

# Minutes

## Grey County Joint Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

March 21, 2024

Present: Catherine Sholtz, Councillor Andrea Matrosovs, Andrew Edgcumbe, Brooke Sillaby, Jacob Morris-Wheeler, Pamela Matheson

Regrets: Andy Underwood, Christina Schnell, Claudia Strelocke

Staff Present: Katrina Peredun, Communication Officer, Kathie Nunno, Accessibility Coordinator, Sarah Goldrup, Deputy Clerk

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### Call to Order

The Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee met electronically on the above date. The Deputy Clerk called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with all members present except Andy Underwood, Christina Schnell, and Claudia Strelocke.

### Introductions

Introductions were heard from Committee members, staff, and attending municipal representatives.

### Election of Chair and Vice Chair

JAAC01-24

Moved by: Member Sillaby

Seconded by: Member Edgcumbe

**That Catherine Sholtz be nominated as Chair of the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2024.**

Carried

On motion by Councillor Matrosovs, nominations closed.

Catherine Sholtz noted her intention to let her name stand for the position of Chair and was acclaimed.

JAAC02-24

Moved by: Member Sholtz

Seconded by: Member Sillaby

**That Councillor Matrosovs be nominated as Vice Chair of the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2024.**

Carried

On motion by Member Matheson, nominations closed. Councillor Matrosovs indicated her intention to let her name stand and was acclaimed Vice Chair.

## **Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **Delegations**

There were no delegations.

## **Items For Direction or Discussion**

### **Municipality of West Grey - Splashpad - Kodey Hewlett**

Kodey Hewlett presented to the Committee regarding the installation of a splash pad in the Town of Durham to accompany an existing playground structure and wading pool. The presenter described the naturally accessible grade of the site and reviewed the tentative site plan, including the draft concept design of the splash pad and timbre-framed picnic shelter.

In response to questions from the Committee, Kodey Hewlett spoke about access to the splash pad, the design of the splash pad button to aid users who might be visually impaired, and confirmed that there would be barriers to both the splash pad and between the splash pad and river.

The group heard comments regarding textured pathways that can help guide visitors who are visually impaired to access the splash pad button and pathways at grade between playground elements in consideration of those who use mobility supports.

JAAC03-24

Moved by: Member Underwood

Seconded by: Member Sillaby

**That in consideration of staff report 'West Grey Splashpad', the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee receives the report for review and comment.**

Carried

## Grey County - Grey Roots Museums and Archives Accessibility Plan Evaluation - Jill Paterson

JAAC04-24

Moved by: Member Matheson

Seconded by: Councillor Matrosovs

**That the correspondence from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport regarding the Grey Roots Museums and Archives Accessibility Plan Evaluation be received for information.**

Carried

## Correspondence

### Correspondence - Accessible Playgrounds Ontario - Website Now Live

In response to questions from the Committee, Kathie Nunno spoke about the details of populating municipal playgrounds on the map available through the Accessible Playgrounds Ontario website.

JAAC05-24

Moved by: Member Sillaby

Seconded by: Member Matheson

**That the correspondence from Accessible Playgrounds Ontario regarding their new website be received for information.**

Carried

### Correspondence - Georgian Bluffs - Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Focus Group

In response to the Committee's questions, Carly Craig discussed the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and focus group process. The speaker noted that the Township of Georgian Bluff's Planning Department would still welcome feedback from the Committee.

JAAC06-24

Moved by: Member Sillaby

Seconded by: Member Edgcumbe

**That the correspondence from the Georgian Bluffs regarding a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Focus Group be received for information.**

Carried

## Correspondence - Andrew Edgcumbe - Accessible Transportation in Grey County

Andrew Edgcumbe shared concerns regarding the current limitations to local accessible public transportation in Grey County and noted limited evening service and a lack of Sunday service. The presenter described the considerations and challenges that wheelchair users face when trying to use cabs or hired vehicles.

The Committee heard discussion regarding interest in a survey to better understand community needs, options to provide accessible transportation for those using mobility aids to attend community events, and future delegations from Grey Transit Route and Saugeen Mobility Transit to hear concerns and discuss available services.

JAAC07-24

Moved by: Member Sillaby

Seconded by: Member Morris-Wheeler

**That the correspondence from Andrew Edgcumbe regarding accessible transportation in Grey County be received for information.**

Carried

## Other Business

Kathie Nunno shared that Andy Underwood had submitted a letter of resignation from the Committee effective immediately. She thanked Underwood for his service and recognized his valuable input over the last several years. In response to questions, Kathie Nunno discussed the process and considerations for filling the vacancy.

## Next Meeting Date

May 16, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

## Adjournment

On motion of Members Matheson and Edgcumbe, the Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee adjourned at 2:49 p.m. to the call of the Chair.