



MINUTES (Draft)
West Grey Local Accessibility Advisory Committee
November 12, 2020, 7:00pm
Online (Zoom)

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

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

Approval of Agenda: Moved: Todd, Second: Doug, passed.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest (direct or indirect): N/A

Approval of Oct. 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Moved: Jen, Second: Todd, passed.

Delegations: N/A

Business Arising from the Previous Meeting

Grey Road 4 Bus Stop. Doug reported that the GOST has created a bus stop in the Credit Union parking lot. That parking lot has a single accessible parking space. The committee discussed the situation where a bus rider parks in that space for the day while they are on a trip.

Recommended: That the the Chair(s) raise the issue of the single accessible parking space being occupied for long periods of time due to bus users parking there, with the Municipality of West Grey. Moved: Jen; seconded: Andrew. Passed.

Cheryl has discussed delivering StopGap approved wheelchair ramps to local businesses with Durham Lions club members Gord and Sheena Becker. Gord has offered to build a prototype (for less than the \$300 StopGap estimates) before our next meeting. Then we can plan steps to engage service clubs and businesses in the urban centres within West Grey to roll out this as a municipal-wide service.

Cheryl deferred further discussion comparing AccessNow and Google Maps for collecting and disseminating barrier-free venues and accessible barrier with West Grey.

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New Business

The committee noted that West Grey has discussed creating public washrooms in Durham. It was felt that these should be fully accessible. Geoffrey mentioned Portland Loo as a ready to install, permanent, accessible public washroom, for about \$120,000. Cheryl mentioned that there are excellent accessible porta-potties available to rent for about \$220/day (or week).

Todd will follow up with Doug Hutchinson to see if this would be connected to initiatives he is discussing vis-à-vis the Riverside Park or Durham trail system.

Todd is preparing a presentation about this committee's activities for presentation to groups including West Grey Council and others but is waiting for biographical material from one member! He will bring the final presentation to a future meeting.

Correspondence - NA

Articles of Interest - NA

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 7:00pm

Adjournment: Moved: Cheryl, Second: Todd, passed.

Co-Chair

Secretary