
Accessing York

York Region's 2010 Accessibility Plan

Presentation to York Region's
Accessibility Advisory Committee

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How the Plans are Organized

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.

Accessing York - Overview

- ❑ Includes 71 accessibility planning initiatives from all departments across York Region.
- ❑ 18 Barriers Identified and 53 Barriers to be Addressed.



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Departmental Accessibility Highlights - 2010

Community and Health Services

- ❑ Improve the accessibility of affordable housing by upgrading entrances and bathrooms and installing grab bars.
- ❑ Improve the transport and handling of motorized and large assistive devices.
- ❑ Review of York Region's summer camp and Positive Leisure Activities for Children and Youth (PLAY) programs.
- ❑ Eliminate accessibility barriers on the corporate staff website.



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Corporate Services

- ❑ Accessible washroom in Administrative Centre.
- ❑ Redesign of the Central Services Centre.
- ❑ Create more effective wayfinding for visitors with disabilities.
- ❑ Departmental lead for the proposed Built Environment Standard under the AODA.



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Environmental Services

- ❑ Architectural design plans for the Community Environmental Centre to be presented to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee (YRAAC).
- ❑ Include an audio file option to improve access to information on website for people with sensory disabilities.
- ❑ Increase participation of students with disabilities in the York Children's Water Festival by requesting more details on accommodation needs.



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Finance

- ❑ Modify website pages to indicate that contracts and tenders are available in alternate, accessible formats.
- ❑ Support the information technology and finance needs of the Chief Administrative Officer's office in the implementation of the proposed Accessible Information and Communications standards.



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Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

- ❑ Develop a public education program on emergency issues to build individual capacity for personal preparedness.
- ❑ Act as departmental lead for the corporate implementation of the proposed Information and Communications Standard under the AODA.



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Planning and Development Services

- ❑ Include policies in the approved Regional Official Plan to ensure that communities are designed to have interconnected and accessible transportation.
- ❑ Review of Public Consultation Centres and stakeholder engagement forums.
- ❑ Enhance accessibility to Geomatic maps and products.



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Transportation Services

- ❑ Install more audible pedestrian signals.
- ❑ YRT Mobility Plus will establish a 24/7 trip booking system.
- ❑ Development of accessible section of the Hollidge Tract.
- ❑ Act as departmental lead for the corporate implementation of the proposed Accessible Transportation Standard.



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York Regional Police

- ☐ Create the Persons with Disabilities Safety Unit .
- ☐ Invite agencies that serve people with disabilities to participate in the Recruit Community Insight Program.
- ☐ Expanding NexTalk.
- ☐ Create an electronic resource library for employees.



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YRAAC Involvement

The YRAAC has requested report backs or updates regarding:

- ☐ Initiatives to identify issues faced by people with disabilities in an emergency.
- ☐ The York Regional Forest Accessible Trail initiative.
- ☐ Transit Fare subsidy requests.



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YRAAC Involvement

Suggestions for involvement?

Questions?



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