

West Grey Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes

September 2, 2020, 7:00pm

Online(Zoom)

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

Guests: Jonathan Zettel (Office of the CAO), Vance Czerwinski, Director of Public Works, Lindsey Glazier, Administrative assistant, clerk's office

Regrets: Andrew McLean

Call to Order: Cheryl called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Approve the Agenda - Moved: Jennifer, Second: Todd, passed.

Approve the Minutes from the Last Meeting - deferred

Business Arising from the Minutes:

New Business:

Jonathan Zettel introduced West Grey's draft Multi-year Accessibility Plan; sent Sept 1/20. The group discussed some of the topics therein, including local bus service. We wanted to ensure there would be accessible parking near any bus stops setup in West Grey. Vance offered to follow up.

Resolution: Recommend to West Grey Council that they try to ensure that the Grey County Flesherton to Walkerton routes uses accessible buses. Moved: Cheryl, Seconded: Todd. Passed.

There was discussion of partnering with Stop Gap to provide ad hoc ramps to West Grey businesses. Jonathan suggested that service clubs might be best local partners. Cheryl to follow up with Durham Lions.

Jen inquired about the plans to increase accessibility to the Durham Town Hall. Geoffrey to inquire and report back.

Access to the hospital through the parking lot and the steep ramp at the emergency entrance were identified as problems. There is no sidewalk access and pedestrians have to duck under a chain to enter.

Resolution: Recommend to West Grey that they coordinate with the hospital to ensure that there is sidewalk access to the south entrance of the hospital and that the ramp meets current standards. Moved: Jen, seconded: Cheryl. Passed

Doug was asked about using newly available West Grey Community Improvement Program funds for accessible upgrades for businesses. He indicated this was possible and that more information would be coming soon.

Todd asked if there were any impacts of Covid on accessibility improvements. Vance indicated that there were problems with availability of materials but that for the most part projects were moving forward.

Next Meeting: Oct. 7, 2020, 7:00pm on Zoom unless otherwise notified.

Adjournment: Moved: Cheryl, seconded: Todd. Passed.

Co-Chair

Secretary - Geoffrey Shea