

2010 Business Plan – Accessibility

The goal of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) is to achieve accessibility for citizens with disabilities throughout Ontario. This legislation will address barriers in areas of goods, services, facilities, accommodations, employment, buildings, structures and premises on or before January 1, 2025, by developing, implementing and enforcing accessibility standards. The proposed Built Environment Standard has not yet come into effect; however, the AODA Committee proposes a 12 month timeline for compliance with new construction requirements and 12 to 36 month timeframe for renovations to existing buildings, once the regulation comes into effect. **The Accessible Customer Service Standard is now law and the municipality is compliant.**

#	Department	Brief Description of Initiative	Advantages	2010 Budget
1	Public Works	Old Simcoe Rehabilitation/Sidewalks	Allows for wider & more accessible sidewalk	Included in total Rehabilitation Contract
2	Library Expansion	Installation of automatic door openers at main entrance, accessible washroom and exit to reading terrace	Provides easier access for the disabled	2010 & 2011 Accessibility designs have been incorporated in the plans for expansion/renovation
		Accessible/Family Washroom	Provides easier access for both disabled and a larger washroom facility for family use	2010 & 2011 Accessibility designs have been incorporated in the plans for expansion/renovation
		Circulation Desk with Adjustable Counter	Enhances service for the disabled at the counter	2010 & 2011 Accessibility designs have been incorporated in the plans for expansion/renovation
		Ramp access from north parking area to entrance and from walkway to reading terrace	Provides access to the library and library features	2010 & 2011 Accessibility designs have been incorporated in the plans for expansion/renovation

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	Library Expansion	Accessible computer terminal with large screen monitor & accessibility software	Enhances services for the disabled	2010 & 2011 Accessibility designs have been incorporated in the plans for expansion/renovation
		Signage Enhancements	Allows for greater ease of navigation within the Library	Accessibility designs have been incorporated in the plans for expansion/renovation
3	Parks, Recreation & Culture – Facilities	In-house Audit of Facilities	To determine the extent of the external audit	Part of overall staffing budget
4	Parks, Recreation & Culture Nestleton Community Hall Renovation	Easy access entry (elimination of steps to enter facility)	Provides easier access to the facility	Accessibility designs have been incorporated into the renovation project
		Barrier free access to washrooms and showers	Provides easier access for the disabled	Accessibility designs have been incorporated into the renovation project
		New washroom facilities with access available from the exterior	Provides easier access for the disabled as entry from the main doors is no longer a requirement to access washroom facilities	Accessibility designs have been incorporated into the renovation project
		Accessible Width Doorways and Hallways	Provides easier access to and within the facility	Accessibility designs have been incorporated into the renovation project

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5	Corporate Services – Clerk's	Lease of an ImageCast ballot marking device for the 2010 Municipal Election	Persons with disabilities will be able to cast their ballots independently	\$4,000
6	Corporate Services – IT	Updates to website to address W3C Compliance	Persons with disabilities will have greater ease in navigating website	\$5,000

**Scugog Accessibility Advisory Committee
2010 Budget and Business Plan –
Clerk's Office**

Program Description	
Department	Corporate Services
Program Area	The Scugog Accessibility Advisory Committee (SAAC)
Mission	The Scugog Accessibility Advisory Committee (SAAC) will work in partnership with the community to identify and eliminate barriers for people with disabilities.
Mandate	The Scugog Accessibility Advisory Committee (SAAC) shall advise and assist the Municipality in developing and facilitating strategies toward a barrier free Scugog for citizens with disabilities. This aim shall be achieved through the review of Municipal policies, programs and services and the identification, removal and prevention of barriers faced by persons with disabilities.

<p>Goals</p>	<p>Maintain a Committee working relationship within our Membership, with Council, Township Staff and Regional AAC Groups;</p> <p>Overcome the attitudinal barriers that exist and develop awareness that the Members of SAAC are a valuable resource, approachable and reasonable when offering solutions or suggestions on accessibility issues;</p> <p>Educate the public on the Accessible Customer Service Standards, Information & Communication legislation and Transportation, Built, and Employment Standards as they are released.</p>
<p>Assets Managed</p>	<p>N/A</p>