

STAFF REPORT: Administration



REPORT TO: Council
MEETING DATE: September 24, 2007
REPORT NO.: A.07.25
SUBJECT: Grey County Joint Accessibility Plan - 2007 Update
PREPARED BY: Stephen Keast, Clerk

A. Recommendation

THAT Council receive Report A.07.25, "Joint Accessibility Plan – 2007 Update" and further does adopt the attached Municipal Facilities Inventory for forwarding to the County of Grey for inclusion as an Appendix to the Joint Accessibility Plan as part of the 2007 Plan update.

B. Background

The *Ontarians with disabilities Act, 2001* (ODA) requires that each municipality in Ontario prepare an accessibility plan with annual updates detailing how it is planned to improve opportunities for persons with disabilities and to provide for their involvement in the identification and removal of barriers to access.

Municipalities with less than 10,000 population are not required to form their own Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) and may participate through a joint upper tier planning process. To that end the Town has participated in a planning exercise through the County of Grey Accessibility Advisory Committee by way of the Town Clerk having membership on a Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC) which acts to support the County of Grey AAC.

The County of Grey Joint Accessibility Plan is updated annually with any new or recent renovations or construction providing increased accessibility being noted. The attached Municipal Facilities Inventory is attached to the Joint Plan as an Appendix, there being an Appendix for each participating municipality.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

Supporting the development of social and recreational programs to meet the broad range of needs in the community.

D. Budget Impact

None beyond any original capital budget planning.

E. Attached (Relevant documentation not personal information about an identifiable person)

Municipal Facilities Inventory

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Keast