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REGION OF YORK
CLERK'S OFFICE

FILE No. - *P14*

Attention: Ms. D. Labelle-Gélinas, C.M.O., City Clerk

Dear Ms. Labelle-Gélinas:

Re: Ontarians With Disabilities Act Special Funding

Further to your correspondence dated July 14, 2004, with respect to the above matter, at its meeting of August 9, 2004, the Municipal Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury passed the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the correspondence received from the Corporation of the City of Cornwall, dated July 14, 2004, requesting support for their Resolution with regard to Ontarians with Disabilities Act Special Funding, be received;

AND THAT the Municipal Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury wishes to support Resolution No. C230-2004, passed by the Corporation of the City of Cornwall on July 12, 2004, with regard to Ontarians with Disabilities Act Special Funding;

AND THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee be copied on this correspondence for their consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT the Region of York be notified for information purposes.”

If you have any further questions with regard to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Anna M. Knowles
Deputy Clerk

c.c.: D. Kelly, Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of York ✓
M. Gaukel, Chair, Town of East Gwillimbury Accessibility Advisory Committee
J.S. Rogers, C.A.O., Town of East Gwillimbury

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July 14, 2004

To all Ontario Municipalities:

RE: ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT SPECIAL FUNDING

This is to advise you that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Cornwall, at its regular meeting of Monday, July 12, 2004, endorsed a Resolution regarding special funding for the Ontarians with Disabilities Act. The said Resolution is enclosed for your reference.

As you are aware, the Ontarians with Disabilities Act was introduced in 2001 and all municipalities were required to prepare, on an annual basis, an Accessibility Plan which addresses, identifies and, where possible, removes all barriers to people with disabilities. The Act also legislates municipalities to appoint Committees which may include municipal staff as resource personnel to help with the Plan process. Council respectfully submits that the legislation does not include any standard or guideline to be followed yet enforces municipalities to conduct whatever work is required to address all barriers within its municipal Assets.

Due to the diverse disabilities of our Committee Members, it has been recognized, due to the amount of work involved, that there is a need for the municipality to identify a municipal coordinator who's specific task is to help and coordinate the Committee's requirements under the legislation. There presently is no provision of any funding to municipalities in order to accomplish its task.

The Corporation of the City of Cornwall hereby requests all municipalities in joining in lobbying the Province of Ontario and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to provide for Special Funding that will help municipalities to employ the staff needed to coordinate the Committee's requirements under the legislation and to set, as soon as possible, reasonable standards and guidelines for the advancement of the Ontarians with Disabilities Act and that these standards and guidelines be consistent throughout the Province.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CORNWALL

DENISE LABELLE-GÉLINAS, C.M.O.
CITY CLERK

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Enclosure

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RESOLUTION



The Council of The Corporation of the City of Cornwall

Resolution number: NB -1 July 12, 2004
Moved by Councillor: Leslie O'Shaughnessy
Seconded by Councillor: Huguette Burroughs

Ontarians with Disabilities Act Special Funding

WHEREAS the Ontarians with Disabilities Act was introduced in 2001 and all municipalities were required to prepare on an annual basis Accessibility Plan which Plan addresses, identifies and where possible remove all barriers to people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS the Act also legislates municipalities to appoint Committees which may including municipal staff as resource personnel to help with the Plan process; and

WHEREAS the legislation does not include any standard or guideline to be followed yet enforces municipalities to conduct whatever work is required to address all barriers within its municipal Assets; and

WHEREAS due to the diverse disabilities of Committee Members, it has been recognized due to the amount of work involved, that there is a need for the municipality to identify a municipal coordinator who's specific task is to help and coordinate our requirements under the legislation; and where there presently is no provision of any funding to municipalities in order to accomplish its task.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Corporation of the City of Cornwall lobby the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to provide for Special Funding that will help municipalities to employ the staff needed to coordinate our requirement under the legislation and to set, as soon as possible, reasonable standards and guidelines for the advancement of the Ontarians with Disabilities Act; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these standards and guidelines be consistent throughout the Province; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this special resolution be sent to our Local M.P. MPP and all municipalities throughout Ontario for their assistance in petitioning our Provincial Government in obtaining funding and that they set consistent standards and guidelines across Ontario.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution passed by City Council at a regular meeting held on the 12th day of July, 2004.

Dated at the City of Cornwall,
County of Stormont, this 12th
day of July, 2004.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Denise Labelle-Gelinas".
DENISE LABELLE-GELINAS, CITY CLERK