

York Region

May 11, 2005

Regional Chair Bill Fisch
Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario
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REGION OF YORK
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Dear Chair Fisch,

Re: National Access Awareness Week (May 29 – June 4, 2005)

On behalf of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee, I am formally requesting that York Regional Council recognize May 29 – June 4, 2005, National Access Awareness Week.

National Access Awareness Week, (NAAW) was established in 1988 to promote better access for people with disabilities. This happened in response to a request from Rick Hansen, following his Man in Motion World Tour. Rick Hansen wheeled 40,000 km through 34 countries for two years, two months and two days on his Man in Motion World Tour.

The primary aim of NAAW 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; in the areas of education, leisure, transportation, housing and employment.

NAAW 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.

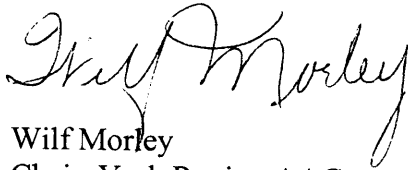
Recognizing NAAW is a fitting way to officially launch the implementation of **Moving Forward: York Region's 2005 Plan which was recently approved by Council**. The 2005 Plan and its many initiatives which are aimed at removing and preventing barriers is an excellent vehicle to help raise awareness and address the issues faced everyday by persons with disabilities.

I would like to further congratulate the Region for all the progressive work being done to enhance accessibility for all the residents of York Region.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wilf Morley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Wilf Morley
Chair, York Region AAC

Copy to: Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee