

MEMORANDUM

TO: York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)

FROM: Joann Simmons, Commissioner of Community Services,
Housing and Health Services

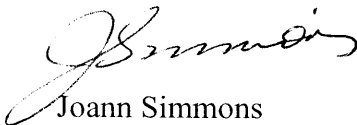
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RE: Item for Discussion (April 25, 2007 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting): Establishing the York Region's AAC Priorities in the Implementation of the Region's 2007 Accessibility Plan

As you know, Towards Accessibility: York Region's 2007 Accessibility Plan was presented to Regional Council and received approval on April 19th, 2007. Now that it has been approved by Council, the next important step will be the implementation of the initiatives. As required by the Ontarian's with Disabilities Act, 2001 (ODA), the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) plays a critical role in advising Council on the preparation, implementation and effectiveness of its annual Accessibility Plan. Once again, the YRAAC will play a role in the implementation of the many initiatives in the 2007 Plan. At the April 25th meeting staff will provide an overview of the initiatives included in the 2007 Plan. To assist us identifying specific areas for which your committee can be involved, I would ask that each of you review the attached 2007 Plan and Committee Report on Towards Accessibility to identify specific initiatives where you would like to see AAC involvement.

If you have any questions or require assistance in preparing for the discussion, please call Lisa Gonsalves at (905) 830-4444 Ext. 2060 or Lois Davies at Ext. 2135. I look forward to your valued ideas and suggestions for this discussion at our next AAC meeting on April 25, 2007.

Thank you.



Joann Simmons