

MEMORANDUM

TO: York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)

FROM: Joann Simmons
Commissioner of Community and Health Services

DATE: June 3, 2008

RE: **Item for Discussion (June 18, 2008) Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting): Establishing the York Region's AAC Priorities in the Implementation of the Region's 2008 Accessibility Plan**

Opening Doors: York Region's 2008 Accessibility Plan was presented to Regional Council and received approval on May 15th 2008. 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 can play a role in the implementation of the many initiatives in the 2008 Plan. At the last meeting of the YRAAC on April 23, 2008 you may recall that staff asked this committee to begin thinking about specific areas of the 2008 Accessibility Plan where you would like to see AAC involvement.

At the June 18th meeting staff will provide an overview of the initiatives included in the 2008 Plan. To assist us in identifying specific areas for which your committee can be involved, I would ask that each of you review the 2008 Plan and Committee Report on Opening Doors that you received recently.

If you have any questions or require assistance in preparing for the discussion, please call Lois Davies at (905) 830-4444 Ext. 2060 or Aisha Saintiche at Ext. 2149. I look forward to your ideas and suggestions at our next AAC meeting on June 18, 2008.

Thank you.

Original signed by Joann Simmons