



TOWNSHIP OF NAIRN AND HYMAN

ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

2015- 2018

Purpose

Ontario Regulation 191/11 made under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 mandates that each municipality prepare a multi-year accessibility plan, which outlines the organization's strategy to prevent and remove barriers and meet its requirements under this Regulation.

Aim

This plan describes the measures that the Township of Nairn and Hyman has taken and will take which outlines the municipality's strategy to prevent and remove barriers and meet its requirements under this Regulation.

Description of the Township of Nairn and Hyman

The Township of Nairn and Hyman is located in Northeastern Ontario. The municipality is bordered on the north by the unorganized Township of Totten, northeast by the City of Greater Sudbury, northwest by the Township of Baldwin and south by the unorganized Township of Foster. The Township has a population of 403 (from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation – November 23, 2015) and a household count of 305 (from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation – November 22, 2015). We have a Community Centre (Nairn Community Centre) in Nairn Centre that holds our Council meetings and recreational events, including hall rentals for various functions. The municipal

office is attached to the Nairn Community Centre. A fire hall is located next to the Nairn Community Centre on the west side. A fire hall is also located in the geographic Township of Hyman.

Council Commitment to Accessibility Planning

The Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman is committed to:

- a) continual improvement of access to all municipally owned facilities, premises and services for those with disabilities;
- b) the provision of quality services to all members of the community with disabilities.

The Council has authorized the Chief Administrative Officer, Clerk Treasurer to prepare an accessibility plan that will meet these commitments.

Barrier Removal Initiatives

In February of 2003 the municipality created a web site that is available to anyone with access to the world wide web. This allows anyone to access the web site and keep up to date on current issues with the Township which includes Council minutes and agendas. Application forms for various items are also available online and can be easily accessed from their homes. These include applications for building permits, dog tags, information changes on tax and water bills, hall rentals, etcetera. Many other items are available online. The website address is: www.nairncentre.ca.

The municipality has a wheelchair accessible washroom facility at the Nairn Community Centre. This allows individuals with disabilities to attend any function and utilize the washroom facilities without any barriers.

The municipality has a wheelchair accessible entrance to the Nairn Community Centre. Individuals with disabilities can now access the Community Centre with an automatic door opener.

The Township's Official Plan authorizes the use of garden suites in the residential areas of the municipality. These are one-unit detached residential structures that are accessory to an existing residential structure and are designed to be portable. Garden suites are intended for people who are largely capable of living independently but who, by virtue of their age or because of a disability require some support to live on their own.

An identified parking space for individuals with disabilities at the Nairn Community is available.

The current by-law, policies and programs of the Township of Nairn and Hyman have no known identified barriers for people with disabilities.

The Nairn Community Centre can be used for voting purposes in any of the Federal, Provincial and Municipal Elections. The Community Centre is an accessible voting location.

In 2007, the municipality has provided for electronic services via the world wide web for the payment of municipal taxes and water bills. Individuals with disabilities can now pay their municipal invoices on-line in the comfort of their own home.

In 2010 the Township of Nairn and Hyman adopted By-law number 2010-6, "Being a by-law to establish guidelines on

providing goods and services to persons with disabilities". The municipality is committed to providing individual accommodation to its customers where appropriate by creating its own alternate format of printed materials. Upon request, alternate formats will be provided in a manner in which is agreed upon by the requester and the municipality. Documents can be made available in the following formats: enlarged on a photo copier, reprinted with a larger font or make it available electronically.

In 2012, all employees, committee members, members of Council and volunteer firefighters were trained as required under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. The recommended resource material used was the "Accessibility Standards for Customer Service".

Barriers to be Addressed

The municipality needs to address accessibility issues that exist at the municipal office. These issues include an accessible entrance door at the municipal office.

There are no other known barriers identified at this time.

Review and Monitoring of the Process

This plan will be reviewed not less than once every five years, allowing Council, staff and the public to monitor barriers identified and the direction to which the Municipality is moving to remove all barriers under the Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

Communication of the Plan

This plan is available on the Municipal Website and at the Municipal Office. We will make every attempt to make it available to those with disabilities for their perusal and review.

Questions Related to this Plan

Questions related to this plan should be directed to:

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