

April 30, 2008

Mr. Bill Fisch, Regional Chairman and CEO
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

Dear Chair Fisch:

Re: National Access Awareness Week (June 1 – June 7, 2008)

I am writing on behalf of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee to formally request that York Regional Council declare June 1 to June 7, 2008 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 them, businesses, labour and government in order to facilitate changes that allow the full participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of Canadian life; education, leisure, transportation, housing and employment.

We 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.

Yours truly,

Regional Councillor Danny Wheeler
Chair, York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

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