



THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOODLANDS

ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

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January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021

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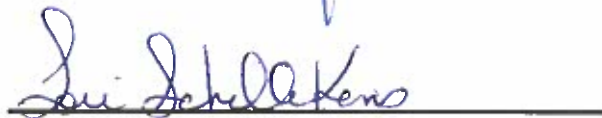
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Statement of Commitment

The Rural Municipality (RM) of Woodlands will work to identify and remove barriers in our communities to ensure accessibility and inclusiveness for all citizens and visitors. We are committed to providing spaces that can be used with independence and comfort.

Organizational Overview

Formed through the authority of the Province of Manitoba, the Municipality of Woodlands is responsible for the delivery of local services, facilities, safety and infrastructure for residents within its boundaries including:

- Water and sewer
- Roads
- Garbage and recycling collection
- Waste Transfer Station
- Fire protection and emergency measures services
- Collection of municipal and school taxes
- Municipal elections
- Other government services (planning, economic development, tourism, traffic, transportation services, animal control services)
- One nurse practitioner and one physiotherapist who work out of the Woodlands Medical Clinic, 78 Porteous Avenue, in the community of Woodlands
- Two elementary schools, one high school
- One childcare centre and multiple home-based centres
- One veterinary clinic
- Home-based health professionals, first aid instructors, insurance services, bookkeeping services, pioneer museum, community centres, indoor and outdoor skating rinks, baseball diamonds, curling rink, soccer field, skateboard park, community park with picnic area, post offices, golf course, resort/campgrounds

Policies and By-laws

- Policy-013 Accessibility
- Policy-024 Snow and Ice Removal Policy

Achievements

RM Buildings

- Office ramp meets and exceeds Manitoba Building Code width – completed 2008
- Warren Hall has a ramp which meets code – completed 2017
- Public Works Shop meets all current accessibility standards within the building code – completed 2017
- Minimum of two accessible parking spaces at all RM-owned facilities
- Automatic door openers installed on Municipal Office and Warren Multipurpose Building – completed 2018
- Push bar installed on Woodlands Medical Clinic Building – completed 2019

RM Website

- The website www.rmwoodlands.info complies with the most essential accessibility requirements (i.e. page titles, alt tags, headings, resize text, etc.) Alt Tags provide a verbal description of a visual or graphic for individuals with visual impairments who use screen readers

Barriers and Work Plan Actions

1. Correct high slope of walkways leading up to Sunova (Warren) Arena.

Timeline: Spring/Summer of 2020

2. Require a mixture of chairs in the Council Chambers for audience members.

Timeline: Spring of 2020

3. Municipal website option to enhance text size for people with visual impairments.

Timeline: Upgrade of website in 2020

4. Hearing devices for Council Chambers for hearing impaired.

Timeline: As per the National Building Code assisted listening devices are not required in meeting rooms less than 1076 sq. ft. If a meeting is being held outside the Council Chambers the RM ensures that a public speaker system is available.

5. RM of Woodlands joint Interlake School Division public library does not provide personal assistive device.

Timeline: N/A - Decision of Council not to pursue joint public library

6. Lack of cell phone coverage in Woodlands Municipality.

Timeline: Being looked into.

7. Municipal Office washroom needs to be corrected to bring up to accessibility standards (grab bars need moved, lever style door handles installed, towel dispenser needs lowered, universal sign for doors (one universal washroom required)).

Timeline: Spring/Summer of 2020

8. Office counter too high

Timeline: If required, staff will go into lobby area to assist customer

9. Multipurpose Building washrooms need to be brought up to accessibility standards (one required) (toilets not high enough, no grab bars, mirror too high). Universal washroom signs and wheelchair accessible sign required.

Timeline: Spring/Summer of 2020

10. Multipurpose Building requires lever door handles on LUD Office outside door and back door of meeting room.

Timeline: Spring of 2020

11. Woodlands Clinic washroom needs to be brought up to accessibility standards (lever style door handle, soap dispenser needs lowered, grab bar needs installed, universal sign and wheelchair accessible sign required)

Timeline: Spring/Summer of 2020

12. Woodlands Clinic needs handicap parking space designated.

Timeline: Spring of 2020

13. Complete staff, volunteer and Council participation in online accessibility training.

Timeline: Ongoing

14. The Accessibility Plan is reviewed on an ongoing basis. At these meetings members present reports and/or suggestions for review and will also hear any delegation(s) wishing to meet with the committee.

Timeline: Bi-annually

Contact information

If you have questions, require this information in an alternate format, wish to receive any resources, including Access Offer signs, or are interested in attending a training workshop, please contact the Disabilities Issues Office (DIO).

Disabilities Issues Office

630 – 240 Graham Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C OJ7
Phone: 204-945-7613
Toll free: 1-800-282-8069, ext. 7613
Email: dio@gov.mb.ca
Website: www.AccessibilityMB.ca

Organizations and Agencies Services

Manitoba Chapter Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (CHHA)

C/O SMD Clearinghouse
2nd Floor, 825 Sherbrook Street
Winnipeg, MB R3A 1M5
PH: 204-975-3037
FX: 204-975-3027
www.chha-mb.ca

The Canadian Hard of Hearing Association is a non-profit organization is a non-profit, self-help consumer advocate organization run by and for persons who are hard of hearing. The mission of CHHA is to ensure that hard of hearing consumers understand how to have their needs met, and to promote their integration and full participation in Canadian Society.

Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA)

930 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3G 0P8
PH: 204-982-6100
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www.cmha.ca

CMHA is a nation-wide, volunteer organization that promotes the mental health of all, and supports the resilience and recovery of people experiencing mental illness. The CMHA accomplishes this mission through advocacy, education, research and service. Founded in 1918, that are one of the oldest voluntary organizations in Canada providing direct service to more than 100,000 Canadians each year through the combined efforts of more than 10,000 volunteers and staff across Canada in over 120 communities.

Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB)

Regional Office

1080 Portage Avenue

Winnipeg, MB R3G 3M3

PH: 204-774-5421

CNIB is a nationwide, community-based, registered charity and is committed to research, public education and the vision of health for Canadians. The CNIB provides vital programs and services, innovative consumer products and one of the world's largest libraries for people with print disabilities. CNIB offers specialized programs and services for people of all ages and their families.

- The CNIB's vision rehabilitation program is the most comprehensive in Canada and includes:
- Low Vision Services, including professional assessments and instruction on how to maximize vision using everything from magnifiers and lighting to contrasting colours and textures.
- Training to help manage the essentials of daily living, with emphasis on maintaining independence.
- Orientation and mobility instruction, focusing on how to move safely around the home, community, workplace or school.
- Training and support for accessible computer technology.

Community Living Manitoba

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Community Living Manitoba is dedicated to the full inclusion of persons of all ages who live with an intellectual disability. Living, working and learning in an inclusive community means that all people — including those with an intellectual disability — have a variety of opportunities to contribute to their communities.

Community Living Manitoba is a strong provincial network of 11 Local Branches working together with partners, families and governments. We seek approaches to support the empowerment of people with intellectual disabilities in all aspects of their lives.

We are a board governed, grassroots organization that has always been comprised of self-advocates, family and community members, as well as members of Local Branches throughout the province.

Accessible Transportation Services:

Stonewall & District Handivan

3 buses (1 sm. 2 lg.) that are wheelchair accessible

PH: 204-467-8446

HRS: 8AM-4PM