



Council Report

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Subject: Accessibility Annual Status Report

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Attachment: N/A

Recommendation:

For information purposes only.

Background:

Section 4 (3) of the Integrated Accessibility Standards states that an annual status report on the progress of measures taken to implement our Multi-Year Accessibility Plan needs to be prepared and this report serves to meet the requirement.

Comments:

The Township of Huron-Kinloss continues to move forward removing and preventing barriers and creating a more accessible environment throughout Huron-Kinloss.

Public Spaces:

1. In 2014 the Ripley Medical Centre had push button doors installed making it now wheelchair accessible.
2. At Lion's Park in Point Clark, a playground was upgraded and accessible surfacing was installed according to the requirements set out in the Design for Public Spaces standard.
3. When new sidewalk was being installed on Campbell Street in Lucknow, it was poured to meet accessibility standards.
4. The splash pad that opened in 2014 in Lucknow is also fully accessible (including washrooms).
5. The stairs outside of the Municipal office and the bleacher stairs in the stands at the arena were given a fresh coat of yellow paint to maintain visibility.

Information and Communications:

1. The Procurement, Hiring and Integrated Standards Policies were all updated to reflect current legislation.
2. Training continues for staff and volunteers under the timeframes set out in the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation 191/11 (IASR).
3. In a joint effort, all the municipalities in Bruce County provided the County IT department with the location, a written description and a picture of each municipality's accessible washrooms. This is being put together on the Bruce County Interactive Maps pages and should be available for the public in time for summer tourism season. It will assist in travel plans and make getting around the County easier for persons with disabilities

Transportation:

1. We worked with Saugeen Mobility and Area Transit (S.M.A.R.T.) ensuring their website provided the information to users that is required now by the Accessibility Directorate.

Moving Towards a Fully Accessible Ontario by 2025:

1. Looking forward, it is anticipated that the doors to Council Chambers will be made accessible in 2015.
2. Council agendas, reports and by-laws will move towards an accessible format in 2015.
3. Council, staff and volunteer training will continue.

Sustainability Statement:

The information provided in this report is consistent with and in keeping with the Municipality's Vision & Mission. The recommendations contribute to our goals in achieving

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an accessible community | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

Respectfully submitted:

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