

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCHREIBER

## ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

### 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 1**

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

MUNICIPALITY	The Corporation of the Township of Schreiber
ADDRESS	608 Winnipeg St., Box 40 Schreiber, ON P0T 2S0
KEY CONTACT	Kal Pristanski, Township Superintendent Box 40 Schreiber, ON P0T 2S0 Phone: (807) 824-2775 Fax: (807) 824-2255
POPULATION	901 (2006 Census)

#### MUNICIPAL HIGHLIGHTS:

The historic community of Schreiber on Highway 17 is nestled in a valley surrounded by rugged hills on the most northerly point of Lake Superior.

Schreiber offers its residents a variety of services. Police Services, a volunteer Fire Department, an Ambulance base, Medical Clinic as well as an active Recreation Centre and a full scale Public Works Department work in concert to provide the population with essential services.

Social Services for the Townships of Schreiber, Terrace Bay, Nipigon and Red Rock are administrated from the Ontario Works office in Schreiber. The Superior-Greenstone Association for Community Living is administered from Red rock. An active Adult Learning Association is located in Schreiber and serves surrounding communities.

## **SECTION 2**

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

None

## **SECTION 3**

### **CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES**

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

People with disabilities  
Chimo Centre – Seniors Group  
Collingwood Court Seniors Building  
Superior-Greenstone Association for Community Living (includes disabled from surrounding area)  
Schreiber-Terrace Bay Adult Learning Association

#### **Activities and Convener**

In reviewing 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

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

September 2005  
October 2005 – February 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 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.
Programs	Inclusion of disabled people.
Transport	Future of Handi-Transit.

## **SECTION 4**

### **PLAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP**

<b>Working Group Member</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Department Represented</b>	<b>Contact Telephone</b>
Kal Pristanski	Township of Schreiber	Public Works/ Recreation	(807) 824-2775
Mayor & Council	Township of Schreiber	Administration	(807) 824-2711
Lila Cresswell Clerk	Township of Schreiber	All	(807) 824-2711 Ext 25

## **SECTION 5**

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

<b>BARRIER AND TYPE</b>	<b>STRATEGY FOR REMOVAL/PREVENTION</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Curbing – Physical	1980 Public Works began sloping curbs at intersections.	As sidewalks and curbing are being replaced – 200' handicap accessible sidewalk installed in 2007.
Library – Physical	- Ramp constructed from parking lot to Library. - washrooms – wheelchair accessible.	Completed 1992.
Parking – Physical	Established Handicap Parking within Community instituting fines.	1980 – By-law amended 2000.
Arena – Physical	Handicap washroom & automatic doors installed.	Completed 1994.
Recreation Centre Complex – Physical	New construction 100% handicap accessible.	Completed 1994.
Transportation – Physical	Handi-transit established joint venture with Township of Terrace Bay.	Established 1997.
Centre of Excellence - Physical	Opened May 2005	Handicap accessible – handicap faucets installed 2005.
Schreiber Beach Access - Physical	-Handi-cap walkway to beach and gazebo -Handi-cap access to washrooms improved	Completed August 2005. Completed August 2006
J.E. Stokes Medical Centre - Physical	Handi-cap access repaired	Completed October 2006

Reviews are imperative in determining any barriers that may be in the Township of Schreiber.

As there is limited staff to complete these reviews within the Township, the time frame set out to perform these reviews 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.

<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT &amp; DUTIES</b>	<b>REVIEW</b>	<b>PLANNED REVIEW</b>
Township of Schreiber	<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u> . road construction and maintenance . streetlights . signage . snowplowing . water/sewage treatment	. Purchases . Renovations . Building Permits . Site plans of Municipal Buildings . Construction	Complete 2006
	<u>RECREATION</u> . programs . figure skating . hockey	. Programs	2008
	<u>LIBRARY</u> . Provide internet & Library services to public	. Services accessible to persons with disabilities	Complete

Methods of Conducting Reviews

The above chart outlines the planned reviews and time frame for completion.

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 Schreiber’s disabled population.
- As roads and sidewalks are repaired, ensure every possible barrier is removed.
- Review of recreational programs to ensure the disabled are accommodated.

## Status of Reviews

At the end of each year, each area to be reviewed will be given a status identification.

The area of review will either be:

1. completed (dates)
2. ongoing (with summary of the progress)
3. planned (date)

## List of Barriers

An operational review of the Recreation Centre Policies and Procedures was completed between October 2005 and February 2006. No barriers were identified.

Medical Centre accessibility was reviewed. Physical barriers were identified. Handrail in hallway on dental side to be put in capital budget for 2007. Ramp was re-leveled and ceramic tile was installed.

## **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>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT &amp; DUTIES</b>	<b>REVIEW</b>	<b>PLANNED REVIEW PERIOD</b>
<b>Township of Schreiber</b>	<u>ADMINISTRATION</u> . by-laws/policy	. by-laws/ policies . accessibility to meetings	2007-2008

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 with the operational review, the status of each decision making review item will be identified at the end of each year as:

- 1. completed
- 2. ongoing
- 3. planned

List of Barriers

As with the operational review, the decision making review will list barriers in the chart below:

<b>BARRIER</b>	<b>BARRIER TYPE</b>	<b>STRATEGY FOR REMOVAL OR PREVENTION</b>
Type	Policy/practice, technological, attitudinal, communicational, informational, architectural, physical	Corrective measure and time frame
Hiring Policy G-2001-3 & Library Personnel Policy L-95-3	Policy/Practice	Complete 2006

**SECTION 8**

**TARGETS AND ACTIONS**

**TARGET**

Once a review has been completed and barriers identified, a targeted time line for dealing with an identified barrier will be established and placed in the Action Chart to follow.

## **ACTIONS**

The activities that will be undertaken in the next 12 months period are charted below.

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>RESOURCES (staff time)</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE COST</b>	<b>TARGET</b>
By-law review	75 hours	\$ 1,500.00	all
Review of Policies	40 hours	\$ 800.00	all

## **SECTIONS 9**

### **COMMUNICATION OF THE PLAN**

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