

## Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee December 2, 2019 – 1:30 PM

The Grey County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee met on the above date at the Grey County Administration Building with the following members in attendance:

Present: Councillor Dwight Burley, Christina Schnell, Andrew Edgcumbe, Claudia Strelocke and Catherine Sholtz

Regrets: Andy Underwood

Staff

Present: Heather Morrison, Clerk; Kathie Nunno, Administrative and Accessibility Coordinator; Stephanie Stewart, Manager of Community Transportation and Tara Warder, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator

Municipal

Representatives: Jonathon Zettel, Municipality of West Grey; Lindsey Green, Township of Southgate; and Melissa Hilgendorff, Town of Hanover

Others: Margaret Wilton-Siegel, Municipality of Meaford

### Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. The Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

### Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

### Community Transportation

Stephanie Stewart, Manager of Community Transportation, addressed the Committee on Grey County's community transportation project. It was noted that there is currently a heavy reliance on volunteers to meet transportation needs and that youth and people living in poverty are underserved.

In 2018, Grey County worked with Lough Barnes Consulting to support a new Community Transportation Grant opportunity through the Ministry of Transportation. The

county was successful in securing 1.85 million dollars for a five-year, long distance intercommunity transportation program, as well as a local program.

Ms. Stewart spoke to the proposed route between Markdale and Owen Sound and a southbound connection to Dundalk in partnership with Southgate. There is also a proposal for a Highway 26 corridor from Owen Sound to the Town of the Blue Mountains and a connection to South Georgian Bay Transit. Local transit solutions include from Hanover to the surrounding area to help with transit to Launch Pad, and in Northwest Grey and Bruce County from Owen Sound to Wiarton.

Grey County has released a Negotiated Request for Proposal and is seeking a service provider to find a solution to meet the transportation needs of our residents.

Questions and comments from the members were then address by Ms. Stewart including the availability of parking, affordability, ticket options, accessibility, shelters, driver communication, accessibility training, baggage capacity, and the alignment with other service providers.

## Grey Highlands Accessibility Progress Report

The Grey Highlands Annual Accessibility Report was reviewed by the Committee.

Moved by: Catherine Sholtz

Seconded by: Andrew Edgecumbe

**That the Municipality of Grey Highlands' Accessibility Progress Report be endorsed.**

Carried

## Reference Documents

Kathie Nunno spoke about operational documents that the group can share and use. Some documents were briefly reviewed.

## Other Business

### Grey Roots Archives Reading Room Accessible Door Entry

Kathie Nunno provided an update on the recently installed accessible doors into the Reading Room at Grey Roots Archives. The Committee members provided comments on the doors and further ideas for enhanced accessibility including the removal of chairs close to the doors to allow for greater open areas. The Committee recommended using vertical bar automatic door openers instead of the button automatic door openers.

## Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Clerk.

On motion by Claudia Strelocke and Andrew Edgecumbe, the meeting adjourned at 2:36 PM.

Dwight Burley, Chair