



People, Equity and Culture  
Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

## Memorandum

TO: York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Stephen Maio, Senior Executive Officer  
People, Equity and Culture

DATE: November 20, 2024

RE: **New Appointment to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee**

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On behalf of Regional Chair Emmerson, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the appointment of one new citizen member to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee (YRAAC). The Regional Chairman has the authority to make additional appointments to Regional Committees, including the YRAAC.

A mid-term recruitment was completed to strengthen the membership of the YRAAC both in numbers and disability type. One member will complete serving their two consecutive terms at the end of 2024 leaving a gap on the committee. The goal was to recruit a new member to the committee with expertise or lived experience with a hearing disability.

As a result, the following individual is appointed for a four-year term:

### **Kathleen Kedzierski**

Kathleen is a person with a hearing disability. Kathleen brings a wealth of experience in leading and supporting professional and community-based committees. Her most current experience and contributions include the Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee, where she is currently serving her term as a member.

This appointment is effective immediately and will remain in effect until the end of 2028 when her term with the YRAAC concludes.

York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee advises Regional Council and York Regional Police on how to make it easier for people with disabilities to use York Region's programs and services. The majority of committee members must be people

with disabilities and must be either a York Region resident or be part of an organization serving York Region residents with disabilities. The Committee term runs concurrent with the term of Regional Council.

The appointment of Kathleen will be a valuable addition to the YRAAC as the Committee continues its work to assist Council in realizing its vision of creating welcoming and inclusive communities for everyone.

Sincerely,

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The Regional Municipality of York

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