

March 15, 2005

Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk
Regional Municipality of York
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Resolution No. 2005-203

REGION OF YORK
CLERK'S OFFICE

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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Subject: Regional Municipality of York Recommendations in Report Number 1 of the Community Services and Housing Committee Regarding the Proposed *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2004 (AODA)*

Your attention is drawn to the following resolution which was adopted by Regional Council on March 10, 2005:

That the following recommendations approved by the Region of York, Community Services and Housing Committee on January 20, 2005, be endorsed, which read:

It is recommended that:

1. Committee and Regional Council approve the recommendations included in this report regarding actions to be taken by The Regional Municipality of York in the development and implementation of the proposed *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2004 (AODA)*.
2. The Province establish a specific municipal sector standard development committee to allow for focused representation of municipal issues and standards.
3. The Province include definition of the terms "accessibility" and "services" in the legislation to clarify the provincial government's expectations, ensure long-term consistency and guide the development and enforcement of accessibility standards.
4. The Province provide for a resolution process where a person/organization is subject to more than one standard and/or where one organization has more than one class.
5. The Province recognize organizations where work is already underway to enhance accessibility by incorporating flexibility into the initial targets and timelines of the AODA.

6. The Province establish a mechanism and funding source to support municipalities in the ongoing implementation of the AODA.
7. York Region write to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration requesting that the Province consider recommendations two to six.
8. York Region seek endorsement from the nine local municipalities, and other Ontario municipalities, as well as the endorsement of Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario for the recommendations in this report. It is recommended that these endorsements be sent to the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration for consideration in the further development of the AODA.
9. The Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario be asked to take a leadership role in consulting with, representing and bringing forward the perspectives of municipalities.
10. This report be sent by the Regional Clerk's Office to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their information.

The above resolution is provided for your information.

Sincerely,



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Regional Clerk and Director of Clerk's

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c: Meenu Sikand, Coordinator, Accessibility Planning, Region of Peel