

TOWN OF GEORGINA

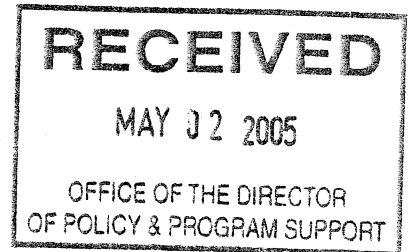
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Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration,
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Attn: Minister Marie Bountrogianni

Honourable Minister:

Re: Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2004 (AODA)

The Town of Georgina's Accessibility Advisory Committee at its meeting held on January 20, 2005, endorsed Recommendations 2 to 6 from York Region's Clause No. 1 in Report No. 1 to the Community Services and Housing Committee entitled 'Overview and Implications of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2004 (Bill 118)';

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.*

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At the same meeting, the Committee endorsed the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) submission to the Standing Committee regarding local policy on Bill 118, the purposed Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and that Recommendation No. 11 include people with disabilities and not just people with physical disabilities.

The above two recommendations were endorsed by the Council of the Town of Georgina at its meeting held on February 14, 2005 by Resolution No. C-2005-0105 as follows;

"That correspondence from (a) Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk, Region of York, requesting endorsement of the Regional Report entitled 'Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2004 (AODA)' and (b) AMO presentation on Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) be endorsed."

Sincerely,

FOR THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

Carolyn Lance

for: Roland Chenier,
Town Clerk
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