

International Day for People with Disabilities

International Day for People with Disabilities is a global event endorsed by the United Nations. This organization has worked for decades to promote full equality and participation of people with disabilities in society. The AAC celebrated our first International Day for People with Disabilities in 2013 and plan to celebrate this event every year.

Holnbeck Award

The Gordon and Arbie Holnbeck Award is given to a person, or persons, who have enhanced the quality of life for people with disabilities through volunteer work. Nominations are accepted in the spring of each year and the Award Ceremony is held in conjunction with Access Awareness Week.

National Access Awareness Week

National Access Awareness Week was established in 1987 following Rick Hanson's 40,000 km "Man in Motion Tour". Each spring, within the City and County of Peterborough different celebrations are held by a number of community advocacy groups to recognize the importance of inclusion and accessibility within our community.

Contact Us

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Zach Prins is a local artist who started painting about six years ago. Under the guiding eye of Art Teacher Gene Canning, Zach has produced over 30 wildlife and scenery paintings. Some of his work can be found in the 2014 Community Living Calendar, and displayed at the Lakefield Art Gallery, the Bearded Turtle, and the Peterborough in Portrait Art Exhibition. Zach works part time and his interests include Special Olympics swimming, baseball, and pool.



City of Peterborough
**Accessibility
Advisory Committee**

The City of Peterborough Accessibility Advisory Committee

- The City of Peterborough is committed to demonstrate leadership for accessibility in the community.
- Our goal is to meet the diverse needs of all people and follow the principles of dignity, independence, integration and equal opportunity.
- We will strive to achieve an inclusive environment for our facilities, goods, services, employment, information and transportation.

Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001 (ODA)

The ODA was established by the Province with the goal of improving the opportunities for people with disabilities. Municipalities are responsible to prepare annual accessibility plans, as well as consider accessibility in their planning processes, and when they buy goods and services. Each municipality with a population of over 10,000 people is to establish an Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) to advise Council on how to make the municipality more accessible to people with disabilities. The majority of the members of the committee are to be people with disabilities.

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)

The AODA sets a progressive goal to create a more inclusive Ontario by January 1, 2025. There are two current standards under the AODA, which are now law: The Customer Service Standard introduced in 2005 and the Integrated Accessibility Standard in 2011.

Currently the Ontario Building Code is being amended to include updated regulations pertaining to accessibility.

The Ontario Human Rights Code (OHRC)

The OHRC is for every person. It is a provincial law that ensures equal rights and opportunities without discrimination in specific areas, such as jobs, housing and services. The Code's goal is to prevent discrimination and harassment because of race, sex, age, and disability to name a few.

The City of Peterborough 2012 to 2016 Accessibility Plan

The link directly below takes you to the 2012-2016 Accessibility Plan as found on the City of Peterborough website. The plan reports on the steps that the City of Peterborough has taken to identify, remove and prevent barriers for people with disabilities.

peterborough.ca/2012-2016AccessibilityPlan

AAC Initiatives

The Accessibility Advisory Committee has determined that having maps to easily identify accessible parking, accessible washrooms in City facilities and accessible playgrounds would be beneficial to residents and visitors. The link to each of these maps can be found on the City of Peterborough website.

peterborough.ca/AccessibleResourceMap/

The City of Peterborough Assistive Devices

To assist people with disabilities the City of Peterborough offers a number of assistive devices to better serve our residents. Below, is the link to the City's website and the list of assistive devices available, as well as where they are located in City facilities.

peterborough.ca/Assets/City+Assets/Accessibility+Legislation/Documents/Assistive+Devices.pdf

Accessibility Advisory Committee Members

- Chair, Keith Riel
- Bob Geddes, Past Chair
- Vice Chair, Ian Guest
- Andrea Dodsworth,
Chair Built Environment Sub-Committee
- Janet Ali,
Chair AAC Transportation Sub-Committee
- Gordon Earle
- Peter Michielsen
- Marie Bongard
- Eric Lodgins

"I have been a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee since its inception in 2002. I love to volunteer in my community as it gives me the opportunity to give back and say thanks to those who support me."

Andrea Dodsworth
Chair Built Environment
Sub-Committee