

# Woolwich Township 2023 Accessibility Status Update

## 2020 Annual Initiatives

<p>Continue to contribute to the operation of the Grand River Accessibility Advisory Committee (GRAAC), including providing staff support to GRAAC, monthly meeting attendance and up to \$500.00 financial contribution each year based on GRAAC's expenses.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>Continue to review and monitor Provincial accessibility legislation.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>Update 2007 Facility Building Accessibility Audits and begin Park &amp; Sports Fields Accessibility Audits with trained Township staff with assistance from the GRAAC Built Environment Committee chair as needed.</p>	<p>Deferred to 2023.</p>
<p>Provide new accessible picnic tables with the goal of at least 1 accessible picnic table in every Township park.</p>	<p>4 accessible picnic tables: 2 at 29 Queensway Drive, St. Jacobs; and 2 at 3 Water Street St. St. Jacobs. The 2 at 3 Water Street will be installed in early to mid December 2022. Accessibility was ensured at the forefront of the new community space (29 Queensway Drive). The concrete sidewalk was connected appropriately at the pavilion to accessibility access as well as maintained 1.8m-2.4m wide sidewalks, along with 2 accessible picnic tables.</p>
<p>Consider implementing improved website accessibility monitoring tools. Continue to review and monitor content on the Township website in accordance with WCAG 2.0 Level AA requirements.</p>	<p>Implemented Monsito accessibility monitoring software</p>
<p>Work to make more online services available for all residents.</p>	<p>Implemented online parking ticket payments</p>

## Initiatives for 2021

<p>The Township will review and consider alternative voting options to increase accessibility during the 2022 Municipal Election.</p>	<p>In progress – Council provided approval in principle for internet voting</p>
<p>In accordance with section 14(4)2. of the Integrated Accessibility Standard, ensure the Township’s website meets WCAG 2.0 Level AA requirements.</p>	<p>In progress – significant updates made to increase accessibility, especially with PDF documents – 80 to 90 percent of website is accessible. Problems with old planning maps</p>
<p>Annual facility improvements: Bolender Park install 3 paved accessible parking spaces.</p>	<p>Wooden border removed from swing set at Bolender Park (Elmira) to provide better accessibility). Parking spaces deferred until 2023</p>
<p>Annual facility improvements: WMC, Maryhill Community Centre, Heidelberg Community Centre: retrofit accessible door operators to entry doors and meeting rooms</p>	<p>4 accessible touch operators at both ice rinks at 24 Snyder Avenue South (Woowich Memorial Centre - WMC). 4 accessible touch operators at St. Jacobs Arena (access to change rooms / spectating area). On-going</p>
<p>Annual facility improvements: Begin implementing accessibility improvements found during updated park and facility accessibility audits</p>	<p>Accessibility washroom improvements at, 24 Church Street West, Elmira. We added a touchless door operator, emergency button &amp; speaker function. Added accessibility parking at Lions Park in Elmira. On-going</p>

## Initiatives for 2022

<p>Review and consider alternative voting options to increase accessibility during the 2022 Municipal Election.</p>	<p>2022 Municipal Election completed with inperson paper ballot voting, on-line and telephone. Clerk is writing an accessibility report to Council as a follow-up to the election.</p>
<p>Develop an accessible sidewalk around the columbarium at Elmira Union Cemetery</p>	<p>The columbarium sidewalk was not completed this year (2022) due to timing. Only recently had the columbarium installed and staff will be looking to eventually connecting the columbarium to the asphalt laneway.</p>
<p>Work to create a database of volunteers to support community program participants.</p>	<p>To be revisited in 2023</p>
<p>Annual facility improvements, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bloomingdale Park: accessible path to picnic shelter.</li> <li>• Elmira Fire Hall: retrofit accessible door operator.</li> <li>• Continue implementing accessibility improvements found during updated park and facility accessibility audits.</li> </ul>	<p>Accessibility parking at Bloomingdale Community Centre. Improvements to Bloomingdale Park and Elmira Fire Hall are ongoing. Ongoing</p>

## Initiatives for 2023

<p>Report on accessibility features and feedback on the 2022 Municipal election.</p>	<p>Clerk writing a Report using survey information collected during the Election</p>
<p>Begin reviewing and drafting the Township's next Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.</p>	<p>Deputy-Clerk to begin collecting information to establish Accessibility Plan 2024</p>
<p>Annual facility improvements, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maryhill Community Centre: retrofit accessible door operator.</li> <li>• WMC: replace aquatic wheelchairs and related equipment</li> <li>• Continue implementing accessibility improvements found during updated park and facility accessibility audits.</li> </ul>	<p>Accessible features in the new Maryhill Fire Station (accessible, barrier free washroom).  Maryhill Community Centre: Complete Automatic Door Operators installed in St. Jacobs and in Elmira WMC.  WMC Aquatic wheelchairs and related equipment deferred.  On-going</p>