



**MINUTES (Draft)**  
**West Grey Local Accessibility Advisory Committee**  
**January 20, 2021, 7:00pm**  
**Online (Zoom)**

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

**Regrets:** Pam Michels, Andrew McLean

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved: Todd, Second: Jen, passed.

**Approval of Nov. 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes:** Moved: Todd, Second: Jen, passed.

**Delegations:** N/A

**Business Arising from the Previous Meeting**

Accessibility Grant – Geoffrey reported that the West Grey received the recommendation of this committee to apply for funding to make the Durham Town Hall more accessible and an application was submitted.

Accessibility Inventory – The committee reaffirmed its plan to develop an inventory of accessibility challenges in each built up area (Durham, Ayton, Elmwood, Neustadt). Cheryl has developed a spreadsheet based on Access Now criteria and will share it with the members. Geoffrey shared information about the Elmwood Community Centre accessibility inventory conducted jointly between local people and the Bruce County Accessibility Committee. Perhaps we could initiate similar collaborations with Grey County (after Covid). **Attachment: Accessibility - Elmwood Community Centre Accessibility Tour**

Recruit Members – Todd noted that we should recruit new members, especially from the areas other than Durham. We will ask West Grey to participate in that recruitment. Cheryl will share notes about the roles and responsibilities.

Stop Gap Style Ramps – Cheryl had spoken to Gord and Sheena Becker about creating small portable ramps for area businesses. There are concerns about if West Grey or this committee can be involved in construction that may not be AODA compliant. Also liability is an issue; Stop Gap asks all businesses receiving a ramp to sign a waiver.

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Cheryl will reach out to Tim Dyck at the BIA to see if they could be the sponsor of this project.

Accessible Public Washrooms – Todd discussed this matter with Councillor Doug Hutchinson. Perhaps an accessible porta-potty could be installed seasonally.

### **New Business**

Hospital accessibility issues – It was acknowledged that the access to the south entrance has been recently improved. Cheryl reported a recent experience at the hospital where she was denied access to accessible washrooms, partly due to covid-related measures.

**Recommendation: That the committee will share Cheryl's experience and concerns with West Grey, in the hope that West Grey may be able to have a dialogue with the Durham hospital administrators about these challenges.** Moved: Todd, Seconded: Jen, passed.

Fundraising – It was decided not to engage in fundraising at this time.

### **Correspondence - NA**

### **Articles of Interest - NA**

**Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 7:00pm

**Adjournment:** Moved: Jen, Second: Todd, passed.

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Co-Chair

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Secretary

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## Meeting Notes

To: Elmwood Community Centre

From: Fiona Hamilton, Clerk

Date: November 4, 2019

RE: Elmwood Community Centre Accessibility Tour – October 24, 2019

This document summarizes the recommendations from the Elmwood Community Centre Accessibility Tour that was held in conjunction with the Bruce County Accessibility Committee, the Municipality of Brockton staff and the Elmwood Community Centre Board.

### Exterior – Kitchen Door Entrance

- The door should have an automatic door opener with the far door being the one that opens
- The slope of the cement leading to the door is not 12 to 1 and since the slope is a double slope it is very difficult to maneuver with a cane.
- The slope of the cement should have a hand rail to assist with going up and down the slope
- There is a lip in the cement that should either be sanded down or at the least painted yellow

### Exterior – Pavilion

- Bars in the bathroom should be horizontal and vertical
- Bathroom doors should be marked accessible
- Toilet dispensers should be closer to the toilet
- Two handed dispenser for paper towel is difficult if you only have ability with one hand to pull (very common given arthritis, people after strokes, etc.)
- A wheel chair cannot fit under the fountain

### Exterior - Front Entrance

- The door should have an automatic door opener with the right door being the one that opens
- There is a lip between the outside landing area and the front door. It should be level to get into the building

### Interior – Main Floor Bathroom

- None of the bathrooms in the main floor bathroom are accessible;
- The self-closing door is very difficult to use and people in wheelchairs can get stuck in the door if it is self-closing.;
- The far bathroom the end stall is not big enough to turn around if in a wheelchair;
- The latches in the bathroom should be the larger kind, and not a small latch
- There is decorative wood paneling under the sink that prohibits the ability of a wheel chair fitting under the sink which makes the sink inaccessible.
- Bars in the bathroom should be horizontal and vertical

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- If there was an accessible washroom it should have an automatic door to the stall. The stall doors are currently spring loaded and it makes it very difficult to use

Interior – Bar area

- Inside the bar area is okay and there are no accessibility concerns

Interior – Upstairs Hall

- The stage is not accessible

Interior – Basement Hall

- Hand rails should not be made of wood and should be able to get grasp all the way around the railing
- Stairs leading to the main floor should have the grip/visibility strip and should not be carpet.
- Counter top in the kitchen is too high.