

STAFF REPORT: Administration



REPORT TO: Finance and Administration
Committee
MEETING DATE: April 19, 2011
REPORT NO.: CEDC.11.08
SUBJECT: Grey County Joint Accessibility Plan -
2011 Update
PREPARED BY: Lisa Kidd, Communications and
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A. Recommendation

THAT Council receive Report CEDC.11.08, "Grey County Joint Accessibility Plan – 2011 Update" and;

THAT Council approve 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 2011 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 plans 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 Communications and Economic Development Coordinator 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. The attached Municipal Facilities Inventory, pending approval by Council, will be attached to the Joint Plan as an Appendix, there being an Appendix for each participating municipality.

Municipal facilities not typically accessed by the public are excluded from this inventory.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

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

D. Environmental Impacts

Greenhouse gas emissions during construction. Energy savings following construction and re-construction.

E. Financial Impact

As contained in original capital budget planning and Council approval.

F. Attached

Attachment 1- Municipal Facilities Inventory - 2011

Respectfully submitted,

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| MUNICIPAL FACILITIES INVENTORY - 2011 | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| Location/Facility | Barrier Type - Description | Strategy for Removal/ Prevention | Status/Action |
| Ravenna Community Hall | Barrier-free | N/A | Complete |
| OPP Station Clark Street | Barrier-free | N/A | Complete |
| Municipal Office 26 Bridge Street | No automatic door openers | Existing facility to be replaced | Proposed facility to be barrier-free May 2011 |
| Sound amplification system in Council meetings | Poor audio quality | New amplification system will be installed as part of the new Municipal Office | New amplification system to be operable May 2011 |
| Audio signal crosswalk – Bridge Street (Hwy. 26) | Barrier-free | N/A | Complete |
| Beaver River Viewing Platform | Barrier-free | N/A | Complete |
| Craigeith Depot | Barrier-free | N/A | Complete |
| Jozo Weider Boulevard reconstruction | Dropped curbs at intersections | N/A | Complete |
| 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. | Barrier-free | N/A | Complete |
| 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 |

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| Location/Facility | Barrier Type - Description | Strategy for Removal/ Prevention | Status/Action |
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| Bayview Park Bay St. | No automatic door openers Non-accessible 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 |
| Municipal Information | Alternative formats available upon request | N/A | Complete |
| Planning Policy | Official Plan and Zoning By-law contain no reference Site Plan Approval based on Building Code requirements | Amend Official Plan and Zoning By-law to recognize Accessibility Issues Amend Zoning By-law to require disable parking spaces on private lands | Currently under review |