

## Township of McKellar Accessibility Plan

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**Municipality:** Township of McKellar

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**Population:** 930 - 2010 Ontario Population Report

### **Municipal Highlights:**

The Corporation of the Township of McKellar was incorporated in 1873. The Township of McKellar is a rural, residential and recreational municipality located on Highway 124 approximately 20 km northeast of the Town of Parry Sound with adjacent municipalities of Seguin, Magnetawan, Whitestone, and McDougall, all within the District of Parry Sound. The Township of McKellar has a year round population of 930 persons with approximately 75% of the 1,566 households in the municipality being seasonal.

The Township of McKellar operates a Community Centre which houses the Public Library, Municipal Office, Council Chambers and Banquet Hall. A covered outdoor multi-use recreational facility is located next to the Community Centre. The municipality operates one waste transfer site available to the ratepayers of the Township of McKellar. The municipality has a volunteer Fire Department with two fire stations; Station #1 is located at 3 Sharon Park Drive and Station #2 is located at 710 Hurdville Road. The Township's Public Works Garage is located at 677 Highway #124 and has the Fire Chief's administration office upstairs in the building. There is one post office which is located in the Community Centre building.

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Municipal Council and Staff consist of the following positions:

Reeve - Peter Hopkins

Councillors - Bonnie Beier

- Morley Haskim

- Mike Kekkonen

- Debbie Zulak

Clerk Administrator - Shawn Boggs

Treasurer/Deputy Clerk - Sherri Ridsdale

Administrative/Treasury Assistant - Leigh Weeks

Public Works Superintendent - Greg Gostick

Truck Driver/Equipment Operators - Tyler Edington

- Ward Stoneman

- Kirk Reid

Recreation - Scott Reekie

Chief Building Official- Chris Bordeleau

By-Law Enforcement Officer - Gary Joice

Landfill Site Attendant/Equipment Operator - Stan Zwirko

Fire Chief - Ed Bier

Deputy Fire Chief - Joe Cremer

Librarian - Joan Ward

**Other Organizations & Agencies Participating in this Plan**

There are no other groups or organizations participating in this Plan at this time.

**Consultation Activities**

**Target Group:** The general public.

**Activities:** Council and Staff consultation.

**Summary of Information Collected through Consultation:**

Council and staff of the Township of McKellar will identify, remove and prevent barriers to people with disabilities when certain policies are implemented and when issues and concerns arise. This process will continue on an ongoing basis.

### **Plan Development Working Group**

The working group includes Council and staff of the Township of McKellar and inquiries can be directed to the Township Office:

Phone: (705) 389-2842  
Fax: (705) 389-1244

### **Initiative:**

Council and staff of the Township of McKellar will review and monitor the current status of all buildings owned and operated by the municipality and the general policies and procedures of the municipality and identify, remove and prevent barriers to people with disabilities. The Township of McKellar recently completed a Strategic Plan and an Official Plan Five Year Review and this process encouraged the public to participate in the open house sessions providing information to Council and staff regarding various issues and concerns which should be addressed. Council and staff will consider barriers for people with disabilities during the formulation of policy and in its capital budgeting process.

### **Operational Review**

#### **Current Buildings:**

- a) Township of McKellar Community Centre  
701 Highway #124, McKellar, ON

This building contains the Municipal Office, Library, Council Chambers and Banquet Hall. The building, built in 1990, and added on to in 2010, is a wheelchair accessible building. There are four designated handicap parking sites and many parking spaces are available for easy access to and from the vehicles. The parking lot was paved in 2016, removing the impediment that the gravel parking lot was to accessibility. Handicap Accessible doors were installed at the Township Office/Library entrance in May 2006 and the entrance around the municipal door was paved in 2010. In 2012, Handicap Accessible doors were installed at the Community Centre entrance.

- b) Township of McKellar Public Works Garage  
677 Highway #124, McKellar, ON

This building contains the Public Works garage and is generally not accessible to the public. The Fire Chief's administration office upstairs is not handicap accessible.

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It is expected that the Fire Chief's office will be moved to the new Fire Hall currently under construction at 2 Sharon Park Drive. The new Fire Hall will be fully accessible.

- c) Township of McKellar Fire Station No. 1  
3 Sharon Park Drive, McKellar, ON

This building houses the Township fire vehicles and training office and is generally not accessible to the public. Construction is currently underway on a new, fully accessible Fire Hall. The building is expected to be move in ready by July of 2017 and the building and the Fire Chief's office will be handicap accessible.

- d) Township of McKellar Fire Station No. 2  
710 Hurdville Road, McKellar, ON

This building houses the Township fire vehicles and training office and is generally not accessible to the public.

**By-Laws, Policies, Practices and Services:**

The current by-laws, policies and programs of the Township of McKellar have no identified barriers for people with disabilities.

**Municipal Election:**

The 2014 municipal elections were held using an Internet/Telephone Voting system.. No accessibility issues have been identified. This system provided enhanced access to the voting process. Council has approved this voting method for the 2018 municipal election.

**Status of Review:** Review completed October, 2005. Plan further updated June 28, 2006, November 2007, June 2011, December 2012, December 2013, December 2014, December 2016.

**List of Barriers Identified**

1. No identified handicapped parking at Community Centre, parking lot paved in 2016.
2. Fire Chief's administration office not handicap accessible. The office will be in July of 2017.

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### **Targets and Actions**

Over the next several years, Council will have to decide which barriers should be addressed keeping in mind budget constraints, feasibility and priorities.

Updates will be made to the accessibility plan on a yearly basis when areas of concern are identified. Policies, By-Laws and procedures implemented will ensure that barriers are eliminated and prevented.