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Subject: A letter to council.

Greetings honorable council members,

I am writing you today for two reasons. The first is that I am making a deputation to The Municipality of West Grey to have BY-LAW NUMBER 87 - 2009 amended to include the Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act (Ontario. O. Reg. 165/16, s. 16.) I believe that according to the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation the municipality should be obligated to add that definition of a service animal to the animal control bylaw.

Every obligated organization shall develop, implement and maintain policies governing how the organization achieves or will achieve accessibility through meeting its requirements referred to in this Regulation. O. Reg. 191/11, s. 3 (1).

The second reason for writing you today is that I am seeking an exemption to your leash by-law for my service animal. I currently have written exemptions from Springwater Township and the Town of Collingwood leash laws.

My service animal provides various tasks that are associated with "seizure alert, response and recovery" but for the most part the reason for the exemption is for my safety and his. I suffer from clonic-tonic seizures (formerly known as grand mal) and have previously injured the dogs hip by dislocation from leash wrap during an episode. He is trained to not leave a 3 foot radius of me while off leash and will only perform blocking (moving objects away from me if possible and keeping people away by putting his body between them and myself) and deep pressure therapy during my recovery (putting his weight on my body in areas he is trained to after my seizure).

This does not mean he would be off leash at all times, infact I only require this from the time he alerts me to an oncoming seizure until I am physically capable of clipping his harness again. Being able to have him off leash for continuing training sessions would be beneficial also but we already have our area to do that in so its not required.

Thank-you council for hearing my request on such short notice.

Sean Foley