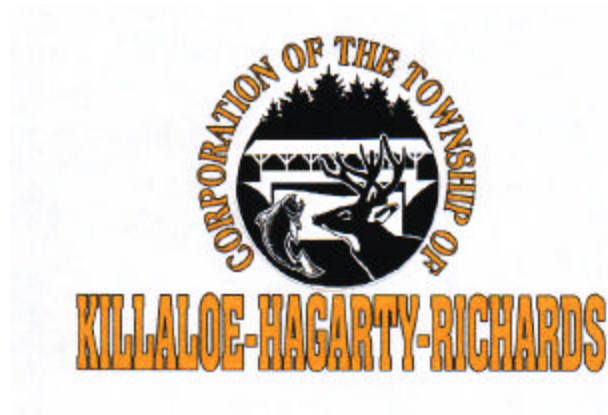


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***CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
KILLALOE, HAGARTY AND RICHARDS***



ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

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Aim:

This report describes what measures the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards will take to identify, remove and prevent barriers to people with disabilities who utilize the facilities and services of the Township.

Objectives:

This report:

1. Describes the process by which the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards will identify, remove and prevent barriers to people with disabilities.
2. List the facilities, policies, programs, practices and services the township will review in the coming year to identify barriers to people with disabilities.
3. Describe how the township will make this Accessibility Plan available to the public.

Description of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards:

The Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards is located in Renfrew County. We are bordered by the Township of Madawaska Valley, the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, the Township of North Algona/Wilberforce, the Township of Bonnechere Valley, the Township of Laurentian Valley and the District of Nipissing.

The township has a population of approximately 2600 persons. It is a largely rural municipality with one village and two smaller hamlets located within its borders. It is home to one privately owned senior's apartment complex and four schools.

The township owns a Municipal Hall (which also houses the library), Medical Centre, two Fire Halls, two Outdoor Rinks/Recreational Facilities, a Tourist Information Booth, one Road Yard/Office and three Municipal Parks, one of which is not completely developed and used by the public, and two which are currently in full use by the public.

Executive Summary:

The purpose of the *Ontarians With Disabilities Act, 2001 (ODA)* is to improve opportunities for people with disabilities and to provide for their involvement in the identification, removal and prevention of barriers to their full participation in the life of the province. To this end, the ODA mandates that each municipality must prepare an annual Accessibility Plan.

This plan has been prepared by the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, with input from staff and council. The services of the County of Renfrew Accessibility Committee may also be utilized as we take measures to identify, remove and prevent barriers to people with disabilities who use the facilities and services of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards.

Council Commitment of Accessibility Planning:

The Council for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards is committed to:

- The continual improvement of access for those with disabilities, to all municipally-owned facilities, premises and services.
- The provision of quality services to all members of the community who have disabilities.

The council has authorized the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to prepare an accessibility plan that will enable the council to meet these commitments.

Site Audit of Municipally-Owned Buildings:

A complete site audit of municipally-owned buildings will be scheduled annually. The purpose of this site audit is to assess any barriers that may still exist, and to make recommendations for removing those barriers in order to comply with current legislation under the Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

Proposed Barrier Identification Methodologies:

In order to identify barriers, the following methodology will be used:

<i>Methodology</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Status</i>
The Municipal Chief Building Official and the Municipal Fire Chief will conduct site visits to all municipally-owned buildings.	Site visits will be conducted at the Medical Centre, Municipal Hall, Road Yard/Office, Killaloe Outdoor Rink, Round Lake Recreation Property, Tourist Information Booth, Sheryl Boyle Park, Station Park, Hoch Park, Killaloe Library	A report will be prepared which identifies the various issues that will be dealt with through this Accessibility Plan.

Barriers Identified:

The following barriers have been identified:

<i>Municipal Property</i>	<i>Barrier Identified (if any)</i>	<i>Strategy for Removal</i>
<p>Medical Centre (Upstairs) 45 Mill Street Killaloe, ON</p>	<p>Front Door Upstairs would need to be changed to provide proper accessibility. Some doorways need to be made wider. Accessibility to halls and treatment rooms should be addressed. Install washroom facility near front entrance that would serve both the doctor's and dentist's office. Install a designated parking area and path of travel to the building.</p>	<p>Change front door to accommodate accessibility issues. Widen doorways as required. Investigate the issues surrounding the installation of a barrier free washroom facility at the front of the building; e.g. cost, feasibility, space available. Handicapped Parking Areas have been identified and designated and improvements to the path of travel into the building are being addressed.</p>
<p>Medical Centre (Downstairs) 47 Mill Street Killaloe, ON</p>	<p>Entrance doors do not have proper handles. Need minor alterations to inside of entrance to make it barrier free. No barrier free washroom facilities.</p>	<p>Change door handles and make repairs to inside of entranceway. Investigate the issues surrounding the installation of a barrier free washroom facility; e.g. cost, feasibility, space available</p>
<p>Killaloe Rink 28 Cameron Street Killaloe, ON</p>	<p>No designated parking area or travel route to building. Door handle and door itself not barrier free. No barrier free washroom facility.</p>	<p>Designate a parking area and travel route to the building. As this would require paving the parking lot, a detailed cost analysis would have to be done to identify cost issues. Renovations are being undertaken to provide a barrier-free entrance into the building, as well as onto the ice surface. The washroom is being renovated to make it barrier-free, and appropriate signage is being installed to indicate this.</p>
<p>Information Booth 177 Queen Street Killaloe, ON</p>	<p>No designated parking area or travel route to building. Entrance and washroom are not barrier free.</p>	<p>Designate a parking area and travel route. As this would require paving the parking lot, a detailed cost analysis would have to be done to identify cost issues. Investigate the issues surrounding the installation of a barrier free washroom facility, e.g. cost, feasibility, space available</p>
<p>Municipal Building 1 John Street Killaloe, ON</p>	<p>No barrier free access or designated parking area and travel route. No barrier free washroom access. Some doorways not barrier free.</p>	<p>A lift has been installed to address the issue of access from the lower level of the building to the council chambers and municipal offices. A barrier-free washroom has been installed on the lower level, and automatic door openers have been installed at the front and back entrances to the building. Parking spaces have been designated and appropriate signage has been installed to indicate this.</p>

Round Lake Rink 545 Albert Street Round Lake Centre, ON	No designated parking area or travel route to facility. No barrier free access to building and no barrier free washroom facility.	Designate a parking area and travel route to the facility. As this would require paving the parking lot, a detailed cost analysis would have to be done to identify cost issues. Investigate the issues surrounding the installation of a barrier free washroom facility, e.g. cost, feasibility, space available. Network with the Round Lake Recreation Committee to ensure that any renovations or improvements that they do to the facility are done in compliance with the municipal Accessibility Plan and pertinent applicable legislation.
Sheryl Boyle Park	No designated parking area or travel route to facility. No barrier free washroom facility.	Designate a parking area and travel route to the facility. As this would require paving the parking lot, a detailed cost analysis would have to be done to identify cost issues. Investigate the issues surrounding the installation of a barrier free washroom facility, e.g. cost, feasibility.
Hoch Park 86 Queen Street Killaloe, ON K0J 2A0	The museum is housed in a heritage building, which is not currently barrier-free. Most of the activities at the park take place outside, e.g. Farmer's Market, so there are some challenges to be addressed relating to accessibility.	Network with the Killaloe Heritage and Ecology Committee (who currently lease Hoch Park) to ensure that any renovations or improvements that they do to the facility are done in compliance with the municipal Accessibility Plan and pertinent applicable legislation.
Killaloe Fire Hall 5 Civic Street Killaloe, ON	Accessibility Issues have been addressed through previous renovations and upgrades to the building.	Continue to review on an annual basis.
Round Lake Fire Hall 2995 Round Lake Road RR #5 Killaloe, ON	Accessibility issues with washroom facilities.	Fire Hall is not normally open to the public except on annual basis for "Open House". Annual reviews will continue with the ultimate goal being the provision of barrier free washroom access, subject to identification of need and funding availability.
Roads Yard 16370 Hwy. 60 RR #2 Killaloe, ON	Accessibility issues with entrance and washroom facilities.	Building is not normally open to the public. Annual reviews will continue with the ultimate goal being the provision of barrier free washroom and entrance access, subject to identification of need and funding availability.
Station Park 167 Queen Street Killaloe, ON	No barriers identified.	Continue to review on an annual basis.

(The suggested template for the identification and strategy for removal of barriers, is outlined above).

Review and Monitoring of Process:

This plan will be reviewed annually, thus allowing council, staff and the public to monitor barriers that have been identified, as well as the direction in which the township is moving to remove them.

Communication of Plan:

This plan will be available at the Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards' Municipal Office. The municipality will also publish a notice on it's website that the plan is available at the Municipal Office.

What has been accomplished:

During 2009, the following renovations/changes have been made to accommodate access for people with disabilities:

Municipal Office:

A lift has been installed to address the issue of access from the lower level of the building to the council chambers and municipal offices. A barrier-free washroom has been installed on the lower level, and automatic door openers have been installed at the front and back entrances to the building. Accessible parking spaces have been designated and appropriate signage has been installed to indicate this. All steps leading into the building have been marked to make it easier to distinguish between them and adjacent surfaces, including curb ramps.

Killaloe Rink:

Renovations are currently underway which address the accessibility issues at this outdoor facility. Accessibility ramps leading into the building and onto the ice surface are being built, and a barrier-free washroom is being installed.

Ongoing Initiatives:

- ❖ Electronic on-line and telephone banking are available for tax payments by our ratepayers.
- ❖ The public may access the municipal office by e-mail at khr@on.aibn.com.
- ❖ Our municipal website may be used to access information on upcoming events, by-laws, minutes, meeting schedules, etc.
- ❖ Print material can be made available to the ratepayers of our municipality in large print form.
- ❖ Those who have long-term leases on municipal property have been made aware that any construction or renovation planned for the leased property, must have regard to accessibility requirements pursuant to the provisions of this accessibility plan, and applicable statutes.