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Dear Mr. Fisch:

I wanted to thank you for continuing to keep us informed of your progress in developing York Region's policy framework and other materials related to York's accessibility planning and accessibility advisory committee.

We understand you have completed your accessibility plan and that it has now been made public. We are also aware that you will be holding an official launch on October 16 at your regional council meeting. I know representatives from the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario, at this ministry, plan to attend this meeting to hear first-hand once again of the excellent work you are doing.

Over the past few months, we have communicated our appreciation of the best practice work you have done in this area to Joann Simmons, Commissioner for York Region's Community Services and Housing Department, and her staff, Cordelia Abankwa-Harris and Lisa Gonsalves, who have been instrumental in getting this initiative off the ground.

I commend you for the successful recruitment of the region's first accessibility advisory committee and a successful public consultation on York Region's draft plan. The impact of these is evident in the level of detail and scope of the draft plan.

The innovation and commitment shown in York Region for accessibility planning represents an excellent example of the benefits of accessibility to all citizens. Congratulations, once again, on a job well-done.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol Layton".

Carol Layton
Deputy Minister

c. Michael Garrett, Chief Administrative Officer
Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk