



Accessibility Advisory Committee

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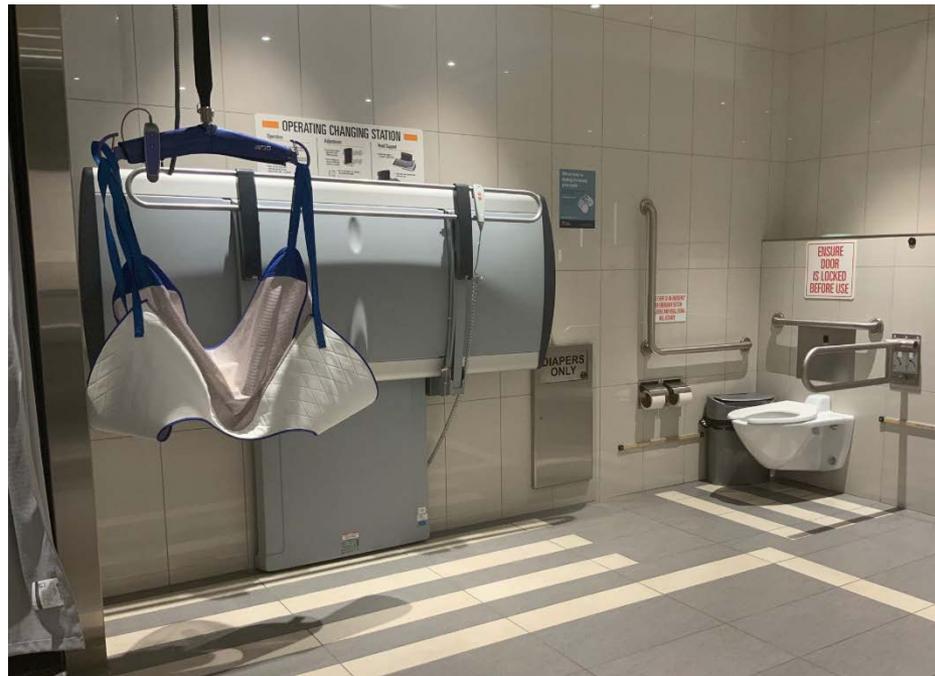
The Accessibility Advisory Committee encourages and facilitates accessibility for all persons with disabilities in the Town of Newmarket by:

- Providing advice, recommendations and assistance to Council to develop and facilitate strategies for the identification and elimination of barriers for citizens with disabilities.
- Promoting accessibility related public outreach, education and awareness initiatives.

Accomplishments

Our committee consulted, reviewed plans and provided recommendations for these initiatives and projects:

- Consulted with external partners and provided assistance with the Upper Canada Mall universal accessible washroom renovations.



Accomplishments

- Mulock Property, Stickwood Walker Farmhouse, Patterson Sidewalk renovations, Northwest Quadrant Trail System Design Concepts, Skateboard Park, Electric Vehicle Parking,
- Conducted an audit of the entrances and sidewalks to storefronts on Main Street, with a goal to make Main Street accessible for all.
- We made recommendations to staff to include Accessibility to the Financial Incentive Program to help fund accessible renovations to Main St.
- Reviewed Site Plan applications and provided recommendations on accessibility related conditions to staff.
- Participated in the annual National Access Ability Week Celebrations virtually through recorded interviews and videos.

Accomplishments

- Provided recommendations for the downtown parking analysis and reviewed planned short-term, medium-term and long-term options.
- Continually reviewed Federal and Provincial grant opportunities related to accessible projects.
- Worked with businesses in the Town of Newmarket to increase accessibility at the entrances and exists to stores.
- Reviewed plans to use the Mobi Mats for outdoor Town-led events to increase accessibility.
- Provided recommendations regarding accessible van parking signage surrounding Riverwalk Commons and Fairy Lake.
- Van Accessible Signage has now been installed at 4 extra wide accessible parking spots making them AODA compliant.

Accomplishments

- Provided advice on the Town of Newmarket's annual Accessibility Plan update.
- Provided ongoing public awareness of accessibility.
- Endorsed the use of touchless door operators on future Town of Newmarket facilities, and during renovation of existing facilities.

Current Projects

To make Main Street more accessible

- We will be making a presentation to Main Street BIA on the importance and advantages to making their businesses accessible.
- We are working with town staff to add Accessibility to the Financial Incentive Program to help offset the costs.
- We will be working towards taking advantage of high school community volunteering hours to help with the work on making Main St. accessible.

Fairy Lake Accessible Washrooms

- Town staff is investigating funding grants to fund making the washrooms at Fairy Lake Universally Accessible. This means including an adult change table and ceiling lift system.

Current Projects

Mulock Property

- We are working with staff to ensure this new park is accessible to everyone.

Accessible Door to Door Taxi service for Newmarket

- Our committee is looking at ways to encourage local taxi service companies to offer accessible door to door service at the same rate. (maybe Allen can add to this)

Annual National Access Ability Week

- Working with town staff to coordinate this years National Access Ability Week awareness activities.

Current Projects

Site Plan Review

- We continue to review all site plan applications to ensure AODA compliance.

Parking

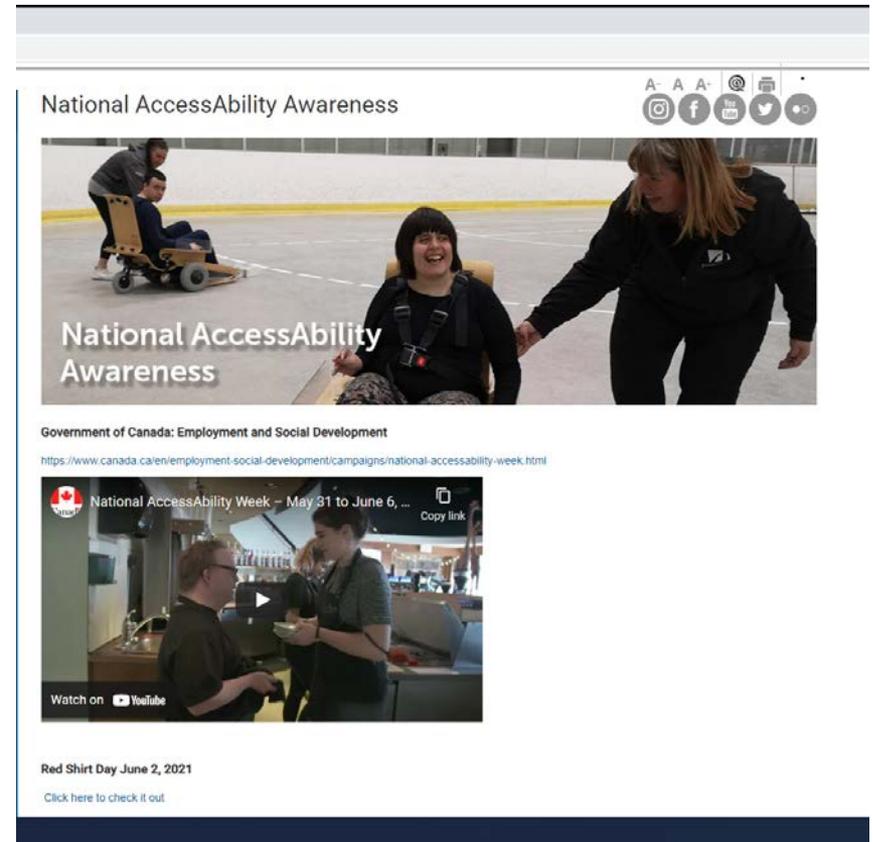
- We continue to identify other parking within the Town that is accessible van friendly.

Elections

- We will continue to provide feedback to the Town on the accessibility of voting locations, and consult with the Federal government on their local voting locations.

NAAW 2021

- Newmarket.ca/NAAW features:
 - Message from Chairperson of AAC – Steve Foglia
 - Government of Canada – Leave no one behind
 - Red Shirt Day June 2
 - Video presentations to promote awareness & understanding



National AccessAbility Awareness

Government of Canada: Employment and Social Development

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/campaigns/national-accessability-week.html>

National AccessAbility Week – May 31 to June 6, ...

Watch on  YouTube

Red Shirt Day June 2, 2021

[Click here to check it out](#)

Thank you!