

Accessibility Plan

Name of Organization: Rural Municipality of Oakview

Overview of Programs and Services

The Rural Municipality of Oakview is located in Western Manitoba and includes the communities of Oak River, Cardale, Rapid City and Basswood. The RM is made up of an area of 1120 square km. and has a population of about 1626 people, with grain and mixed farming as the backbone of the economic base of the municipality.

The Municipality provides municipal services to residents & others

- Utility – Oak River & Rapid City
- Public Works
- Tourism
 - Campgrounds – Oak River & Rapid City
 - Beach & Playground – Rapid City
- Fire Protection Services – Oak River & Rapid City
- Rapid City Regional Library

Accessibility Achievements

Oak River Office – is accessible, no automatic door openers

Rapid City Office – is not accessible, has stairs

Staff in both offices are instructed to ask the public “if they can help” when accessibility may be an issue

Rapid City Regional Library – is accessible (ramp), no automatic door openers

Rapid City Fire Hall Meeting Room – is accessible, no automatic door openers

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #49 – is accessible thru the Valleyview Seniors Centre

Rapid City Valleyview Seniors Centre – is accessible (ramp) and has automatic doors

Rapid City Beach/Playground – has handicapped parking

Oak River Rink – is accessible, no automatic door openers

Basswood Hall – is accessible, no automatic door openers

Barriers to Accessibility

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<p>Website is not available in Audio</p> <p>Rapid City Rink – is currently under renovations – should be accessible when finished</p> <p>Rapid City Playground Structure – currently is not accessible and does not have units</p> <p>Rapid City Beach – washrooms doors are not automatic – should have signs stating that service animals are allowed</p> <p>Fire Departments – need to promote the Emergency pre-plan so Fire and Emergency Service has a complete list of people with special needs</p>
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Part 2. Accessibility Plan

<p>Statement of Commitment</p>
<p>The Rural Municipality of Oakview is committed to ensuring equal access and participation for all people, regardless of their abilities. We are committed to treating all people in a way that allows them to maintain their dignity and independence. We believe in inclusion. We are committed to meeting the needs of people who face accessibility barriers by identifying, removing and preventing these barriers and by meeting requirements of <i>The Accessibility for Manitobans Act (AMA)</i>.</p>
<p>Policies</p>
<p>The Rural Municipality of Oakview will provide information, in an accessible format on request, or with communication supports that consider a person’s specific needs.</p>

Actions

<p>Action 1</p>	
<p>Initiatives/Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure all staff are trained to meet people where there are at in terms of communications and assistance (ask how residents can be helped, don’t assume staff knows their needs) - Work with residents on how we might accommodate them better 	<p>Expected Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure all residents can access all services

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Action 2	
Initiatives/Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Posters at both offices indicating staff is willing to help, just ask 	Expected Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure residents know they can ask for help and will be treated with respect & dignity
Action 3	
Initiatives/Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure snow and ice is removed from parking lots/areas and sidewalks, keep sidewalks clear of any debris 	Expected Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide better physical access to building's in inclement weather on a timely matter
Action 4	
Initiatives/Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plan to be updated 	Expected Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rural Municipality of Oakview will review the plan every 2 (two) years and make changes as required

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