**Section 1:**

**Municipal Jurisdiction Participating in this Accessibility Plan**

**Municipality**

The jurisdiction of the municipality taking part in the Accessibility Planning is the lands of the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island.

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**Population**

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| **2021 Census (Population of Gordon and Barrie Island combined)** | | | | | | |
| **406**  Provincial population rank: 406  National population rank: 2,690 of 4,831  **25.1%**  In 2021, the enumerated population of Gordon/Barrie Island (Municipality), was 613, which represents a change of 25.1% from 2016. This compares to the provincial average of 5.8% and the national average of 5.2%.  **31.8%**  In 2021, there were 294 private dwellings occupied in Gordon/Barrie Island (Municipality), which represent a change of 31.8% from 2016.  **2.3**  The land area of Gordon/Barrie Island (Municipality) is 263.44 square kilometres and the population density was 2.3 people per square kilometre. |  |  |  |  |  | ... |
| | **Age groups** | **Total - Gender**[**Footnote1**](https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2021/as-sa/fogs-spg/page.cfm?topic=2&lang=E&dguid=2021A00053551027#fn1) | **Men+**[**Footnote2**](https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2021/as-sa/fogs-spg/page.cfm?topic=2&lang=E&dguid=2021A00053551027#fn2) | **Women+**[**Footnote3**](https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2021/as-sa/fogs-spg/page.cfm?topic=2&lang=E&dguid=2021A00053551027#fn3) | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 0 to 14 | 8.9% | 7.9% | 10.0% | | 15 to 64 | 50.4% | 49.2% | 51.7% | | 65 and over | 39.8% | 42.9% | 36.7% | |  |  |  |  |  | ... |
| **2016 Census** |  |  |  |  |  | ... |
| Based on statistics of Statistics Canada the Ontario Population Report the Township Gordon has a population of 490. The population disbursement is ages 0-14 years = 45; 15-64 years = 285; and 65 years and over = 160.  Based on statistics of Statistics the Ontario Population Report the Township of Barrie Island has a population of 47. The population disbursement is ages 0-14 years=5;  15-64 years=18; and 65 years and over = 24 |  |  |  |  |  | ... |
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**Municipal Highlights**

The Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island is primarily an agricultural township, with the additional business supporting commerce, two tourist lodges, one construction company, two small lumber stores, a corner store with gas pumps and the corporate head office for a trucking company.

This is a very popular spot for all outdoor Sporting enthusiasts and home to the Gore Bay Manitoulin Airport.

The township has a large amount of its land on waterfront and its population increases by approximately 205 additional cottage residents in the summer months. The Municipality surrounds the business center of the Town of Gore Bay.

The township does not have a Fire Department, but has a Community Fire Safety officer and fire protection agreements with surrounding municipalities of Town of Gore Bay, Township of Burpee/Mills, Township of Billings, and the Township of Central

Manitoulin.

The municipality has representation of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services Board, The Gordon Cemetery Board, The Gore Bay Public Library Board, The Manitoulin Planning Board, The Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport Commission, and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Board.

The area residents are served by the Community Halls and Municipal Office which are rented for meeting facilities. The public swim beach services Gordon Township and the surrounding area. The transfer station (recycling center) is maintained by Gordon/Barrie Island, Gore Bay. In the town of Gore Bay the Memorial Arena, ball field, marina and other recreational facilities service the residents of the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island.

**Section 2:**

**Consultation Activities**

Target Group

The target groups in this Municipal Accessibility Plan are the concerned general public, persons with mobility impairment, seniors, persons with physical disabilities, persons who are deaf and blind and supportive stakeholders.

Activities and Convener

The accessibility planner conducted visual inspections. Notes were made on the barriers that would affect everyday activities for those individuals that have disabilities.

Time Period Activity Occurred

Accessibility Planner conducted visual inspections during the month of October 2004.

Plan was drafted and submitted to council November 2004

Council discussed plan December 2004.

Summary of Information Collected through Consultation

To summarize the Municipal Buildings/Facilities:

The Gordon Community Hall and Municipal Office

* Has wheelchair accessibility by use of a ramp on ground floor
* The storage shed is wheelchair accessible.

The Barrie Island Community Hall also has wheelchair accessibility.

Other facilities:

* The Public Swim beach is accessible and the washrooms are located there as well.
* The transfer station has been reworked with bins that sit on the ground and are wheelchair accessible.
* The municipality has private businesses located in their township about 50 % have wheelchair access.
* The Manitoulin Planning Board is located on the upper floor of the same building in the Post Office in Gore Bay. There is a ramp to the first floor (Canada Post), but the Planning Board Office has a wood stairway to the second floor and no ramp.
* The Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport is equipped with a wheelchair access ramp, automatic door and has a wheelchair washroom.
* The Public Library located in the Gore Bay Municipal Office Building has wheelchair access and offer large print books and books on tape.
* The Municipal office in Gordon Township has crush surface parking and does have designated wheelchair parking. The area businesses have crush and hardtop surface parking areas with no designated wheelchair parking spaces.

**Section 3:**

**Plan Development Working Group**

The Accessibility Plan Working Groups Members for the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island are listed below.

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Barriers Identified

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| BARRIER | BARRIER TYPE | STRATEGIES FOR REMOVAL OR PREVENTION |
| 1. Community Hall & Municipal Office. Entrance doors have no access buttons. | Physical | Install lower access buttons for automatic door opening/closing. |
| ii) Public Swim Beach | N/A |  |
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**Section 4:**

**Operational Review**

Rational for Planned Review

Planned reviews will be set for every twelve months. Rationales for the planned timed reviews are scope of activity to further investigate possible barriers and to overcome the

Barriers, resources that are needed to cover the cost to overcome the barrier, and the design of the building. Some buildings have architectural design barriers.

Review Methodology

Methodologies that will be used to conduct reviews of barriers are to seek public input, construction process/policies, renovation process, and building accessibility.

Status

Review methodologies that are completed are building accessibility. The review took place during the month of November.

Review methodologies that are ongoing are seeking public input. Public input is scheduled to be completed within the twelve month time frame.

Review methodologies that are planned: construction, renovation process and policies.

**Section 5:**

**Targets and Actions**

Actions

Actions for this twelve- month review are to ensure that the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island is to further our study of the accessibility of services within our

municipality and to evaluate the extent that accessibility is sufficient to meet the needs of people with disabilities.

Resources Necessary to Undertake Action

Resources that are necessary to undertake actions are funding, budget allocations for

proposed action, participation and councilors and staff time to do proposed work.

Summary of Action to be completed within Twelve months

ACTION RESOURCES COSTS TARGET

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| Acquire public suggestions to enhance Municipal Accessibility  To acquire and erect a wheelchair parking sign to designate wheelchair parking at the Municipal Office and Community Hall  To acquire and install a wheelchair accessible picnic table at the Public Beach  Acquired new Municipal Building, all level 1st floor wheelchair accessible,  Wheelchair accessible washrooms  Acquired and installed concrete wheelchair ramp  Acquired and installed wheelchair parking sign at Barrie Island Community Centre | Staff time, council meetings. Public participation  Municipal Office staff and public works staff  Municipal Office staff and Public Works staff  Municipal Office staff and public washrooms, hall  Municipal Staff  Public Works Staff | The cost of this action is time and printing costs.  Cost of sign and  sign post and installation  Cost of picnic table stain, and installation  Cost of material for wheelchair accessible plans  Cost of concrete and installation  Cost of install and price of sign | To be completed by December 2004.  May 2005  July 2005  March 2007  April 2008  March 2009 |

Notes/Updates on Strategies and Actions 2023

Policy

Review of Accessible Customer Service Policy (2018) Additions and Revisions to be review by council – current year 2023.

Addition of:

1. Support Person
2. Service Animals
3. Assistive Devices

Removal of:

1. Procurement- Under the law, only public sector organizations have this requirement, however we will incorporate accessibility criteria and features

When procuring and acquiring services and or facilities.

1. Self Service Kiosks- N/A

Customer Service

The Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island is committed to providing accessible customer service to people with disabilities. This means that we will provide goods, services and facilities to people with disabilities with the same high quality of and timeliness of others through the on-going education and training of new staff on AODA. This will include visual aids and demonstrations. A quiz will be required and refresher given annually going forward. Attendance tracking and certificate of completion will be included.

Information and Communications

The Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island is committed to making our information and communications accessible to people with disabilities, therefore we will continue to provide assistance to those that require additional support to obtain information related to the Municipality.

1.Visual Aids- Magnifiers to enlarge text are available

2.Municipal staff -will read content/information on behalf of the customer

3.Information will be provided in writing to those that may be hearing impaired and as requested

Design of Public Spaces

Both the Gordon Community Center and Barrie Island Community Center are wheelchair accessible and have been maintained to ensure accessibility is sufficient to meet the needs of people with disabilities.

* Fire extinguishers have been installed at a level that is easily accessible.
* Door handles are being updated to a latch handle.
* Automatic doors at point of entry to Administration office and community centers

Inspection and review of premises and community feedback will continue and be reviewed annually or as needed.