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ACCESSIBILITY PLAN 2010

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Executive Summary

The Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001 (ODA) requires that the Municipality of Central Manitoulin establish a Municipal Accessibility Plan.

The purpose of the plan is to describe the measures the Municipality has taken in the past, and the measures the Municipality will take during the coming year, to identify, remove and prevent barriers to people with disabilities. This plan must be reviewed annually and made public.

The following accessibility plan is for 2009 and has been developed by municipal staff. The ODA does not require that all barriers are identified and removed at once, but can be done in a planned, gradual manner over a period of time as budgets allow. Accessibility planning is also to be integrated into future endeavors. The Municipality has the flexibility to set its own goals and priorities.

Further public consultation will be conducted on an as needed basis. The purpose of any consultation would be to receive further input from stakeholder groups within the community to better identify specific barriers that affect people with disabilities.

1 Aims and Objectives

The purpose of the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001 (ODA) is to improve opportunities for people with disabilities and to provide for their involvement in the identification, removal and prevention of barriers to their full participation of life in this province. The ODA mandates that each municipality prepare an annual accessibility plan.

This is the sixth year plan for the Municipality of Central Manitoulin. This report describes the measures that have been taken in 2009 and the measures that may be taken in the upcoming year.

2 Municipal Jurisdiction

2.1 Municipality

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is situated in Northern Ontario on Manitoulin Island. We are bordered by the Township of Tehkummah to the southeast, the Township of Assiginack to the east, the Township of Billings to the west, the First Nation of M'Chigeeng to the north and the Township of NEMI to the northeast.

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin has a permanent population of approximately 1944, but this number can increase to over 3000 in the summer when the seasonal residents arrive.

2.2 Address

The address of the Municipal office is:

Municipality of Central Manitoulin
PO Box 187
6020 Hwy 542
Mindemoya, ON P0P1S0

2.3 Municipal History and Highlights

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin was created on May 1, 1998 from the amalgamation of the Townships of Sandfield, Carnarvon and Campbell. The municipality covers an area of over 132,000 acres. Within our borders lie the communities of Mindemoya, Providence Bay, Spring Bay, Big Lake, and Sandfield.

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin has the management of 5 community centres, 2 arenas and several other public venues including an Interpretive Centre, the Municipal Complex and a new Welcome Centre.

Appendix A includes a complete listing all Municipal Buildings and also indicates which of these buildings are open for use by the public.

3 Other Organizations/Agencies Participating

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin has completed this report. The information contained within deals solely with the Municipality of Central Manitoulin, its properties, practices and procedures.

4 Consultation Activities

For the initial 2003/2004 Plan, consultation with the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Board (DSSAB), Association for Community Living (ACL), and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) and several local Seniors Clubs occurred. Meetings were held in September and October 2003.

There have been no formal consultations since the initial consultation in 2003/2004, although there have been general issues brought forward from local citizens, which have been incorporated in the plan.

4.1 Summary of Information Collected

General and specific information collected during the entire consultation phase included:

CNIB

- 1/2" lips on wheelchair ramps to assist persons with canes to identify

- Painting in contrasting colours
 - Stairwells: Stairs and stair nosings
 - Railings
- Large print and Braille signs positioned at face level for all access doorways, bathrooms, etc.

5 Plan Development Working Group

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6 History of Initiatives

The Municipality completed a review during the first year of the Accessibility Plan, of past construction and renovations and the following is a list from that initial review.

Community	Building	Barrier	Description of Work Completed
Big Lake	Community Centre	Physical and Architectural	Work completed in 2002 – Building is accessible with a wheelchair ramp and bathrooms were renovated for handicap accessibility. No additional work required on building.
Central Manitoulin	Municipal Building	Physical and Architectural	Building is a newer construction. Full handicap accessibility including washrooms at time construction. No additional work required on building.

Mindemoya	Arena	Architectural	Existing entrance is at ground level - no other work completed.
Mindemoya	Community Centre	Physical and Architectural	Work completed in 2000 - Building is fully accessible including ramp, chair lift and handicap washroom. No additional work required on building.
Mindemoya	Old School Building	Physical and Architectural	Work completed in 2000 - Building is fully accessible including ramp, chair lift and handicap washroom. No additional work required in building.
Mindemoya	Welcome Centre	Architectural	Building is a newer construction. Full handicap accessibility including washrooms at time construction. No additional work required on building.
Providence Bay	Arena	Architectural	Work completed in 2009 – Building is fully accessible on main floor including ramp and handicap washrooms. No additional work required on building.
Providence Bay	Change House		No work done - unable to alter existing layout
Providence Bay	Community Centre	Physical and Architectural	Work completed in 2009 – Building is accessible by multiple ramps. Handicap washroom still required.
Providence Bay	Interpretive Centre	Physical and Architectural	Building was constructed 1989-1990. It is fully accessible. No additional work required on building.
Providence Bay	Marina Building	Physical and Architectural	Work completed 1991 - ramp and handicap washroom. No additional work required.
Sandfield	Community Centre	Architectural	Building is a newer construction. Full handicap accessibility including washrooms at time construction. No additional work required on building.
Spring Bay	Community Centre	Architectural	A permanent ramp was installed in 2008. Handicap washroom still required.

7 Operational Review

7.1 Review

In August 2003 the Municipal staff was asked to complete a survey of the municipally owned buildings with regard to accessibility issues. The barriers identified are listed below:

7.2 List of Barriers Identified

Note: All municipal buildings require upgrading for visually impaired, see end of table for listing.

Building	Barrier	Type	Strategy for Removal
Big Lake Community Centre	No handicap parking area designated. No accessibility signage on building.	Architectural	A handicapped-parking zone has been designated, and accessibility signage has been placed on the building.
Central Manitoulin Municipal Building	No handicap parking area designated. No accessibility signage on building.	Architectural	A handicapped-parking zone has been designated, and accessibility signage has been placed on the building
Mindemoya Arena	No accessible washroom, no handicap parking space. No accessibility signage on bldg.	Architectural	Install an accessible washroom. A handicapped-parking zone has been designated, and accessibility signage has been placed on the building
Mindemoya Community Centre	No handicap parking area designated. No accessibility signage on building.	Architectural	A handicapped-parking zone has been designated, and accessibility signage has been placed on the building
Mindemoya Old School Building	See All Buildings comment at end of table.		

Mindemoya Welcome Centre	See All Buildings comment at end of table.	Architectural	
Providence Bay Arena	No accessible washroom, no handicap parking space. No accessibility signage on bldg.	Architectural	An accessible washroom has been installed. A handicapped-parking zone has been designated, and accessibility signage has been placed on the building. A ramp has been installed.
Providence Bay Change House	No accessible washroom.	Architectural	Accessible washroom is available at Harbour Centre. Upgrades not necessary
Providence Bay Community Centre	No accessible washroom. See All Buildings comment at end of table.		Install an accessible washroom. A handicapped-parking zone has been designated, and accessibility signage has been placed on the building.
Providence Bay Interpretive Centre	See All Buildings comment at end of table.		
Providence Bay Marina Building	No handicap parking area designated. No accessibility signage on building.	Architectural	A handicapped-parking zone has been designated, and accessibility signage has been placed on the building
Sandfield Community Centre	See All Buildings comment at end of table.	Architectural	
Spring Bay Community Centre	No accessible washroom, no handicap parking space. No accessibility signage on bldg.	Architectural	Install an accessible washroom. A ramp was constructed in 2008. A handicapped-parking zone has been designated, and accessibility signage has been placed on the building

Central Manitoulin Municipal Building	Website has no 'text only' availability	Technological	Addition of a text-only version of the website was completed in 2004.
All Buildings	Upgrades for visual impairment As per CNIB recommendations	Architectural	See recommendations in section 4.1

8 Decision-Making Review

8.1 Status

A review of all existing by-laws with respect to accessibility planning was completed in November of 2003. The review consisted only of the 1998-2003 by-laws, as all pre-amalgamation by-laws for the old townships became void early in 2003.

8.2 Barriers Identified

The by-law review in 2003 concluded that no revision was needed for any existing by-laws. It was noted that currently there is no Parking By-law and given the strategies recommended for the removal of barriers in Section 6.2, it was determined that one should be written. There is now a Parking By-law, *By-Law No. 2005-03*.

9 Targets and Actions

Action	Target
Accessible Washrooms	With three accessible washrooms required - the Spring and Providence Bay Community Centres and the Mindemoya Arena, this barrier will be the most expensive and take the longest to remove. The target completion for this is by the end of 2015.
Accessible Parking, Signage and Parking By-Law	This barrier needs to be addressed on all but two of the Municipal owned buildings. This target was completed in 2005.
Painting and Signage for Visually Impaired	This also needs to be addressed on almost all of the Municipal owned buildings. Target for barrier removal is 2015.
Text Only Version of Website	This issue has been addressed and can be found at http://www.centralmanitoulin.ca/text/text_index.html

Appendix A

Community	Building	Usage
Big Lake	Community Centre	Public use
Central Manitoulin	Garage	Municipal use only
Central Manitoulin	Municipal Building	Public use
Mindemoya	Arena	Public use
Mindemoya	Community Centre	Public use
Mindemoya	Fire Hall	Municipal use only
Mindemoya	Old School Building	Public use
Mindemoya	Welcome Centre	Public use
Mindemoya	Change House	Public use
Providence Bay	Arena	Public use
Providence Bay	Change House	Public use
Providence Bay	Community Centre	Public use
Providence Bay	Fire Hall	Municipal use only
Providence Bay	Interpretive Centre	Public use
Providence Bay	Marina Building	Public use
Sandfield	Community Centre	Public use
Sandfield	Fire Hall	Municipal use only
Sandfield	Garage	Municipal use only
Spring Bay	Community Centre	Public use
Spring Bay	Fire Hall	Municipal use only