

STAFF REPORT: Administration



REPORT TO: Finance and Administration Committee
MEETING DATE: November 18, 2008
REPORT NO.: A.08.15
SUBJECT: Grey County Joint Accessibility Plan - 2008 Update
PREPARED BY: Stephen Keast, Clerk

A. Recommendation

THAT Council receive Report A.08.15, "Joint Accessibility Plan – 2008 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 2008 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.

The first four entries in the attached Municipal Facilities Inventory represent new accessible initiatives. Reference to municipal works plant has been removed from the Inventory as per other municipal inventories in the Joint Plan. These facilities are not normally accessible to the public and approved job descriptions would direct accessibility features.

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. Environmental Impacts

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

E. Budget Impact

As contained in original capital budget planning and Council approval.

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

Municipal Facilities Inventory

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Keast

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES INVENTORY - 2008			
Location/Facility	Barrier Type - Description	Strategy for Removal Prevention	Status/Action
Ravenna Community Hall	Barrier-free	New entrance and washroom facilities tendered in 2008	Newly constructed
OPP Sub-station Clark Street	Barrier-free	New facility tendered in 2008	Completed spring 2009
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 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
Craigleith Depot restoration	Barrier-free	N/A	Newly re-constructed
Jozo Weider Boulevard reconstruction	Dropped curbs at intersections	N/A	Newly re-constructed
Municipal Office 26 Bridge St.	No automatic door openers	Budget consideration	Schedule for installation
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		
Thornbury Harbour Office Bruce St. N.	No automatic door openers Upper office area not accessible	Budget consideration Architectural consideration	Schedule for installation
Fire Hall No. 1 Grey Rd 2	No automatic door openers	Budget consideration	Schedule for installation

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Bayview Park Bay St.	No automatic door openers Non access washroom	Budget consideration Architectural consideration	Schedule for installation
Thornbury Harbour Washroom Bldg.	No automatic door openers	Budget 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
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	Staff review