

Municipal Accessibility Plan
The Corporation of the Township of Gordon and Allan West

Section 1:
Municipal Jurisdiction Participating in this Accessibility Plan

Municipality

The jurisdiction of the municipality taking part in the Accessibility Planning is the lands of the Corporation of the Township of Gordon and Allan West.

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Population

Based on statistics of the Ontario Population Report the Township Gordon and Allan West has a population of 473. The population disbursement is ages 0-14 years = 75; 15-64 years = 320; and 65 years and over = 78.

Municipal Highlights

The Township of Gordon and Allan West is primarily an agricultural township, with the additional business supporting commerce, two tourist lodges, one construction company, two small lumber stores, a corner store with gas pumps and the corporate head office for a trucking company.

The township has a large amount of its land on waterfront and its population increases by approximately 175 additional cottage residents in the summer months. The township surrounds the business centre of the Town of Gore Bay.

The township does not have a Fire Department, but has a Community Fire Safety officer and fire protection agreements with surrounding municipalities of Town of Gore Bay, Township of Burpee/Mills, Township of Billings, and the Township of Central Manitoulin.

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The municipality has representation of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Board, The Gordon Cemetery Board, The Gore Bay Public Library Board, The Manitoulin Planning Board, The Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport Commission, and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Board.

The area residents are served by the Community Halls and Municipal Office which are rented for meeting facilities. The public swim beach services Gordon Township and the surrounding area. The transfer station (recycling centre) is maintained by Gordon, Gore Bay and Barrie Island townships. In the town of Gore Bay the Memorial Arena, ball field, marina and other recreational facilities service the residents of Gordon and Allan West.

Section 2:
Consultation Activities

Target Group

The target groups in this Municipal Accessibility Plan are the concerned general public, persons with mobility impairment, seniors, persons with physical disabilities, persons who are deaf and blind and supportive stakeholders.

Activities and Convener

The accessibility planner conducted visual inspections. Notes were made on the barriers that would affect every day activities for those individuals that have disabilities.

Time Period Activity Occurred

Accessibility Planner conducted visual inspections during the month of October 2004.

Plan was drafted and submitted to council November 2004.

Council discussed plan December 2004.

Summary of Information Collected through Consultation

To summarize the Municipal Buildings/Facilities:

The Gordon Community Hall and Municipal Office

- Has wheelchair accessibility by use of a ramp on ground floor
- The storage shed is wheelchair accessible

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Other facilities:

- The Public Swim beach is accessible and the washrooms located there are as well
- The transfer station has been reworked with bins that sit on the ground and are wheelchair accessible.
- The municipality has private businesses located in their township, about 50 % have wheelchair access.
- The Manitoulin Planning Board is located on the upper floor of the same building as the Post Office in Gore Bay. There is a ramp to the first floor (Canada Post), but the Planning Board Office has a wood stairway to the second floor and no ramp.
- The Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport is equipped with a wheelchair access ramp, automatic door and has a wheelchair washroom.
- The Public Library located in the Gore Bay Municipal Office Building has wheelchair access and offer large print books and books on tape.
- The Municipal office in Gordon Township has crush surface parking and does not have designated wheelchair parking. The area businesses have crush and hardtop surface parking areas with no designated wheelchair parking spaces.

Section 3:
Plan Development Working Group

The Accessibility Plan Working Groups Members for the Township of Gordon and Allan West are listed below.

<u>Group Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
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Barriers Identified

BARRIER	BARRIER TYPE	STRATEGIES FOR REMOVAL OR PREVENTION
i) Community Hall & Municipal Office Entrance doors have no access buttons. No designated wheelchair parking.	Physical	Install lower access buttons for automatic door opening/closing. Install wheelchair parking sign
iii) Public Swim Beach No picnic table that wheelchair can pull up to	Physical	Purchase & place wheelchair accessible picnic table at beach location

Section 4:
Operational Review

Rational for Planned Review

Planned reviews will be set for every twelve months. Rationales for the planned timed reviews are scope of activity to further investigate possible barriers and to overcome the Barriers, resources that are needed to cover the cost to overcome the barrier, and the design of the building. Some buildings have architectural design barriers.

Review Methodology

Methodologies that will be used to conduct reviews of barriers are to seek public input, construction process/policies, renovation process, and building accessibility.

Status

Review methodologies that are completed are building accessibility. The review took place during the month of November.

Review methodologies that are ongoing are seeking public input. Public input is scheduled to be completed within the twelve month time frame.

Review methodologies that are planned: construction, renovation process and policies.

Section 5:
Targets and Actions

Actions

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Actions for this first twelve-month review period are to ensure that the Township of Gordon and Allan West is to further our study of the accessibility of services within our municipality and to evaluate the extent that accessibility is sufficient to meet the needs of people with disabilities.

Resources Necessary to Undertake Action

Resources that are necessary to undertake actions are funding, budget allocations for proposed action, participation and councilors and staff time to do proposed work.

Summary of Action to be completed within Twelve months

ACTION	RESOURCES	COSTS	TARGET
Acquire public suggestions to enhance Municipal Accessibility	Staff time, council meetings. Public participation	The cost of this action is time and printing costs.	To be completed by December 2004.
To acquire and erect a wheelchair parking sign to designate wheelchair parking at the Municipal Office and Community Hall	Municipal Office staff and public works staff	Cost of sign and sign post and installation	May 2005
To acquire and install a wheelchair accessible picnic table at the Public Beach	Municipal Office staff and Public Works staff	Cost of picnic table stain, and installation	July 2005
Acquired new Municipal Building, all level first floor wheelchair accessible, wheelchair accessible washrooms	Municipal Office staff and public washrooms, hall	Cost of material for wheelchair accessible plans	March 2007