

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK

ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

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### AIM

The Aim of the plan is to set the framework from which the municipality will, for the 2007-2008 year, identify, prevent and remove (where possible) barriers to persons with disability who utilize the facilities and services of the municipality.

### OBJECTIVES

The Objective of the Plan is to:

1. Describe the process by which the municipality will identify, remove and prevent barriers to persons with disabilities.
2. Review prior initiatives taken toward the identification, prevention and removal of barriers to persons with disabilities.
3. List the facilities, services, policies and municipal legislation that the municipality will review (during the term of this plan) to identify barriers to persons with disabilities.
4. Describe the measures the municipality will take to identify, prevent and remove barriers for persons with disabilities.
5. Describe how the municipality will make this “ **Accessibility Plan**” available to the public.

## **SECTION I**

### **MUNICIPAL JURISDICTION PARTICIPATING IN THIS PLAN:**

MUNICIPALITY: The Corporation of the Township of Red Rock

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POPULATION: 1050 (Ontario Population Report - July 2006)

#### **MUNICIPAL HIGHLIGHTS:**

The Township of Red Rock is located 80 kilometers east of Thunder Bay on Nipigon Bay, Lake Superior. It is 8 kilometers south of Highway 11-17 on Highway 628.

Red Rock is a small scenic community nestled between the high rugged cliffs of How Mountain and the beautiful shores of Lake Superior. Red Rock offers its residents a variety of services. Police and Fire protection, an Ambulance base as well as a Recreation Centre, a full scale Public Works Department provides the population with big centre services. A full service Marina accommodates the boater and fisher during the summer months.

Social Services for the Township of Red Rock runs out of the Ontario Works office in Schreiber; The Association for Community Living has recently re-located its offices to Red Rock from Nipigon.

## **SECTION 2**

### **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS & AGENCIES PARTICIPATING IN THIS PLAN**

None

## **SECTION 3**

### **CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES**

Target Group: The target groups for the Township of Red Rock Accessibility Plan are as follows:

General Public  
Seniors  
Association for Community Living (includes disabled from surrounding area)

#### **Activities and Convenor**

In developing this accessibility plan, it was necessary to consult with those groups or individuals who have a disability or deal with persons with a disability.

A disability for the purpose of this plan is considered to be, but not limited to, the following:

- Physical
- Hearing
- Speech
- Vision
- Deaf-Blind
- Smell
- Taste
- Touch
- Intellectual
- Mental health
- Learning

The activities performed during the consultation process included speaking at the Red Rock Golden Club general meeting, with Stanley Voogt of the Association of Community Living, with those persons with disabilities and a parent of disabled children.

A notice was sent to Thunder Bay ODSP Case Workers (Ontario Disability Support Program) encouraging their clients to come forth with their concerns of accessibility.

### **Time Period Activities Performed:**

May and June, 2003  
July 2004  
July and August, 2005  
August 2006

### **Summary of Information collected through Consultation**

The primary intent of the consultation process was to identify barriers in the community. A barrier is anything that stops a person with a disability from fully taking part in society because of that disability.

The barriers identified through this consultation process were:

Architectural - access within building hindered by stairs and narrow doorways.

Attitudinal - the treatment of disabled persons especially by young or teen-aged children.

Physical - access to buildings – stairs, parking, sidewalks, doors.

### **SECTION 4**

#### **PLAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP**

<b><u>Working Group Member</u></b>	<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>Department Represented</u></b>	<b><u>Contact Telephone</u></b>
Nancy Gladun	Township of Red Rock	Administration	886-2245
Mayor & Council	Township of Red Rock	Administration	886-2245
Michael Groulx C.A.O.	Township of Red Rock	all	886-2245

## **SECTION 5**

### **HISTORY OF INITIATIVES TO IDENTIFY, REMOVE AND PREVENT BARRIERS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF RED ROCK**

<b><u>BARRIER AND TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>STRATEGY FOR REMOVAL/PREVENTION</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
HIGH CURBING - PHYSICAL	1983 – Public Works began Cutting Curbs at Intersections	As Sidewalks and Curbing are being Replaced – Continual Process of Correction
STAIRS TO BUILDING (LIBRARY) - PHYSICAL	- Ramp constructed from parking lot to Library - Washrooms – wheelchair accessible.	Completed 1987
PARKING - PHYSICAL	- Established Handicap Parking within Community	1989 – By-law instituting fines  2003 – increase fines for unauthorized parking
ACCESS TO RECREATION CENTRE HANDICAPPED WASHROOMS - PHYSICAL	- 1992 Access Fund Grant – Office Of Disability Issues	Completed 1992
OUTHOUSES (Waterfront) - ARCHITECTURAL; - PHYSICAL	Replacement of outhouses to include one with wheelchair accessibility including ramp.	Completed 2004
BARRIER FREE ACCESS TO LCBO - ARCHITECTURAL; - PHYSICAL	ramp constructed electric door opening devices Barrier free path of travel into Store	Completed 2004

BARRIER FREE WASHROOMS (Red Rock Inn)	washrooms (2) renovated dining room built in accordance with 3.8 of OBC	Completed 2004
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Reviews are imperative in determining any barriers that may be in the Township of Red Rock.

As there is limited staff in doing these reviews within the Township, the time frame set out to perform these review may be extended.

The reviews will be divided into two categories:

Operational – day to day operations of the Township.

Decision-Making – by-laws, policies, capital planning.

**SECTION 6**

**OPERATIONAL REVIEW**

The operational review will be performed by department. The following areas under review are noted.

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT &amp; DUTIES</u>	<u>REVIEW</u>	<u>PLANNED REVIEW</u>
<b>Township of Red Rock</b>	<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>		
	. road construction and maintenance	. Purchases	Completed 2006
	. streetlights	. Building Permits	Completed 2006
	. signage	. Site Plans of Municipal Bldgs.	2007 -2008
	. snowplowing	. Construction	2007-2008
	. water/sewage treatment	. Renovations	2007-2008
	<u>RECREATION</u>		
	. programs/maintenance of facility	. Programs	Completed 2006
	. bowling	. Accessibility to facility	Completed 2006
	. curling		
. hockey			

### LIBRARY

Provide internet &  
Library services to  
public

. Are services  
accessible  
person with  
disabilities

Completed  
2005

### **Methods of Conducting Reviews**

The above chart outlines the planned reviews that are to be done in the time frame stated.

Methods to be used will be:

- Reviewing site plans of municipal buildings
- Review of any new building/renovation plans for municipal building
- Review library material to ensure it is geared to Red Rock's population and disabled
- As roads and sidewalks are repaired, ensure every possible barrier is removed
- Review of recreational programs to ensure interested groups are accommodated

### **Status of Reviews - Operational**

As at September 30, 2007

Red Rock Public Library	Services	Complete
	Accessibility	Complete
Public Works	Purchases	2003-2005 Complete
	Building Permits	2003-2005 Complete
Recreation Centre	Rec Programs	Complete

### **List of Barriers**

#### Public Works Review

Purchases between the years 2003-2005 were in accordance with the Accessibility Plan for the Township of Red Rock.

Most building permits issued for the years 2003-2005 were for private residences. Two businesses underwent renovations namely, the L.C.B.O. and Red Rock Inn. The L.C.B.O. renovated their entrance to accommodate wheelchairs and walkers. Electric door openers were also installed.

The Red Rock Inn relocated the dining room washrooms and designed them in accordance with sec. 3.8 of the O.B.C. The Inn already has a ramp into the building and has 2 suites on the main floor that are barrier free.

### Recreation Review

The programs offered by the Recreation Centre for 2005 – 2006 were reviewed and, with the exception of bowling, there is not a need at this time to have barrier-free programs . However, if needed, the recreation co-ordinator would try to accommodate any request. To date, there has been no requests or complaints regarding programs offered.

*\* The reviews slated for the year 2006-2007 were not completed as planned due to time constraints and lack of available staff.*

## **SECTION 7**

### **DECISION MAKING REVIEW**

This review involves the decision making processes of the administration department. The review will be conducted in the same manner as the operational review:

<b><u>ORGANIZATION</u></b>	<b><u>DEPARTMENT &amp; DUTIES</u></b>	<b><u>REVIEW</u></b>	<b><u>PLANNED REVIEW PERIOD</u></b>
<b>Township of Red Rock</b>	ADMINISTRATION		
	. by-laws/policy	. by-law policies	Completed August 2005
	. hiring/discipline	. business licensing	Completed 2006
	. capital/operational budget	. employment policies	Completed 2006
	. public issues . taxes, payroll, accounts	. accessibility to meetings	Completed 2006

### **Method of Review**

The by-law review will be conducted by category in alphabetical order: ie., administration, contracts, elections, fees, etc.;

Policies will be reviewed section by section.

**Status of Review – Decision Making**

As at September 30, 2006

By-law review	Years 1995-2004	1995– 2004 complete
Policies	Sections A-Z	Complete
Business Licensing		Complete
Employment Policy		Complete
Accessibility to Meetings		Complete

**List of Barriers**

A review of Township policies Sections A-Z has been completed findings of possible barriers are listed in the chart below:

<b>BARRIER</b>	<b>BARRIER TYPE</b>	<b>STRATEGY FOR REMOVAL OR PREVENTION</b>
Policy A-9 – Quality Standards for Winter Operations (objective)	Physical	Could add “to maintain safe, passable routes on main municipal sidewalks for seniors and physically disabled persons”

A review of the Township’s By-laws has been completed for the years 1995 – 2004. Barriers found so far in the by-laws are listed in the chart below:

<b>BARRIER</b>	<b>BARRIER TYPE</b>	<b>STRATEGY FOR REMOVAL OR PREVENTION</b>
By-law 2003-886 Advance Voting in the Municipal Office	Physical; Architectural: Not wheelchair accessible	Could have advance poll in Library
By-law 2003-873 Taxes payable at the Municipal Office	Physical; Architectural:	Could list other means of payment ie. Telephone, Internet Banking, post-dated cheques

By-law 2002-871 Provision of Notice – Notices to be published in newspaper and/or community bulletin boards	Physical – Vision disability; access to community bulletin boards	Have possible mail out of notices
By-law 2001-851 – regulation of traffic – motorized vehicles	Motorized wheel chairs	Exemption of motorized wheel chairs sec 4.1 – 4.5; sec 6.2(a)
By-law 2002-86 Licensing, registration, Regulation of dogs	Physical – how does this pertain to a disabled person with a guide dog	Guide dog is defined separately. Could include in definition of dog.

A decision making review was performed in the following areas:

- a) business licensing
  - b) employment policies
  - c) accessibility to meetings
- a) Business licensing – Only hawkers & peddlers are required to have business licenses; therefore, issuance of such licenses is not contingent on whether the business is/or is not accessible to disabled persons.
- b) Employment policies – Ontario Human Rights Code inevitably governs employment policies and makes every company an equal opportunity employer.
- c) Municipal building access into the council chambers is not readily wheelchair accessible; however, if requested or required, assistance would be provided to allow entrance. No special audio/visual enhancement devices are available for these meetings.

Considering the present needs of Red Rock’s population, accessibility in these three areas above is adequate.

## **SECTION 8**

### **TARGETS AND ACTIONS**

#### **TARGET**

Once a review has been completed and barriers identified, a list of identifiable barriers will be recorded. No timeline for remedy of the barrier will be established at this time, but strategies for removal of these barriers will be considered.

#### **ACTIONS**

The activities that will be undertaken this 12 month period are charted below. A mid-year or 6 month report will be given to the Council of the Township of Red Rock to identify the progress of each activity.

<b><u>ACTION</u></b>	<b><u>RESOURCES</u></b> (staff time)	<b><u>APPROX. COST</u></b>	<b><u>TARGET</u></b>
Public Works Review	75 hrs.	\$2000.00	Renovations Site Plans of Municipal Bldgs. Construction

## **SECTIONS 9**

### **COMMUNICATION OF THE PLAN**

The Accessibility Plan will be presented to Council on an annual basis for approval of Council. Once approved, the plan will be posted for public review at the Municipal Office, the Recreation Centre and the Public Library.