

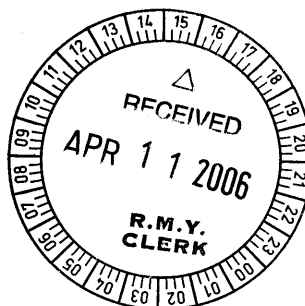


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Dear Chair Fisch:

Re: **National Access Awareness Week (May 28 – June 3, 2006)**

I am writing on behalf on the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee to formally request that York Regional Council declare May 28 – June 3, 2006 as 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, to promote better access for people with disabilities. Its primary aim is to bring together people with disabilities, organizations who serve people with disabilities, business, labour and government to facilitate changes that allow the full participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of Canadian life; education, leisure, transportation, housing and employment.

Since National Access Awareness Week serves as a reminder of the importance for all individuals, businesses and government partners to work together to promote an inclusive and barrier-free community, it is a perfect tool to use to launch the implementation of **Removing Barriers: York Region's 2006 Accessibility Plan**, which was just recently approved by Council.

I 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. I look forward to the implementation of **Removing Barriers** in 2006.

Yours truly,

Wilf Morley, Chair
York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

c. Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk ✓

Joann Simmons, Commissioner Community Services, Housing and Health Services