

## Staff Report

**To:** Mayor Bazinet and Members of Council  
**Report From:** Michaela Johnston, CEMC, Accessibility and Health & Safety Manager  
**Meeting Date:** April 28, 2025  
**Subject:** Access Supporting Local Economic Development (SLED) Grant Application

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**Recommendation:**

That Goderich Town Council receives this report for information;

And That Goderich Town Council formally concurs with Staff's April 17, 2025, AccessSLED application submission to repurpose three (3) parking spaces at the Main Beach to two (2) fully accessible parking spaces with transfer aisles through the AccessSLED Grant Application.

**Report Summary:**

For Goderich Town Council to formally confirm the Town's project submission to repurpose three (3) parking spaces at the Main Beach to two (2) fully accessible parking spaces with transfer aisles.

**Background and Analysis:**

In collaboration with the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee, the County of Huron launched a new AccessSLED program in 2025. This initiative offers grants of up to \$1,000 to support projects that enhance accessibility and inclusiveness throughout Huron County.

A suggestion on how to better enhance the accessible parking spaces at the Main Beach was previously received from a member of the public. The proposed project would repurpose three (3) parking spaces [two (2) existing parking spaces plus one (1) regular space] to two (2) fully accessible parking spaces with transfer aisles. Additionally, there will be a curb cut to allow for direct access to the sidewalk and the Beach Hut facility, which houses accessible washrooms and an eating establishment.

A diagram of the location is below.



**Linkage:**

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #1: Safe and Reliable Infrastructure
- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #2: Welcoming and Caring Community

**Financial Impacts and/or Source of Funding:**

The financial impact associated with this report is \$3,255.00 pending successful application for grant proceeds of \$1,000. The remaining balance of \$2,255.00 is proposed to be funded from the waterfront and/or sidewalk maintenance funds in the 2025 Budget.

Total cost of project:	\$3,255
<u>Less grant proceeds, if awarded</u>	<u>-\$1,000</u>
<b>Town's Contribution to the Cost of Project</b>	<b>\$2,255</b>

**Consulted With:**

Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer

Sean Thomas, Director of Community Services, Infrastructure & Operations

**Approved By:**

Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer

Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk