



# Multi-year Accessibility Plan for 2025 to 2029 and 2024 and 2023 Status Update



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# Purpose of today's presentation

1. Inform the Committee of the 2023 and 2024 Updates to the Town's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan;
2. Share and consult with the Committee on the new 2025-2029 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan; and,
3. Obtain feedback on a message from the Committee for inclusion in the new Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (slide 6).

# Multi-year Accessibility Plan

- Required by AODA
  - Create written multi-year accessibility plans, update at least once every five years and post them on their websites
- First plan was 2013-2017
- An accessibility plan outlines what steps an organization will take to prevent and remove barriers to accessibility and when it will do so.
- A new plan for 2025 to 2029 has been developed (attached)



# Multi-year Accessibility Plan Continued

- What's included in the draft:
  - Guiding Legislation
  - Informed and Committee Leadership
  - Alignment to other Town of Newmarket guiding documents
  - Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee Information, partnerships, and past accomplishments
  - Plans for the Removal of Barriers from 2025 to 2029 and beyond

# 2023 and 2024 Status Update

- Town departments consulted
- Provide list of actions completed
- Separate from Compliance Reports

# Message from the Accessibility Advisory Committee

The Town of Newmarket's Accessibility Advisory Committee's goal is to encourage and facilitate accessibility for all persons with disabilities in the Town of Newmarket. The goal of providing a fully accessible community for all is an important undertaking.

We are pleased to be provided an opportunity to act on the community's behalf and have a role in advising Newmarket Council on various initiatives that support achieving an accessible community. A Multi-Year Accessibility Plan is essentially a road map to how and when the municipality will meet Ontario's accessibility requirements, and our committee has worked with staff and Council to review and provide feedback on how this work will occur in the years ahead. Since the creation of the Town's first Multi-year Plan in 2013, much progress has been made in reaching the goals of the AODA. With the renewal of this Plan, the Committee will continue to work with Council and staff to ensure this progress continues well into the future.

The Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee is honoured to continue to support the Town of Newmarket in implementing and achieving the goals of this plan and the vision of a community that we all can be proud of, and that is 'Well Beyond the Ordinary.'

We invite your comments, participation and commitment to assist the Town of Newmarket in achieving a fully accessible community.

# Next Steps

- The status updates for 2023 and 2024, and the new Multi-Year Accessibility Plan will go to the Committee of the Whole on April 7, 2025 and the April 14, 2025 Council meeting.
- The new Multi-Year Accessibility Plan will be posted on the Town's website following Council approval.

# Thank You and Questions?

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