



Staff Report

Report To: Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer
From: **Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Municipal Clerk**
Date: January 21 2019
Report: 4-2018
Subject: 2019 Accessibility Plan

Recommendations:

That the report of Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Clerk be received; and

That the necessary By-law be forwarded to Council for the required three readings.

Purpose:

For approval.

Background and Analysis:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee (HCACC) was established in 2005 with the purpose of assisting the County of Huron and all lower tier municipalities in Huron County to fulfill the legislative mandates of the Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. South Huron participates on the HCACC working group and assists the Committee in identifying issues that need review.

Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001 (ODA, 2001) and Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA, 2005) are provincial legislation requiring municipalities to address issues around disabilities and barriers to accessibility. The ODA requires all Ontario municipalities to:

- Develop an Annual Accessibility Plan, in consultation with people with disabilities
- Appoint an Accessibility Advisory Committee if over 10,000 in population
- Make the Accessibility Plan available to the public

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee requests that municipal councils adopt this document by By-law. The Municipality of South Huron is a community that recognizes that people are its most valuable asset and will work to prevent and remove barriers for persons with disabilities. Once approval is obtained for the revised Multi 5- Year Accessibility Plan, it will be posted on the municipal website and will be implemented.

Operational Considerations:

As this is a legislative requirement, no other operational considerations were examined.

South Huron's Strategic Plan:

Section 6.2.2 of the Municipality of South Huron 2015- 2019 Strategic Plan identifies key priorities and strategic directions. The following elements are supported by the actions outlined in this report:

- ✓ Increased Communications and Municipal Leadership
- ✓ Transparent, Accountable, and Collaborative Governance

Financial Impact:

There are no financial implications as a result of the actions outlined in this report.

Legal Impact:

There are no legal implications as a result of the actions outlined in this report.

Staffing Impact:

There are no staffing implications as a result of the actions outlined in this report.

Policies/Legislation:

Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001 (ODA, 2001)

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA, 2005)

Consultation:

Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee

Related Documents:

2019 Annual Accessibility Plan – Schedule “A” to By-Law 7-2019

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Municipal Clerk