

MEMORANDUM

TO: York Region AAC

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

DATE: March 9, 2006

RE: Item for Discussion (March 29, 2006 AAC Meeting): Establishing the York Region's AAC Priorities in the Implementation of the Region's 2006 Accessibility Plan

As you know, Removing Barriers: York Region's 2006 Accessibility Plan will be presented to Regional Council on March 23rd, 2006. After it has been approved by Council, the next important step will be the implementation of the initiatives. As required by the Ontario's with Disabilities Act, 2001 (ODA), the York Region 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 2006 Plan. To assist us identifying specific areas for which your committee can be involved, I would ask that each of you review the attached 2006 Plan and Report to Council to identify specific initiatives where you would like to see AAC involvement.

As well, we would welcome this as an opportunity for you to provide feedback and thoughts on the Region's accessibility planning process and in particular the AAC's role and possible opportunities for improvement.

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 March 29, 2006.

Thank you.


Joann Simmons