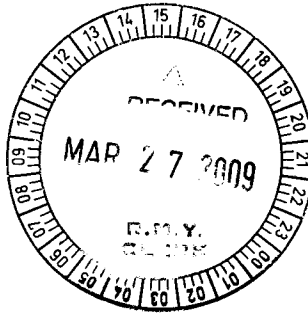




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CLERK'S OFFICE

FILE No. - 903

March 26, 2009

Mr. Bill Fisch, Chairman and CEO
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

Dear Chair Fisch:

Re: National Access Awareness Week (May 24 – May 30, 2009)

I am writing on behalf of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee to formally request that York Regional Council declare May 24 to May 30, 2009 National Access Awareness Week (NAAW) at The Regional Municipality of York, and to encourage the nine local municipalities to do the same.

As you may already know, National Access Awareness Week (NAAW) was established in 1988 in response to a request from Rick Hansen following his Man in Motion World Tour. The goal is to promote better access for people with disabilities. This goal is to be achieved by bringing together people with disabilities, organizations who serve them, businesses, labour and government in order to facilitate changes that allow the full participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of Canadian life; education, leisure, transportation, housing and employment.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Region again for the work done thus far to identify and remove barriers to its programs and services for persons with disabilities living in York Region.

Sincerely,

Regional Councillor Vito Spatafora
Chair, York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

Copy to: Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
Joann Simmons, Commissioner of Community and Health Services Department
Cordelia Abankwa-Harris, Managing Director, Strategic Service Integration and Policy Branch

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