessibility Plan

1.0 Introduction

The Town of Hanover is primarily an urban community. The Town of Hanover has a population of 6,600 and therefore as a municipality with population less than 10,000, the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) 2005 does not require that Hanover form an Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC). The ODA does require that all municipalities implement an 'Accessibility Plan', which is to be made public. Under the terms of the ODA, organizations are accountable to their communities for accessibility improvements. The Municipal Council determined that participating in a joint AAC and Plan would benefit as it would provide a mechanism for consulting with persons with disabilities and coordinating a plan with neighbouring municipalities.

The Municipal Council will annually review and approve the plan. The intent is to work towards removing the identified barriers over time, revising this Appendix as necessary.

1.1 Plan

The intention of this Plan is to provide clear policies on Accessibility so that the municipality can integrate it into corporate, strategic and financial resource planning exercises, basically budgeting of time and resources. The ODA defines 'disability'.

The Council of the Town of Hanover passed Motion #134-03 to confirm their wish to participate on the joint Committee and Plan, however they retain the authority to approve any changes to this Appendix and the Plan, in co-operation with other parties to this plan.

1.2 Committee

- 1) The joint AAC will enable consultation with people with disabilities when new or expanded municipal facilities are planned. Assistance from community stakeholders and the perspective of persons with disabilities in identifying and implementing policy to work toward the removal of barriers is needed.
- 2) The joint AAC will enable consultation with people with disabilities when renovations to existing facilities are planned. Assistance from community stakeholders and the expertise of persons with disabilities is needed to identify and assist in the implementation of works to remove barriers.
- 3) The Council may request that the AAC review and provide advise on other proposed institutional, industrial or commercial development, through the planning processes, as deemed necessary.

2.0 Goals and Objectives

- To comply with the Ontarians with Disabilities Act.
- To identify barriers currently in the community and measures taken to date to address these constraints.
- To identify means of removing barriers and include them within future documents and planned community improvements.
- To include barrier-free criteria in assessing land use development proposals.

3.0 Barriers Identified

The 'Guide to Accessibility Planning' provided a table listing barriers. This table was used to assess public facilities found in this Appendix.

As can be seen from the list some initiatives have already been undertaken in municipal public buildings, such as administration office and community arenas, where barriers have been eliminated. Other initiatives such as the inclusion of policies and provisions in planning documents such as site plan agreements and zoning bylaws with Official Plan. Further review of facilities and identification of barriers has occurred as part of this joint plan development process. Annual budget process will include consideration of improving compliance with ODA

3.1 Implementation

- A list of all facilities has been assimilated, as attached.
- Action Already taken to Eliminate or Reduce Barriers, as attached.
- Means to avoid new barriers and eliminate old ones, including status, options and actions.

3.2 Policies Affecting New Development Proposals

- New zoning bylaw contains provisions in regard to barrier free parking, accessibility of structures. All other municipal bylaws will comply with the requirements of the ODA.
- Responsibilities, which include enforcing the barrier-free access requirements of the Ontario Building Code and implementing key accessibility considerations under the ODA, are crucial roles for local municipalities involved with development and building approvals.
- Site Plan Control review process may be amended to include the AAC in an advisory capacity, recognizing the insight they provide when meeting ODA requirements.

3.3 Annual Review Program

- The Municipality shall undertake an assessment of each of its community facilities to identify barriers, and monitor these facilities through the year.
- Subsequent to the assessment, the Municipality will reestablish priorities and include works to eliminate barriers in the budgeting plan.

INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			
Location/Facility	Barrier Type - Description	Strategy for Removal Prevention	Status/Actions
Municipal Administration Office	<i>Physical/Architectural barrier-</i>		
Information Access	<i>Informational/ Technological barrier-</i> Making information available outside of the office or phone	Website	Work in progress
Planning Policy	<i>Policy/Practice barrier-</i> Older policies developed prior to ODA have limited reference	Zoning Bylaw and Official Plan	When scheduled for review When scheduled for review
	<i>Information barrier-</i> Signs	Need large type face and Braille on all signs including those with respect to warnings such as 'hard hat and safety boot' area	Capital review
Arena/Community Hall/Aquatic Centre	Stage Access	Arena/Comm. Hall Building Demolished	New Arena facility constructed in 2010
<i>Cemetery</i> Storage & Lunchroom Chapel & Storage	N/A Washroom location	Entrance Accessibility; Auto door openers; Handicap parking spots; Trash Receptacles; Accessible Drinking Fountains; Public telephones; Wheelchair Accessible washrooms Door too narrow.	

INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			
Columbarium Monument – Cross /w figurine	N/A N/A		
Civic Centre/Library/Fire Hall	Stage access		
Westario Power Office/Warehouse	N/A		
<i>Landfill Site</i>			
Storage Shed	N/A	Entrance Accessibility; Auto Door openers; Handicap parking spots; gravel parking lot.	
Office Trailer			
Site Office Trailer	N/A		
<i>Police Station</i>		Entrance Accessibility; Auto door openers; Handicap Parking spots; trash receptacles; Accessible drinking fountains; resting area; public telephones; Wheelchair Accessible washrooms; Accessible washroom sink & taps; Accessible kitchen taps; Upper/lower fire access;	
	Washroom location	- barrier	
<i>Recreation</i>			
Multi-Purpose Facility (7 th Ave N.)	N/A	Auto door openers; curb cuts; Accessible drinking fountains; public telephones	Entrance Accessibility; Wheelchair Accessible washrooms (completed in 2007) Handicap parking spots (completed in 2009)
		Basement Skateboard Park	

INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			
James A Magee Facility	Stage Access		
Pavilion/Washroom Canteen		Entrance Accessibility; Auto door openers; Handicap parking spots; Accessible drinking fountains; public telephones; Wheelchair Accessible Washrooms	
Washroom & Shower building		Entrance Accessibility; Auto door openers; Handicap parking spots; curb cuts; Accessible drinking fountains; public telephones; Wheelchair Accessible washrooms.	
Baseball Field Floodlighting (4 diamonds)	N/A		
Pavilion-Kinsmen Ball Diamonds		Entrance Accessibility; Auto door openers; Handicap parking spots; curb cuts; Accessible drinking fountains; public telephones; Wheelchair Accessible washrooms.	
Sewage Treatment Plant		Auto door openers; Handicap parking spots; curb cuts; public telephones; Wheelchair Accessible washrooms; Accessible washroom sink & taps; Accessible kitchen taps.	
Sewage Lift Station – 4 th Avenue	N/A		

INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			
Sewage Lift Station – 7 th Street	N/A		
Sewage Lift Station – 101 10 th Street	N/A		
<i>Waterworks</i> Water Pump House & Treatment Centre		Entrance Accessibility; Auto door openers; Handicap parking spots; curb cuts; Trash receptacles; Accessible Drinking fountains; Resting area; Public telephones; Wheelchair Accessible Washrooms.	
Water Pump House – Ruhl Lake	N/A		
Water Pump House – SR #22, Brant Twp.	N/A		
Water Pump House – Rd #8, Marl Lake	N/A		
Water Reservoir – SR #22, Brant Twp.	N/A		
Water Treatment / Filtration Building – SR #22		Entrance Accessibility; Auto door openers; Handicap parking spots; Accessible Drinking fountains; Public telephones; Wheelchair Accessible washrooms	
Water Tower – 7 th Avenue South	N/A		
Water Tower – 14 th Street	N/A		
Elevated Water Storage Reservoir – SR #22	N/A		

INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			
<p><i>Board of Works Building – 70 14th Avenue</i></p>	<p>Washroom location</p>	<p>Entrance Accessibility; Auto door openers; Handicap parking spots; gravel parking lot; Trash receptacles; Accessible Drinking fountains; Resting area; Public telephones; Wheelchair Accessible Washrooms; Accessible washroom sink & taps; Accessible kitchen taps; Upper/lower fire access.</p> <p>- barrier</p>	
<p><i>Medical Clinic 118 7th Avenue</i></p>		<p>Accessible kitchen taps</p>	<p>Interior Hall Access Auto Door Openers (completed in 2009)</p>
<p><i>Ambulance Building 140 7th Avenue</i></p>		<p>Auto door openers; Accessible drinking fountains; Resting area; Public telephones; Accessible kitchen taps.</p>	

APPENDIX 'E'
Municipality of Meaford
Addendum to Accessibility Plan

1.0 Introduction

The Municipality of Meaford is a community having an urban and rural mixture. The Municipality of Meaford has a population of 10,400 and therefore as a municipality with population more than 10,000, the Ontarians with Disabilities Act (ODA, 2001) does require that Meaford form an Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC). The ODA does require that all municipalities implement an 'Accessibility Plan', which is to be made public. Under the terms of the ODA, organizations are accountable to their communities for accessibility improvements. The Municipal Council determined that participating in a joint AAC and Plan would benefit as it would provide a mechanism for consulting with persons with disabilities and coordinating a plan with neighbouring municipalities.

The Municipal Council will annually review and approve the plan. The intent is to work towards removing the identified barriers over time, revising this Appendix as necessary.

1.1 Plan

The intention of this Plan is to provide clear policies on accessibility so that the municipality can integrate it into corporate, strategic and financial resource planning exercises, basically budgeting of time and resources.

The Council of the Municipality of Meaford passed motion #02-51-03 to confirm their wish to participate on the joint Committee and Plan; however they retain the authority to approve any changes to this Appendix and the Plan, in co-operation with other parties to this plan.

1.2 Committee

The joint AAC will enable consultation with people with disabilities when new or expanded municipal facilities are planned. Assistance from community stakeholders and the perspective of persons with disabilities in identifying and implementing policy to work toward the removal of barriers is needed.

The joint AAC will enable consultation with people with disabilities when renovations to existing facilities are planned. Assistance from community stakeholders and the expertise of persons with disabilities is needed to identify and assist in the implementation of works to remove barriers.

The Council may request that the AAC review and provide advice on other proposed institutional, industrial or commercial development, through the planning processes, as deemed necessary.

2.0 Goals and Objectives

- To comply with the Ontarians with Disabilities Act.
- To identify barriers currently in the community and measures taken to date to address these constraints.
- To identify means of removing barriers and include them within future documents and planned community improvements.
- To include barrier-free criteria in assessing land use development proposals.

3.0 Barriers Identified

The 'Guide to Accessibility Planning' provided a table listing barriers. This table was used to assess public facilities found in this Appendix.

As can be seen from the list some initiatives have already been undertaken in municipal public buildings, such as administration office and community arenas, where barriers have been eliminated. Other initiatives such as the inclusion of policies and provisions in planning documents, such as the new zoning bylaw, have been completed. Further review of facilities and identification of barriers has occurred as part of this joint plan development process. Annual budget process will include consideration of improving compliance with ODA.

3.1 Implementation

- A list of all facilities has been assimilated, as attached.
- Action Already taken to Eliminate or Reduce Barriers, as attached.
- Means to avoid new barriers and eliminate old ones, including status, options and actions.

3.2 Policies Affecting New Development Proposals

- New zoning bylaw contains provisions in regard to handicapped parking, accessibility of structures. All other municipal bylaws will comply with the requirements of the ODA.
- Responsibilities, which include enforcing the barrier-free access requirements of the Ontario Building Code and implementing key accessibility considerations under the ODA, are crucial roles for local municipalities involved with development and building approvals.
- Site Plan Control review process may be amended to include the AAC in an advisory capacity, recognizing the insight they provide when meeting ODA requirements.

3.3 Annual Review Program

- The Municipality shall undertake an assessment of each of its community facilities to identify barriers, and monitor these facilities through the year.
- Subsequent to the assessment, the Municipality will reestablish priorities and include works to eliminate barriers in the budgeting plan.

INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			
Location/Facility	Barrier Type – Description <i>Physical/Architectural barrier</i>	Strategy for Removal Prevention	Status/Actions
Municipal Administration Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -1 handicap parking spot -Accessible entrance available -Automatic door openers available -Accessible washroom facilities including sinks/taps -No accessible kitchen taps -No accessibility to lower floor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Not for public use -Not for public use 	
Meaford Arena/Community Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -1 handicap parking spot -Accessible entrance available -Automatic door openers available - Accessible washroom facilities including sinks/taps -Accessible trash receptacles -No accessible kitchen taps -No accessible stage -No accessible public telephones -Resting areas available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stage access in progress 	Identified barriers would be given consideration during capital review
Bognor Community Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -1 handicap parking spot - Accessible washroom facilities -No accessible entrance -No automatic door openers -No accessible kitchen taps -No accessibility to upper and/or lower floors -No stage access -No resting areas 		Identified barriers would be given consideration during capital review

INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			
Woodford Community Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Handicap parking available -Accessible entrance -Accessible washroom facilities -No accessible kitchen taps -No accessibility to upper and/or lower floors -No accessible stage 		
Riverside Community Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -1 handicap parking spot -No accessible entrance -No automatic door openers -No accessible washroom facilities or sinks/taps -No accessible kitchen taps -No accessibility to upper and/or lower floors -No accessible stage 	-Accessible entrance in progress	Identified barriers would be given consideration under capital review
Meaford Hall (former Town Hall/Opera House)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -1 handicap parking spot -Accessible entrance available -Automatic door openers available -Accessible washrooms facilities including sinks/taps -Accessibility to upper and lower floors (elevator installed with access to three floors, balcony not accessible) -Accessible trash receptacles -kitchen not for public use 	-Accessible box office ticket window completed	
MEAFORD HARBOUR			
Pavilion (Meaford Harbour)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Handicap parking -No accessible trash receptacles 		

INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			
Fish Cleaning Building (Meaford Harbour)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Handicap parking -No automatic door opener -No accessible trash receptacles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Members' secure access (requires key) 	
Washrooms (Meaford Harbour)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -1 handicap parking spot -Accessible entrance available -No automatic door openers -Accessible washroom facilities including sinks/taps -No accessible trash receptacles 		
Harbour Office (Meaford Harbour)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -1 handicap parking spot -No accessible entrance -No accessible washroom facilities or sinks/taps - No accessible trash receptacles 		Identified barriers would be given consideration during capital review
Library (Trowbridge Street)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -1 handicap parking spot -Accessible entrance available with ramp access -Automatic door openers -No accessible washroom facilities or sinks/taps -No accessibility to upper and lower floors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -building not large enough for renovations -no plans for renovations due to potential relocation -computer station for the visually impaired including a Braille keyboard and monitor 	
Museum (Bayfield St)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No handicap parking spot -Automatic door openers -Accessible entrance available -Accessible trash receptacles -Resting area available -Accessible washroom facilities including sinks/taps -No accessibility to upper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Handicap parking spot in progress -Not for public use 	<p>Superbuild project and renovations complete.</p> <p>Automatic door openers installed in Spring 2009</p> <p>.</p>

INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			
	and/or lower floors		
Bandstand/Retail Store (Collingwood Street)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No handicap parking spot -No accessible entrance -No automatic door opener -No accessible washroom facilities or sinks/taps -No accessibility to upper and/or lower floors -No accessible stage -No accessible trash receptacles 	-Handicap parking spot in progress	
Blue Dolphin Pool Change house (Richmond Street)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No paved parking available -No handicap parking spot -Accessible entrance available -Automatic door openers available -No accessible washroom facilities or sink/taps -No accessible trash receptacles -No accessible drinking fountains 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Handicap parking spot in progress -Washroom upgrades to be completed 2007 	Accessible washroom facilities now available
Skateboard Park (Richmond & Margaret Streets)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No paved parking available -No handicap parking spot -No accessible trash receptacles 	-Handicap parking spot in progress	
Washrooms (McCarroll Park)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No handicap parking spot -Accessible entrance available -No automatic door openers -Accessible washroom facilities including sinks/taps -No accessible trash receptacles -New splash pad with ramp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Handicap parking spot in progress -Accessible trash receptacles in progress 	
Gazebo (Raper's Park)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No handicap parking spot -No accessible washroom facilities or sinks/taps 	-Handicap parking spot in progress	Identified barriers would be given consideration

INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			
	-No accessible trash receptacles	-Accessible trash receptacles in progress	during capital review
MEMORIAL PARK Office Building	-1 handicap parking spot -Accessible entrance available -No automatic door openers -Accessible washroom facilities including sinks/taps and shower facilities -Accessible trash receptacles available -No accessible public telephone		
Washrooms/Shower (Memorial Park upper)	-1 handicap parking spot -Accessible entrance available -No automatic door openers -Accessible washroom facilities including sinks/taps -No accessible trash receptacles		
Pavilion/Stage (Memorial Park upper)	-No accessible stage -No accessible trash receptacles	-outdoor facility	
Washroom (Memorial Park Lower East)	-1 handicap parking spot -Accessible entrance available -No automatic door openers -No accessible washroom facilities or sinks/taps -No accessible trash receptacles		Identified barriers would be given consideration during capital review
Washroom (Memorial Park Lower West)	-Accessible entrance available -No automatic door openers -No accessible washroom facilities or sinks/taps		Identified barriers would be given consideration during capital review

INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			
	-No accessible trash receptacles		
Pavilion/Booth Kinhall (Memorial Park)	-No accessible entrance -No automatic door openers -No accessible washroom facilities or sinks/taps -No accessible trash receptacles -No resting areas -Handicapped picnic tables available		Identified barriers would be given consideration during capital review
Washroom (Irish Mountain Lookout)	-Handicap parking -No accessible entrance -No automatic door openers -No accessible washroom facilities or sinks/taps -No accessible trash receptacles		Identified barriers would be given consideration during capital review
Pavilion (Irish Mountain Lookout)	-Handicap parking -No accessible trash receptacles		
Washroom (St Vincent Park)	-Handicap parking -No accessible entrance -No automatic door openers -No accessible washroom facilities or sinks/taps	-Accessible trash receptacles in progress	Identified barriers would be given consideration during capital review
Picnic Pavilion (Bognor Park)	-No handicap parking spot -No accessible trash receptacles	-Handicap parking spot in progress	
Lakeview Cemetery (Office)	-No handicap parking spot -No accessible entrance -No automatic door openers -No accessible washroom facilities or sinks/taps	-Handicap parking spot in progress -Not for public use	Identified barriers would be given consideration during capital review

INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			
Lakeview Cemetery (Chapel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -No handicap parking spot -No accessible entrance -No automatic door openers -No accessible trash receptacles 	-Handicap parking spot in progress	Identified barriers would be given consideration during capital review
Beautiful Joe Park (Pavilion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Handicap parking -No accessible trash receptacles 		
New Fire Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Accessible entrance available -Automatic door opener -Accessible washroom facilities -Accessible parking 	-unpaved parking area	Identified barriers would be given consideration during capital review
Operations Centre/ St. Vincent Depot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -2 handicap parking spots -Accessible entrance available -No automatic door openers -No accessible washroom facilities or sinks/taps -No accessible kitchen taps 	-Not for public use (kitchen taps)	
Sydenham Depot / Office Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -1 handicap parking spot -Accessible entrance available -No automatic door openers - Accessible washroom facility but ordinary sinks/taps 		Identified barriers would be given consideration during capital review

APPENDIX 'F'
Township of Southgate
Addendum to Accessibility Plan

1.0 Introduction

The Township of Southgate is primarily a rural municipality. The Township of Southgate has a population of 7,200 and therefore as a municipality with population less than 10,000, the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA, 2005) does not require that Southgate form an Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC). The AODA does require that all municipalities implement an 'Accessibility Plan', which is to be made public. Under the terms of the AODA, organizations are accountable to their communities for accessibility improvements. The Municipal Council determined that participating in a joint AAC and Plan would benefit, as it would provide a mechanism for consulting with persons with disabilities and coordinating a plan with neighbouring municipalities.

The Municipal Council will annually review and approve the plan. The intent is to work towards removing the identified barriers over time, revising this Appendix as necessary.

1.1 Plan

The intention of this Plan is to provide clear policies on accessibility so that the municipality can integrate it into corporate, strategic and financial resource planning exercises, basically budgeting of time and resources. The AODA defines 'disability'.

The Council of the Township of Southgate passed Motion #121-03 to confirm their wish to participate on the joint Committee and Plan; however they retain the authority to approve any changes to this Appendix and the Plan, in co-operation with other parties to this plan.

1.2 Committee

The joint AAC will enable consultation with people with disabilities when new or expanded municipal facilities are planned. Assistance from community stakeholders and the perspective of persons with disabilities in identifying and implementing policy to work toward the removal of barriers is needed.

The joint AAC will enable consultation with people with disabilities when renovations to existing facilities are planned. Assistance from community stakeholders and the expertise of persons with disabilities is needed to identify and assist in removing barriers.

The Council may request that the AAC review and provide advice on other proposed institutional, industrial or commercial development, through the planning processes, as deemed necessary.

2.0 Goals and Objectives

- To comply with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.
- To identify barriers currently in the community and measures taken to date to address these constraints.
- To identify means of removing barriers and include them within future documents and planned community improvements.
- To include barrier-free criteria in assessing land use development proposals.

3.0 Barriers Identified

The 'Guide to Accessibility Planning' provided a table listing barriers. This table was used to assess public facilities found in this Appendix.

As can be seen from the list, some initiatives have already been undertaken in municipal public buildings, such as the administration office and community arenas, where barriers have been eliminated. Other initiatives such as the inclusion of policies and provisions in planning documents, such as the new zoning bylaw, have been completed. Further review of facilities and identification of barriers has occurred as part of this joint plan development process. Annual budget process will include consideration of improving compliance with AODA.

3.1 Implementation

- A list of all facilities has been assimilated, as attached.
- Action already taken to Eliminate or Reduce Barriers, as attached.
- Means to avoid new barriers and eliminate old ones, including status, options and actions.

3.2 Policies Affecting New Development Proposals

- New zoning bylaw contains provisions in regards to parking for the disabled, accessibility of structures. All other municipal bylaws will comply with the requirements of the AODA.
- Responsibilities, which include enforcing the barrier-free access requirements of the Ontario Building Code and implementing key accessibility considerations under the AODA, are crucial roles for local municipalities involved with development and building approvals.
- Site Plan Control review process may be amended to include the AAC in an advisory capacity, recognizing the insight they provide when meeting AODA requirements.

3.3 Annual Review Program

- The Municipality shall undertake an assessment of each of its community facilities to identify barriers, and monitor these facilities through the year.
- Subsequent to the assessment, the Municipality will reestablish priorities and include works to eliminate barriers in the budgeting plan.

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES INVENTORY			
Location/Facility	Barrier Type - Description	Strategy for Removal and/or Prevention	Status/Actions
Municipal Administration Office	<i>Physical/Architectural barrier-</i> Door Bathroom Entrance from outside	Not automatic Main floor but Non-accessible Accessible Handicap parking; paved parking lot	
Information Access	<i>Informational/ Technological barrier-</i> Making information available outside of the office or phone	Website	Work in progress
Planning Policy	<i>Policy/Practice barrier-</i> Older policies developed prior to ODA have limited reference	Zoning Bylaw and Official Plan	When scheduled for review When scheduled for review
	<i>Information barrier-</i> Signs	Need large type face and Braille on all signs.	Capital review
Arena – Dundalk	Entrance – Auto Door Openers – Handicap Parking – Parking Lot – Curb Cuts – Accessible Drinking Fountains – Resting Area – Public Telephones – Accessible Washrooms – Washroom location (Barrier Floor) – Accessible washroom sinks & taps - Accessible kitchen sinks & taps – Upper/lower floor access – Stage Access –	Yes No Yes Paved N/A Yes Yes No Yes Yes No No No / Yes N/A	

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES INVENTORY			
Location/Facility	Barrier Type - Description	Strategy for Removal and/or Prevention	Status/Actions
	Accessible washroom sinks & taps - Accessible kitchen sinks & taps - Upper/lower floor access - Stage Access -	Yes No N/Y N/A	
Library Library (Continued)	Entrance - Auto Door Openers - Handicap Parking - Parking Lot - Curb Cuts - Accessible Drinking Fountains - Resting Area - Public Telephones - Accessible Washrooms - Washroom location (Barrier Floor) - Accessible washroom sinks & taps - Accessible kitchen sinks & taps - Upper/lower floor access - Stage Access -	No No No N/A Yes N/A N/A No No No No No No N/N N/A	
Old Town Hall; Dundalk	Entrance - Auto Door Openers - Handicap Parking - Parking Lot - Curb Cuts - Accessible Drinking Fountains - Resting Area - Public Telephones - Accessible Washrooms - Washroom location (Barrier Floor) - Accessible washroom sinks & taps - Accessible kitchen sinks & taps - Upper/lower floor access - Stage Access -	Yes No No N/A Yes N/A N/A No No Yes No No No Y/Y Yes	
Old Municipal Office; Egremont	Entrance - Auto Door Openers - Handicap Parking - Parking Lot - Curb Cuts -	Yes No No Gravel N/A	

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES INVENTORY			
Location/Facility	Barrier Type - Description	Strategy for Removal and/or Prevention	Status/Actions
	Accessible Drinking Fountains – Resting Area – Public Telephones – Accessible Washrooms – Washroom location (Barrier Floor) – Accessible washroom sinks & taps - Accessible kitchen sinks & taps – Upper/lower floor access – Stage Access –	N/A N/A No No Yes No No N/Y N/A	
Pool Change House	Entrance – Auto Door Openers – Handicap Parking – Parking Lot – Curb Cuts – Accessible Drinking Fountains – Resting Area – Public Telephones – Accessible Washrooms – Washroom location (Barrier Floor) – Accessible washroom sinks & taps - Accessible kitchen sinks & taps – Upper/lower floor access – Stage Access –	Yes No No Paved N/A N/A Yes No No Yes No No N/A N/A	
Landfill Site Equipment Storage	Entrance – Auto Door Openers – Handicap Parking – Parking Lot – Curb Cuts – Accessible Drinking Fountains – Resting Area – Public Telephones – Accessible Washrooms – Washroom location (Barrier Floor) – Accessible washroom sinks & taps - Accessible kitchen sinks & taps – Upper/lower floor access – Stage Access –	Yes No No Gravel N/A N/A N/A No N/A N/A No No N/A N/A	

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES INVENTORY			
Location/Facility	Barrier Type - Description	Strategy for Removal and/or Prevention	Status/Actions
Landfill Site Recyclable Building	Entrance – Auto Door Openers – Handicap Parking – Parking Lot – Curb Cuts – Accessible Drinking Fountains – Resting Area – Public Telephones – Accessible Washrooms – Washroom location (Barrier Floor) –	Yes No No Gravel N/A N/A N/A No N/A N/A	
Landfill Site Recyclable Building (Continued)	Accessible washroom sinks & taps - Accessible kitchen sinks & taps – Upper/lower floor access – Stage Access –	No No N/A N/A	
Landfill Site; Office Building	Entrance – Auto Door Openers – Handicap Parking – Parking Lot – Curb Cuts – Accessible Drinking Fountains – Resting Area – Public Telephones – Accessible Washrooms – Washroom location (Barrier Floor) – Accessible washroom sinks & taps - Accessible kitchen sinks & taps – Upper/lower floor access – Stage Access –	Yes No No Paved N/A N/A N/A No Yes Yes Yes No N/A N/A	
Landfill Site; Special Waste	Entrance – Auto Door Openers – Handicap Parking – Parking Lot – Curb Cuts –	Yes No No Gravel N/A	

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES INVENTORY

Location/Facility	Barrier Type - Description	Strategy for Removal and/or Prevention	Status/Actions
	Accessible Drinking Fountains – Resting Area – Public Telephones – Accessible Washrooms – Washroom location (Barrier Floor) – Accessible washroom sinks & taps - Accessible kitchen sinks & taps – Upper/lower floor access – Stage Access –	N/A N/A No N/A N/A No No N/A N/A	
Equipment Depot; Egremont	Entrance – Auto Door Openers – Handicap Parking – Parking Lot – Curb Cuts – Accessible Drinking Fountains – Resting Area – Public Telephones – Accessible Washrooms – Washroom location (Barrier Floor) – Accessible washroom sinks & taps - Accessible kitchen sinks & taps – Upper/lower floor access – Stage Access –	Yes No No Gravel N/A N/A N/A No No Yes No No No N/A	
Equipment Depot; Dundalk	Entrance – Auto Door Openers – Handicap Parking – Parking Lot – Curb Cuts – Accessible Drinking Fountains – Resting Area – Public Telephones – Accessible Washrooms – Washroom location (Barrier Floor) – Accessible washroom sinks & taps -	Yes No No Gravel N/A N/A N/A No No Yes No	

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES INVENTORY			
Location/Facility	Barrier Type - Description	Strategy for Removal and/or Prevention	Status/Actions
	Accessible kitchen sinks & taps – Upper/lower floor access – Stage Access –	No No N/A	



APPENDIX 'G' **The Blue Mountains** **Addendum to Accessibility Plan**

1.0 Introduction

The Town of The Blue Mountains is a blend of rural and urban communities. The Town of The Blue Mountains has a population of approximately 6,000 and therefore as a municipality with population less than 10,000, the Ontarians with Disabilities Act (ODA, 2001) does not require that The Blue Mountains form an Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC). The ODA does require that all municipalities implement an 'Accessibility Plan', which is to be made public. Under the terms of the ODA, organizations are accountable to their communities for accessibility improvements. The Municipal Council determined that participating in a joint AAC and Plan would benefit, as it would provide a mechanism for consulting with persons with disabilities and coordinating a plan with neighbouring municipalities.

The Municipal Council will annually review and approve the plan. The intent is to work towards removing the identified barriers over time, revising this Appendix as necessary.

1.1 Plan

The intention of this Plan is to provide clear policies on accessibility so that the municipality can integrate it into corporate, strategic and financial resource planning exercises, basically budgeting of time and resources. The ODA defines 'disability'.

Municipal Council provided confirmation of their wish to participate on the joint Committee and Plan; however they retain the authority to approve any changes to this Appendix and the Plan, in co-operation with other parties to this plan.

1.2 Committee

The joint AAC will enable consultation with people with disabilities when new or expanded municipal facilities are planned. Assistance from community stakeholders and the perspective of persons with disabilities in identifying and implementing policy to work toward the removal of barriers is needed.

The joint AAC will enable consultation with people with disabilities when renovations to existing facilities are planned. Assistance from community stakeholders and the expertise of persons with disabilities is needed to identify and assist in the implementation of works to remove barriers.

The Council may request that the AAC review and provide advice on other proposed institutional, industrial or commercial development, through the planning processes, as deemed necessary.

2.0 Goals and Objectives

- To comply with the Ontarians with Disabilities Act.
- To identify barriers currently in the community and measures taken to date to address these constraints.
- To identify means of removing barriers and include them within future documents and planned community improvements.
- To include barrier-free criteria in assessing land use development proposals.

3.0 Barriers Identified

The 'Guide to Accessibility Planning' provided a table listing barriers. This table was used to assess public facilities found in this Appendix.

As can be seen from the list some initiatives have already been undertaken in municipal public buildings, such as administration office and community arenas, where barriers have been eliminated. Other initiatives such as the inclusion of policies and provisions in planning documents, such as the new zoning bylaw, have been completed. Further review of facilities and identification of barriers has occurred as part of this joint plan development process. Annual budget process will include consideration of improving compliance with ODA

3.1 Implementation

- A list of all facilities has been assimilated, as attached.
- Action Already taken to Eliminate or Reduce Barriers, as attached.
- Means to avoid new barriers and eliminate old ones, including status, options and actions.

3.2 Policies Affecting New Development Proposals

- New zoning bylaw contains provisions in regard to handicapped parking, accessibility of structures. All other municipal bylaws will comply with the requirements of the ODA.
- Responsibilities, which include enforcing the barrier-free access requirements of the Ontario Building Code and implementing key accessibility considerations under the ODA, are crucial roles for local municipalities involved with development and building approvals.
- Site Plan Control review process may be amended to include the AAC in an advisory capacity, recognizing the insight they provide when meeting ODA requirements.

3.3 Annual Review Program

- The Municipality shall undertake an assessment of each of its community facilities to identify barriers, and monitor these facilities through the year.
- Subsequent to the assessment, the Municipality will reestablish priorities and include works to eliminate barriers in the budgeting plan.

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES INVENTORY - 2009			
Location/Facility	Barrier Type - Description	Strategy for Removal Prevention	Status/Action
Ravenna Community Hall	Barrier-free	New entrance and washroom constructed in 2009	Newly constructed
OPP Sub-station Clark Street	Barrier-free	New facility constructed in 2009	Newly constructed
Parks and Recreation works building	Barrier-free	New facility constructed in 2009	Newly constructed
Municipal Office 26 Bridge Street	No automatic door openers	Existing facility proposed to be replaced	Proposed facility to be barrier-free
Sound amplification system in Council meetings	Address audio-challenged	In operation summer 2008	Ongoing
Audio signal crosswalk – Bridge Street (Hwy. 26)	Address sight-challenged	In operation autumn 2007	Ongoing
Solid Waste Disposal Site Operations Bldg.	Barrier-free washroom	Automatic doors not yet installed	Newly constructed
Beaver River Viewing Platform	Barrier-free	N/A	Newly constructed
Craighleith Depot restoration	Barrier-free	N/A	Newly re-constructed
Jozo Weider Boulevard reconstruction	Dropped curbs at intersections	N/A	Newly re-constructed
Beaver Valley Community Centre 81 Victoria St.	Main floor full access Upper level not accessible	Budget consideration Architectural consideration	Schedule for installation
L.E. Shore Memorial Library 175 Bruce St.	Full access		

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES INVENTORY - 2009

Thornbury Harbour Bruce St. N.	No automatic door openers Upper office area not accessible	Budget consideration Architectural consideration	Schedule for installation
Little Beaver River Park Cottage St.	No automatic door openers	Budget consideration	Schedule for installation
Fire Hall No. 1 Grey Rd 2 & Clark St.	No automatic door openers	Budget consideration	Schedule for installation
Bayview Park Bay St.	No automatic door openers Non access washroom	Budget consideration Architectural consideration	Schedule for installation
Ravenna Works Yard Ravenna	No automatic door openers Non accessible steps None access washroom	Budget consideration Architectural consideration	Schedule for installation
Ravenna Park Grey Rd. 2 Ravenna	Non accessible portable washroom	Budget consideration	Schedule for installation
Northwinds Beach Craigleith	No automatic door opener	Budget consideration	Schedule for installation
Nipissing Ridge Tennis Court Blueski George Cres.	Non-accessible portable washroom	Budget consideration	Schedule for installation
Fire Hall No. 2 Grey Rd. 19 / Kandahar Lane	No automatic door opener	Budget consideration	Schedule for installation
Information Access	Website posting of all notices, meeting agendas, minutes Offered upon diskette upon request No braille services	Braille information consideration	Staff, Budget review

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES INVENTORY - 2009

<p>Planning Policy</p>	<p>Official Plan and Zoning By-law contain no reference Site Plan Approval based on Building Code requirements</p>	<p>Amend Official Plan and Zoning By-law to recognize Accessibility Issues Amend Zoning By-law to require disable parking spaces on private lands</p>	<p>Staff review</p>
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APPENDIX 'H' The Municipality of West Grey Addendum to Accessibility Plan

1.0 Introduction

The Municipality of West Grey is an urban/rural municipality. The Municipality of West Grey has a population of 12,000 and therefore as a municipality with population more than 10,000, the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA, 2005) does require that West Grey form an Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC). The AODA does require that all municipalities implement an 'Accessibility Plan', which is to be made public. Under the terms of the AODA, organizations are accountable to their communities for accessibility improvements. The Municipal Council determined that participating in a joint AAC and Plan would benefit, as it would provide a mechanism for consulting with persons with disabilities and coordinating a plan with neighbouring municipalities.

The Municipal Council will annually review and approve the plan. The intent is to work towards removing the identified barriers over time, revising this Appendix as necessary.

1.1 Plan

The intention of this Plan is to provide clear policies on accessibility so that the municipality can integrate it into corporate, strategic and financial resource planning exercises, basically budgeting of time and resources. The AODA defines 'disability'.

Municipal Council passed Motion #398-02 to confirm their wish to participate on the joint Committee and Plan, however they retain the authority to approve any changes to this Appendix and the Plan, in co-operation with other parties to this plan.

1.2 Committee

- The joint AAC will enable consultation with people with disabilities when new or expanded municipal facilities are planned. Assistance from community stakeholders and the perspective of persons with disabilities in identifying and implementing policy to work toward the removal of barriers is needed.
- The joint AAC will enable consultation with people with disabilities when renovations to existing facilities are planned. Assistance from community stakeholders and the expertise of persons with disabilities is needed to identify and assist in the implementation of works to remove barriers.
- The Council may request that the AAC review and provide advice on other proposed institutional, industrial or commercial development, through the planning processes, as deemed necessary.

2.0 Goals and Objectives

- To comply with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.
- To identify barriers currently in the community and measures taken to date to address these constraints.
- To identify means of removing barriers and include them within future documents and planned community improvements.
- To include barrier-free criteria in assessing land use development proposals.

3.0 Barriers Identified

The 'Guide to Accessibility Planning' provided a table listing barriers. This table was used to assess public facilities found in this Appendix.

As can be seen from the list some initiatives have already been undertaken in municipal public buildings, such as administration office and community arenas, where barriers have been eliminated. Other initiatives such as the inclusion of policies and provisions in planning documents, such as the new zoning bylaw, have been completed. Further review of facilities and identification of barriers has occurred as part of this joint plan development process. Annual budget process will include consideration of improving compliance with AODA.

3.1 Implementation

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- Means to avoid new barriers and eliminate old ones, including status, options and actions.

3.2 Policies Affecting New Development Proposals

- New zoning bylaw contains provisions in regard to handicapped parking, accessibility of structures. All other municipal bylaws will comply with the requirements of the AODA.
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3.3 Annual Review Program

- The Municipality shall undertake an assessment of each of its community facilities to identify barriers, and monitor these facilities through the year.
- Subsequent to the assessment, the Municipality will reestablish priorities and include works to eliminate barriers in the budgeting plan.

INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			
Location/Facility	Barrier Type - Description	Strategy for Removal Prevention	Status/Actions
<i>Municipal Office</i>	<i>Physical/Architectural barrier-</i>		All identified barriers

West Grey Police Services	Men's and Ladies washroom door openings too narrow and small in size. Lower level accessible from outside the bldg only Unisex washroom on lower level has 8 inch step (to allow for proper sewage drainage)		will be given consideration during capital review by Council and/or designated Committees
<i>West Grey Libraries</i>			
Durham Br	Front and back entrance non accessible No automatic door openers No handicap parking Sloped parking lot No resting areas No accessible washroom including sinks and taps Upper/Lower level non accessible		
Elmwood Br	No automatic door openers No handicap parking No resting areas No wheelchair accessible washrooms including sinks and taps		
Neustadt Br	No automatic door openers No handicap parking No resting areas No wheelchair accessible washrooms including sinks and taps Washroom location barrier Upper/Lower level non accessible		
Normanby Br (School Location)	No automatic door openers Handicap parking No resting area. Wheelchair accessible washrooms including sinks and taps		
INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			
Location/Facility	Barrier Type - Description	Strategy for Removal Prevention	Status/Actions
<i>Recreation</i>			
Durham District Community Centre	Handicap Push Button door openers at arena entrance –	No automatic doors for washrooms.	

	side only Men's & Women's Washrooms are wheelchair accessible; completed in 2004	Upper/Lower level non accessible (no elevator)	
Durham Community Hall or "Town Hall"	Washrooms and doors are wheelchair accessible. No Auto Door openers No access to 2 nd floor and basement		Wheelchair access in place to 1 st floor.
Normanby Arena	No Auto Door openers No resting areas 2 Handicap parking spots 1 access drinking fountain 1 public telephone		Washrooms and 2 doors are wheelchair accessible.
Centennial Hall; Ayton	Washrooms and 1 door are wheelchair accessible. No Auto Door openers No Handicap parking 1 curb cut 1 access drinking fountain 1 public telephone		Upgrades made to washrooms as part of renovations in 2007. Wheelchair access in place. Ramp for exterior side entrance to washroom, and auto door openers for front entrance, to be completed in 2007
Neustadt Arena	Washrooms and 2 doors are wheelchair accessible. No Auto Door openers No curb cuts No resting areas No Handicap parking spots 1 access drinking fountain 1 public telephone		Wheelchair access in place. Handicap faucets installed.
Neustadt Community Hall			
INVENTORY MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			
Location/Facility	Barrier Type - Description	Strategy for Removal Prevention	Status/Actions
Neustadt Park	No automatic door openers No handicap parking No curb cuts No resting area		

Glenelg Hall	Entrance Accessible but washrooms are not.		Ongoing consideration to investigate if there is a way to make the washrooms wheelchair accessible.
Lamlash Hall	Washrooms and doors are wheelchair accessible.		Wheelchair access in place.
<i>Public Works</i> Glenelg Works Shed	Washrooms and doors are not wheelchair accessible.		Ongoing consideration to be given in a future budget.
Normanby Works Shed	Washrooms and doors are not wheelchair accessible.		Ongoing consideration to be given in a future budget.
Bentinck Works Shed	Washrooms and doors are not wheelchair accessible.		Ongoing consideration to be given in a future budget.
Durham Works Shed	Washrooms and Doors are wheelchair accessible		Wheelchair access in place
Information Access	<i>Informational/ Technological barrier-</i> Making information available outside of the office or phone	Website	Work in progress
Location/Facility	Barrier Type - Description	Strategy for Removal Prevention	Status/Actions
Planning Policy	<i>Policy/Practice barrier-</i> Older policies developed prior to AODA have limited reference	Zoning Bylaw and Official Plan	When scheduled for review When scheduled for review
	<i>Information barrier-</i>		

	Signs	Need large type face and Braille on all signs	Capital review
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