

Establishing the YRAAC's Priorities in the Implementation of the 2011/2012 Accessibility Plan

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Accessibility Advisory
Committee

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Overview

- ❑ *Reaching a New Standard for Accessibility – An Overview*
- ❑ Accessibility Initiative Highlights
- ❑ How you can get involved?

Key Questions

- ❑ How can you use your expertise to assist the Region and specific departments implement some of the accessibility initiatives in 2012?
- ❑ What areas do you see this committee as a whole getting involved in?
- ❑ What do you think is a priority area for the Region with regards to accessibility?

Reaching a New Standard for Accessibility

- ❑ Includes 154 accessibility planning initiatives under the ODA & AODA
- ❑ **Departmental plans consist of three sections:**
 - ❑ Progress Report
 - ❑ Barrier Identification
 - ❑ Barriers That Will be Addressed
- ❑ **How the Plans are Organized**
 - ❑ Initiatives are organized under five themes.

Accessibility Initiatives Highlights

- ❑ Increase awareness about the needs of people with disabilities during an emergency or disaster
- ❑ Increase access to affordable housing for people with disabilities
- ❑ Increase access to information about Public Health clinic services
- ❑ Investigate the possibility of developing a corporate York Region Accessibility Design Manual
- ❑ Improve wayfinding for people with disabilities at public sites
- ❑ Develop a Children's Mental Health Awareness Course

Accessibility Initiatives Highlights

- ❑ Develop newsletters, staff resources and courses, agency partnerships, and provide "lunch n' learn" sessions
- ❑ Undertake a review of candidate sites for future accessible trails
- ❑ Continue to promote accessible customer service through including training in new employee orientation
- ❑ Implement the requirements of the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation

YRAAC Involvement

The YRAAC has requested report backs or updates regarding:

- ▣ Accessible housing units
- ▣ Accessible Pedestrian Signal installation
- ▣ Transit Fare Subsidy

Questions

