

## **West Grey Accessibility Advisory Committee**

### **Minutes**

March 11, 2020, 7:00pm  
Durham Arena Board Room

**Present:** Todd Stodard (co-chair), Cheryl Lindsay (co-chair), Jennifer Lang, Doug Townsend, Geoffrey Shea (secretary)

**Guests:** Jackie Robertson, Pam Michels

**Regrets:** Andrew McLean

**Call to Order:** Cheryl called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

**Approve the Agenda** - Moved: Doug, Second: Jennifer, passed.

**Approve the Minutes from the Last Meeting** - Moved: Jennifer, Second: Doug, passed.

### **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

Cheryl suggested that we move forward with providing an affordable, small-ramp solution to area businesses like StopGap.ca does. Since we don't have a local highschool woodshop, perhaps we could use local contractors or LaunchPad. Doug reported that LaunchPad is being supported economically by the West Grey Economic Development Committee. Also that the Community Improvement Plan will have funds for ramps. He will follow up the Economic Development.

### **New Business:**

Pam reported that Foodland is offering sensory-friendly shopping times for people who are hyper-sensitive to noise and light. If they have not publicized this in the media, perhaps we should, to encourage these kinds of initiatives.

Todd proposed that we consider developing a newsletter. Jen thought that Spotlight and the Post could be used to inform the public about accessibility issues and initiatives. Jackie supported using Spotlight and talked about a newsletter for womyn that she worked on with good effect. Geoffrey said he would invite Jonathon Zettel, West Grey staff in charge of communication to a future meeting.

Jackie also wanted to ensure that accessibility extended to all services including parks and managed forests.

Cheryl reported that she has been using the app: AccessNow to rate the accessibility of public and retail locations in West Grey. She encouraged others to start using it and thought it could become an item to mention in a future newsletter. She has been keeping a spreadsheet of the number of steps at Durham businesses.

Doug thought Google Maps might be doing something similar.

The Chamber of Commerce is having their Annual General Meeting Wed. April 29. We discussed making a presentation to businesses there to advise about accessibility options. Cheryl will follow up with Nella, the president.

Todd suggested that the committee should offer to coordinate with the Municipality of West Grey as they develop their new Accessibility Plan.

We will ask to be on the distribution list for Grey County's Accessibility Committee to ensure we are not duplicating efforts.

Next Meeting: Wed. April 15, 2020 at the Durham Arena Boardroom.

Adjournment: Moved: Cheryl, passed.

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Co-Chair

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Secretary - Geoffrey Shea