

**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,

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Stephen Keast

| <b>MUNICIPAL FACILITIES INVENTORY - 2008</b>     |   |   |                           |
|--|---|---|---------------------------|
| <b>Location/Facility</b>                         | <b>Barrier Type - Description</b>                             | <b>Strategy for Removal Prevention</b>                | <b>Status/Action</b>      |
| 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<br>Upper level not accessible          | Budget consideration<br>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<br>Upper office area not accessible | Budget consideration<br>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<br>Bay St.                                    | No automatic door<br>openers<br>Non access washroom  | Budget consideration<br><br>Architectural consideration   | Schedule for<br>installation |
| Thornbury<br>Harbour<br>Washroom Bldg.                     | No automatic door<br>openers   | Budget consideration  | Schedule for<br>installation |
| Ravenna Park<br>Grey Rd. 2<br>Ravenna                      | Non accessible<br>portable washroom  | Budget consideration  | Schedule for<br>installation |
| Northwinds Beach<br>Craigeleith                            | No automatic door<br>opener  | Budget consideration  | Schedule for<br>installation |
| Nipissing Ridge<br>Tennis Court<br>Blueski George<br>Cres. | Non-accessible<br>portable washroom  | Budget consideration  | Schedule for<br>installation |
| Fire Hall No. 2<br>Grey Rd. 19 /<br>Kandahar Lane          | No automatic door<br>opener  | Budget consideration  | Schedule for<br>installation |
| Information<br>Access                                      | Website posting of all<br>notices, meeting<br>agendas, minutes<br>Offered upon diskette<br>upon request<br>No braille services | Braille information<br>consideration  | Staff, Budget<br>review      |
| Planning Policy  | Official Plan and<br>Zoning By-law<br>contain no reference<br>Site Plan Approval<br>based on Building<br>Code requirements     | Amend Official Plan and<br>Zoning By-law to recognize<br>Accessibility Issues<br>Amend Zoning By-law to<br>require disable parking spaces<br>on private lands | Staff review                 |