



HURON COUNTY ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Municipality of South Huron

322 Main Street South, Exeter, ON N0M 1S6

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Dear Rebekah,

RE: Accessibility concerns regarding the North-east corner of Highway 4 (Main Street North) and Thames Road East (County Road 83)

The members of the Accessibility Review Committee (hereafter referred to as “the Committee”) of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee (HCAAC) would like to thank you for the opportunity to discuss the accessibility at the above intersection for those with mobility concerns.

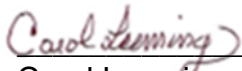
We understand that this intersection is being reconstructed in the near future (2023-24?) and that it will become fully accessible at that time. Please find below a summary of our comments / recommendations of what changes could be done sooner to improve accessibility.

- At the North-east corner of the intersection, curb cut the sidewalk cement to the north and create an accessible ramp for wheel-chair users to easily access the parking lot area to the north
- Review a location for where pedestrians / wheelchair users can travel from this new curb cut area to get to the pharmacy / grocery store / plaza area. Existing speed bumps may need to be removed so that there is an even flat pathway.
- Review where the common path would be and ‘mark’ this pathway / walkway with coloured paint to show pedestrians / car traffic where people are most likely to be moving across the parking lot area. This should also prevent people from parking their vehicles on top of the travelled path area or adjacent to the new curb-cut area at the intersection.
- The above suggested changes can be implemented now so that there is universal access by all to this retail / service area.

- The Accessibility Committee looks forward to discussing the draft plans for the redevelopment of this intersection soon
- Approximately 53% of the population in Canada is affected by a disability (permanent/ temporary / getting older). It is important to remove the barriers to your community and ensure that it is inclusive and welcoming to all.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Our Committee appreciates all opportunities to work with you and provide advice and assistance in making Huron County more accessible.

Sincerely,



Carol Leeming,
Huron County Accessibility Coordinator
*on behalf of the Accessibility Review Committee of the Huron County Accessibility
Advisory Committee*

cc: *Members of the HCAAC Accessibility Review Committee*