

## **5.2. Accessibility Improvement Grant**

Improving accessibility and eliminating barriers in our communities is a key focus for the commercial and industrial businesses in the Municipality of South Huron. The Accessibility Improvement Grant is designed to help cover part of the costs associated with enhancing property accessibility in South Huron, targeting both exterior and interior barriers to meet or exceed provincial accessibility laws and standards. This effort aims to make South Huron an inclusive community for people of all ages and abilities. By prioritizing accessibility, we not only assist individuals with disabilities but also enhance access for seniors, families with young children, delivery drivers, and patrons.

The Accessibility Improvement Grant promotes improvements to buildings and areas that will result in greater accessibility and reduced barriers. The grant aligns with South Huron's aim to make a community for people of all ages and abilities.

### **Eligible Projects**

- a) Barrier Free ramps;
- b) Installation of power operated doors;
- c) Installation of handrails for barrier free assistance;
- d) New or upgrades to pathways/exterior walks (or other accessibility features);
- e) Widening of the primary entrance for barrier free access;
- f) Other similar projects may be approved by South Huron Staff.
- g) Application fees and/or Professional Fees (I.E. Accessibility Audit, Architect, Engineer)

### **Accessibility Improvement Grant Details**

The municipality may provide up to a maximum of \$10,000 or 75% of the eligible project costs, whichever is less. A maximum dollar value for the grant will be determined annually given the amount of funding made available for community improvement each year. The grant will be payable following the completion of the work to the satisfaction of municipal staff.

Reference the CIP Application Form for more details regarding application submission.