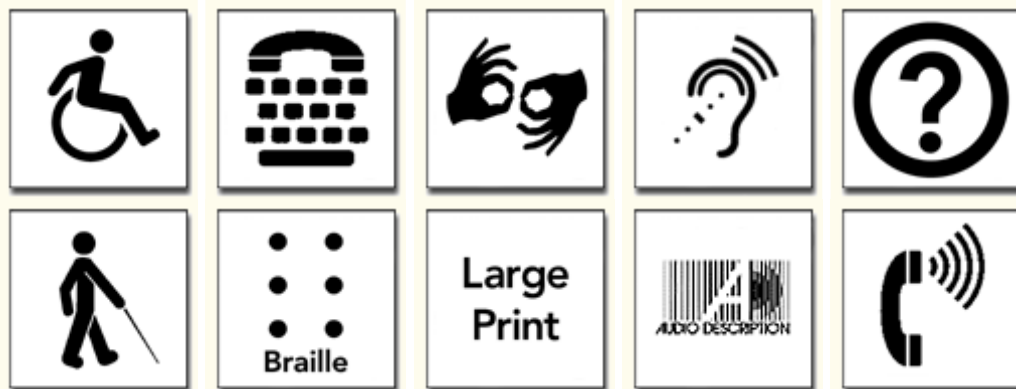




Annual Accessibility Plan 2009



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Section 1
Mission Statement

**To promote equal opportunity and access for all persons regardless of their needs;
To enhance the quality of life for those who live, work or play in the County; and to allow them to participate as fully as possible in all aspects of community life.**

Section 2

Terms of Reference/Procedure

2.1 Terms of Reference

To assist Council by reviewing, advising and making comment and recommendations on Federal, Provincial and the County of Brant policies, procedures and By-Laws in the interests of the people with disabilities County wide.

Within the framework of Goals and Objectives, to deal with community issues relevant to persons with disabilities.

2.2 Procedures of Committee

- 1. The Committee shall have a Chairperson and a Secretary.**
- 2. The Committee will liaise with County Council through the Planning Advisory Committee and by forwarding the minutes and relevant documents to the Clerk for submission to Council.**
- 3. The majority of the Committee is to be formed with persons who are disabled and with County staff members as resource persons from Community & Development Services, Corporate Services, Libraries and Public Works.**
- 4. All public members shall be appointed by the County of Brant Council and may have staggered appointments of one, two and three year terms.**
- 5. The Chairperson shall be elected at every term of council.**
- 6. The Secretary is an appointed staff member.**
- 7. The Coordinator is an appointed staff member.**
- 8. The Committee will review and comment on accessibility and universal design concerns related to public works, development approvals and community services and libraries.**

9. **The Committee will monitor all areas of the community for changes and improvements to accessibility and universal design and recommend to Council that a Certificate of Merit be presented to those recipients who accomplish this on a volunteer basis.**
10. **The Committee will respond to written requests from the public to review barriers for disable persons and will conduct investigations and make recommendations to council as whether or not action is required to remove such barriers.**
11. **The Committee will appoint a minimum of one to a maximum two members to attend the Annual Conference each year to obtain information and improving networking with other municipal AAC's.**

2.3 List of Committee Members:

Chair	Frank Fairchild
Secretary	Annette Wilson
Coordinator	Andre Gravelle
Councilor	Cliff Atfield
Steve Leighfield	
Patrick Newstead	
Jenny Sawicki	
Josie Cruickshank	
Sherry Lawrence	
Jack Davis	
Jeff Weir	
Chris Scrivener	(County Libraries)
Lesley Atkinson	(Community Services)

Section 3

Legislation Requirements

3.1 Ontarian's With Disability Act 2001

***3.2 Accessibility for Ontarians with
Disability Act 2005***

***3.3 Ontario Regulation 429/07
Accessibility Standards for Customer Service***

Access to view these acts can be found in

www.e-laws.gov.on.ca (or)

www.mcass.gov.on.ca

Section 4

Action Plan

4.1 Inventory

The Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) will complete an inventory of all municipal buildings and properties as to their status of accessibility. This will include photographs of each building, site maps of each property, and a detail survey of their accessibility.

There are numerous properties that the County of Brant embraces. Some of these properties such as quarries and works yards may not apply at this time.

The first phase of this inventory is to review existing County of Brant municipal buildings. Approximately 29 buildings have been reviewed and are listed.

The second phase of the inventory is to review County of Brant municipal parks as to accessibility and create a status list by 2011.

The goal is to have universal accessibility to buildings and properties no later than 2025 as per the ODA.

4.2 Development Standards

The Accessibility Advisory Committee will produce a Development Standards Booklet (DSB) that will be given to developers of subdivisions and commercial projects.

The DSB will provide standards for universal accessibility such as sidewalk treatment, depressed curbs, lighting, parking, ramps and signage.

Details on construction and planning for access will no longer be a secondary issue. It will be the forefront in community design.

The legislation presently before the Ontario Legislature provides for the establishment by the Minister for a series of committees that will set out a new set of standards that will apply to the entire Province.

Once these standards are law the AAC will incorporate these regulations as part of the DSB.

4.3 *Design Review*

The Accessibility Advisory Committee will be reviewing subdivision application plans; site plan control application plans and large building construction plans starting January 1, 2004 this will also include Municipal By-Laws.

The review of these plans will strictly be on accessibility issues and will make comments to the planning and building department staff to ensure accessibility concerns are addressed.

This review will help reduce or may eliminate roadblocks to persons with disabilities.

The AAC will provide comments once a month on a continuous basis.

It is vital that these comments be incorporated as requests by the AAC.

4.4 *Communications*

The Accessibility Advisory Committee will meet once a month on a regular basis and encourages input from the public and will be seeking such through guest speakers, written correspondence and public meetings.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee will be reviewing all forms of communication such as brail, web site access, CD format for sign language and bolder print in publications. This may include verbal tape recordings of council minutes.

Members of the AAC will be available for making presentations to interested groups within the County. They will seek to raise the awareness of the community members regarding the requirements of the new ODA legislation and the importance of complying with the new standards that will be developed under the new Act.

4.5 *Training*

The Accessibility Advisory Committee is interested in continuing professional development and training. Members and staff will be attending workshops and seminars on an on going basis.

Guest speakers are always welcome to speak at the committee meetings.

One goal for the AAC is to develop a training program for the County of Brant staff to inform them on accessibility issues as it relates to their jobs.

4.6 *Funding*

County of Brant Council through the budget process will provide funding for the AAC to administer on a yearly basis.

4.7 *List of services*

Canadian National Institute for the Blind	1-519-752-6831
Brant Community Care Access Centre	1-519-759-1016
Paris Transportation Services	1-519-442-7873
Participation House Brantford	1-519-756-1430
Canadian Hearing Society Hamilton	1-905-522-0755
Alzheimer Society of Brant	1-519-759-7692
Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act	1-866-515-2025 TTY 1-416-325-3408

Section 5

Accomplishments

2005

Green Lane Park Building – Accessible Parking Area

Town of Paris – Depressed curbs along Grand River St. at H/C Parking Spaces

Completion of Accessibly Review of Community Centers and Halls

Certificate of Merit issued to Pharma Plus in Paris

New Scotland Library providing barrier free access.

2006

Town of Paris- Depressed curbs at William and Elm Streets for access to Syl Apps Arena

Council Chambers - New Barrier Free entrance and automatic doors.

Mount Pleasant Community Center - New automatic doors.

2007

Airport Community Center - New Barrier Free Ramp, entrance and family wash room.

Cainsville Community Center - New Barrier Free entrance and automatic doors.

Paris Fire Administration Building -New automatic doors.

New Burford Library providing barrier free access.

2008

Margaret Graham Memorial Chapel (Paris Cemetery) – New Barrier Free public washrooms and automatic doors.

Burford Arena- New Barrier Free Stair Lift.

Certificate of Merit issued to Maranatha Baptist Church, Landsdown Children Center, Paris High School & St. Paul's United Church

Snowball Park access ramp

Burford Arena – New automatic doors

Section 6
Building Inventory