

# 2019 TO 2024 YORK REGION MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN (DRAFT) — REVIEW AND UPDATE

PRESENTATION TO THE YORK REGION  
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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# PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Accessibility planning background
- Development of the 2019 to 2024 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan
- 2019 to 2024 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Framework
- Feedback and group discussion
- Wrap up and next steps

# Questions to consider ...

- Does the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan framework reflect the information you want to know about York Region's efforts to improve accessibility?
- What do you see as being most important when it comes to accessibility planning and why? Are we moving in the right direction?
- Do you feel there are any elements missing in the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan framework?

# WHY DO WE HAVE A MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN?

- Helps plan for an accessible York Region
- Ontario laws require accessibility plans
- 2.6 million Ontarians or 24.1 per cent of the Ontario population aged 15 years and over have one or more disabilities
- Accessibility planning began with annual plans under the Ontarians with Disabilities Act
- Multi-year accessibility planning was introduced in 2013 under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act



# ONTARIO LAWS REQUIRE ACCESSIBILITY PLANS

- Multi-year accessibility plans are required under the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (IASR):
  - ✓ Must be posted on the website
  - ✓ Must be reviewed and updated at least once every five years
  - ✓ Must be developed in consultation with an accessibility advisory committee and people with disabilities
- Annual status reports on the progress of measures taken to implement the multi-year accessibility plans are also required under the IASR
  - ✓ Must be posted on the website
- Specific Transportation and Design of Public Spaces accessibility requirements must be included in the multi-year accessibility plans

# YORK REGION 2019 TO 2024 MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN DEVELOPMENT (York Region and York Regional Police)

- Consult with the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee on the framework of the 2019 to 2024 Multi-year Accessibility Plan (MYAP) (April)
- Develop a DRAFT 2019 to 2024 MYAP (April)
- Consult with internal and external stakeholders (May)
- Consult with people with disabilities (online survey), including agencies who serve York Region residents with disabilities (May)
- Present the DRAFT 2019 to 2024 MYAP to the YRAAC (June)
- Seek Council approval (September)
- Post 2019 to 2024 Multi-year Accessibility Plan on the website and distribute to stakeholders

# MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN FRAMEWORK

## Messages, background and looking back ...

- Message from York Regional Council
- Message from York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee
- York Region at a glance
- About the plan
- Alignment with key strategic documents
- A focus on stakeholders
  - ✓ York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee
- AODA progress and compliance timeline to date
- Profile actions beyond compliance to create accessible York Region
- Highlight how the AODA has made a difference to our programs, services and facilities

# MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN FRAMEWORK:

## Looking forward ...

- Future requirements and action plan:
  - **January 1, 2021**  
Accessible websites and web content: all websites and web content must meet Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0, Level AA requirements
- Transportation and Design of Public Spaces requirements
- Monitoring and evaluation



**WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK**

# QUESTION 1

Does the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan framework reflect the information you want to know about York Region's efforts to improve accessibility?

## QUESTION 2

What do you see as being most important when it comes to accessibility planning and why?

Are we moving in the right direction?

## QUESTION 3

Do you feel there are any elements missing in the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan framework?

# NEXT STEPS

- Seek feedback on the Draft Multi-Year Accessibility Plan  
(public, stakeholders and disability organizations)
- Report back to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee (June)
- Seek Council approval (September)
- Post and distribute York Region 2019 to 2024 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan
- Ongoing monitoring, evaluation and reporting activities
- Annual status reports

# THANK YOU

