



MINUTES
West Grey Local Accessibility Advisory Committee
March 24, 2021, 7:00pm
Online (Zoom)

Present: Cheryl Lindsay (co-chair), Todd Stoddard (co-chair), Pam Michels, Jennifer Lang, Councillor Geoffrey Shea (secretary)

Regrets: Andrew McLean

Call to Order: Cheryl called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

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

Approval of Feb. 24, 2021 Minutes: Moved: Todd, Second: Jen, passed.

Business Arising from the Previous Meeting

AODA Standards: Geoffrey will continue to create a list of stipulated AODA requirements.

New Business

Survey of Businesses: Pam will distribute a draft of a survey that could be distributed to WG businesses, asking for feedback to compliance with the various accessibility goals of the AODA.

Geoffrey suggested the municipality may be able to help with an online or mailed survey.

Cheryl, Geoffrey and Jen offered to go door knocking.

Jen suggested BIA and Chamber may have email lists for distributing the survey.

Todd suggested distributing by email first, and door-to-door canvassing later.

Recruiting: Todd is preparing material that could explain the roles of the committee to the public. This could be the basis of the committee's webpage on the municipality's site.

Grey County Accessibility: Cheryl has reach out to see if they could attend one of our meetings and will follow up.

(2) October 7, 2020

Council Relations: Pam asked how we should expect to hear back after we make a recommendation to council.

StopGap Ramps: We considered completing the survey before instituting a request for funds for a ramp pilot program.

Businesses with ramps should have a sign in the window indicating the availability of a ramp that may not be visible.

Cheryl and Todd will write a follow-up letter to the BIA, after our presentation last week.

Delegations: Lydia Dyck

Lydia explained that she is working with Elephant Thought (formerly Riverstone), a charity committed to youth education, removing barriers, diversity and sustainability. They are developing a community garden which will be accessible to individuals with limited mobility. They are installing Eco Raster (?) around the gardens and pavilion to make them wheelchair compatible. They are applying for further funding to enhance the accessibility and would like the committee to recommend to council to endorse a funding request.

Cheryl and Todd asked for more details about the funding request.

Motion: Pam moved that the committee delegate authority to the co-chairs to make a recommendation for endorsement to council, pending their review of more financial details about the request.

Correspondence - NA

Articles of Interest - NA

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021, 7:00pm (and the fourth Wednesday of the month in the future)

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

Co-Chair

Secretary