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ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 4

The Community Services and Housing Committee recommends that:

- 1. Report No. 4 of the Accessibility Advisory Committee dated September 22, 2004 be received**
- 2. That the following resolution from the City of Cornwall regarding Ontarians With Disabilities Act Special Funding” be endorsed:**

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

WHEREAS the Act also legislates municipalities to appoint Committees which may include 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”

(A copy of Report No. 4 of the Accessibility Advisory is attached to this report.)