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Accessibility Advisory Committee -
June 19, 2023
Item # 1

York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee Overview

Presentation to the Vaughan Accessibility
Advisory Committee

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June 19, 2023



Agenda

- Overview of York Region
- Accessibility at York Region
- York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Opportunities for Vaughan Accessibility Advisory Committee Members

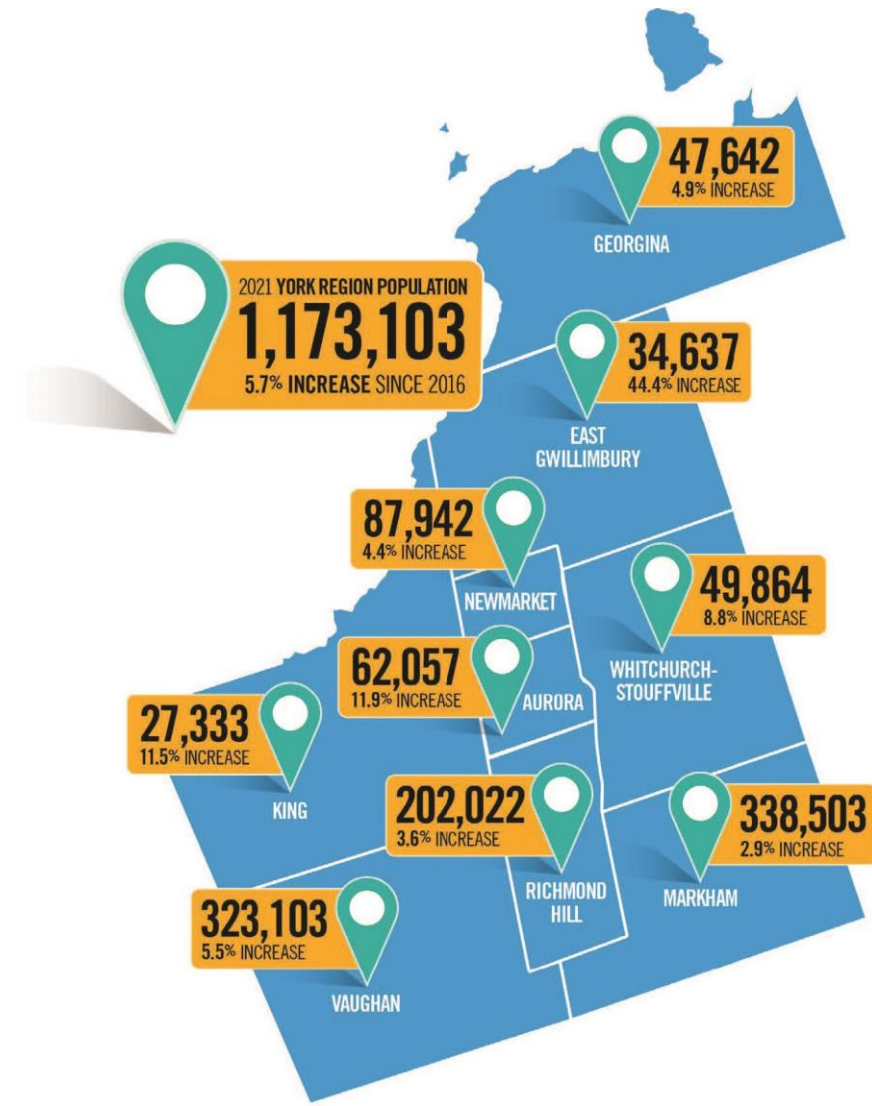
What is York Region? (video)

9 TOWNS
AND CITIES



Our Community

- 1.17 million York Region residents
- 75 per cent of residents live in:
 - Markham (338,503)
 - Vaughan (323,103)
 - Richmond Hill (202,022)
- Diverse population with over 230 distinct ethnic groups
- Nearly 1 in 5 York Region residents has a disability (162,600 people or 18%)



York Region Core Services

15 Core Services

Legislated services provided directly to the public to help maintain a high quality of life for York Region residents.



Children's Services



Community Housing



Court Services



Development Services



Economic Development



Forestry



Long-Term Care



Paramedic Services



Police Services



Public Health



Regional Roads



Social Assistance



Transit



Waste Management



Water

Municipal Service Delivery within York Region

Regional

- Police Services
- Transit
- Forestry
- Court Services (POA)*
- Housing Services*
- Paramedic Services*
- Long-Term Care*
- Public Health*
- Social Assistance*
- Children's Services*

*partially funded by Province

Local

- Building
- Fire
- Libraries
- Licensing
- Parks, Recreation, Heritage
- Stormwater drainage and management

Integrated Delivery

- Bylaw Enforcement
- Borrowing / Tax Collection
- Economic Development
- Emergency Planning
- Planning
- Roads
- Waste Management
- Water

Accessibility at York Region

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) at York Region

Accessibility

- The **Accessibility Unit** is committed to making our programs, services and facilities more accessible to people with disabilities in compliance with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*

Inclusion

- The **Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Unit**, which aims to create a community that values, respects and embraces diversity so that everyone can achieve their full potential

York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

The York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

The mandate of the **York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee (YRAAC)** is to advise and help York Region Council and York Regional Police carry out its responsibilities under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)*.

York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee (YRAAC)

YRAAC Membership

- 3 Regional Council members plus Regional Chair as ex-officio member
- Citizens with disabilities
- People with interest or expertise
- Individuals from organizations representing people with disabilities and that provide services to York Region residents

YRAAC Term

- 2 consecutive Council terms
- Term no longer than 8 consecutive years

YRAAC Agendas

Meeting Agendas include:

- A. Call to order
- B. Disclosures of interest
- C. Accessibility Updates
- D. Presentation(s)
- E. Communications
- F. Deputations

**Agenda
Accessibility Advisory Committee**

**June 22, 2022
4 p.m.
Electronic Meeting**

Quorum: 7

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

C. ACCESSIBILITY UPDATES

C.1 Update on Accessibility Activities

Lois Davies
Manager, Social Policy and Accessibility
Strategies and Partnerships Branch, Community and Health Services

D. PRESENTATION

**D.1 York Regional Police 2023-2025 Strategic Plan
Consultation with YRAAC**

Rania Al-Amry
Planner, Planning, Research & Evaluation Unit, York Regional Police

Roberto Tomei
Planner, Planning, Research & Evaluation Unit, York Regional Police

**D.2 Seeking Advice from the York Region Accessibility
Advisory Committee on the Community Safety and Well-
Being Plan Implementation**

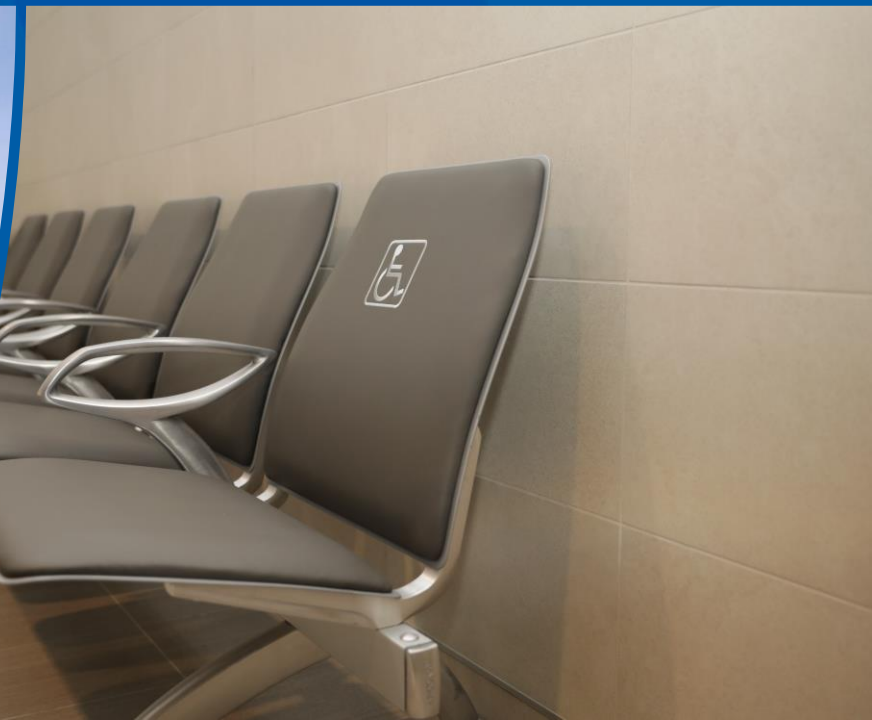
Rodel Ramos
Program Manager, Community Partnerships, Community and Health
Services

Janel Smith
Senior Policy Analyst, Community Partnerships, Community and
Health Services

Examples of Past YRAAC consultations and contributions

17150 Yonge Street achieves RHFAC Gold Certification

- Accessible and inclusive designs include:
- Accessible parking and paths of travel leading to all building entrances
- Tactile attention indicators, Braille and cane-detectable features throughout facility
- Fire alarm system with visual and audible signal devices



Strategic Documents, Plans and Reports

The YRAAC also provides feedback on various Regional documents, plans and reports, including:

- [2022 Regional Official Plan](#)
- [2022 York Region Accessibility Status Report](#)
- [Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Implementation](#)
- [York Regional Police 2020-2022 Business Plan](#)



YORK REGIONAL POLICE • ABRIDGED BUSINESS PLAN



A roadmap for 2020 to 2022



Deeds Speak

PLAN

Vision of Strong.

Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for York Region 2022 to 2026



2022

York Region Accessibility Status Report

Creating an Accessible York Region

Update on actions by York Region and York Regional Police to prevent and remove barriers for people with disabilities and to implement the York Region 2020 to 2023 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan



How can you contribute?

- Attend meetings:
 - Wednesday, June 21, 4 to 6 p.m.
 - Wednesday, September 27, 4 to 6 p.m.
 - Wednesday, November 22, 4 to 6 p.m.
- Consider serving on the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Participate in public consultations on the 2023 to 2027 York Region Multi-Year Accessibility plan
- Email us at aoda@york.ca



Questions?

Thank You



Descriptive Transcript: What is York Region?

[The York Region logo appears in white on a blue background.]

Narrator: What is York Region? York Region is made up of nine towns and cities. They are Georgina, East Gwillimbury, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Markham, Newmarket, Aurora, Richmond Hill, King and Vaughan.

[An animated three-dimensional map of York Region with trees, houses, farms and buildings is pieced together as each municipality is read.]

Narrator: York Region is a two-tier government system. What is a two-tier government system, you ask? Well, in order to answer this question, we need to look at the bigger picture.

[A faded map of Canada appears in an animated picture frame.]

Narrator: We live in Canada. Canada is run by the Federal Government. the Federal Government is led by the Prime Minister.

[A Canadian flag icon appears with an arrow pointing to an grey icon of the Prime Minister.]

Narrator: The province we live in is Ontario. Ontario is run by the Provincial Government and is led by the Premier.

[An Ontario shield icon appears with an arrow pointing to an grey icon of the Premier. The map zooms into the province of Ontario as various location markers pop up within the provincial borders.]

Narrator: Inside our province are many towns and cities, also referred to as municipalities. Municipalities are run by Municipal Government and are led by Mayors.

[A municipality icon appears with an arrow pointing to a purple icon of the Mayor. The map zooms back into the province of Ontario with a red location marker representing York Region. The map zooms out as the 9 municipalities appear.]

Narrator: Each town and city within York Region has something called a Council. Council is a group of people who are elected by the public and they make decisions about things that affect the community.

[An animated hierarchy of Council appears under an icon of the mayor, with an animated arm holding a voter card. An animated image of money appears below, followed by a animated image of a cityscape.]

Narrator: Things like how money is going to be spent, what things are going to be built, what policies and bylaws are going to apply to people. Town and City Council, also referred to as Municipal Government, is responsible for what goes on inside the borders of the towns and cities they serve.

[A map of York Region and each municipality is slowly outlined.]

Narrator: Our nine towns and cities, when combined, make up York Region. York Region is run by Regional Government and is led by a Chairperson.

[The map of York Region turns green, then an blue icon of the York Region administrative building appears with an arrow pointing to a blue icon of the Chairperson.]

Narrator: As mentioned earlier, each Town and City Council is led by a Mayor. This means that York Region has nine Mayors all together. These Mayors, along with Regional Councillors from select towns and cities, make up York Regional Council.

[Icons for each mayor appear within each of the 9 municipalities on the York Region map, which then float over to the Chairperson icon and turn purple. 11 additional icons appear in white denoting the Regional Councillors.]

Narrator: York Regional Council meets to discuss issues and services that impact all of the towns and cities in York Region, to make sure our communities are as strong, safe and caring as possible for the people who work here or call York Region home.

[The map of York Region is circled in red. An animated rural/farming landscape appears on screen, followed by overlapping urban/city landscapes representing York Region.]

Narrator: To find out more about York Region and York Regional Council, go to york.ca.

[The York Region logo reappears in white on a blue background.]

Total video length: 2:04

York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee Reference Sheet

York Region Services

- Children Services
- Community Housing
- Court Services
- Development Services
- Economic Development
- Forestry
- Long-Term Care
- Paramedic Services
- Police Services
- Public Health
- Regional Roads
- Social Assistance
- Transit
- Waste Management
- Water

Local City and Town Services

- Building Permits
- Fire Services
- Garbage / Recycling Pick-Up
- Local Roads
- Libraries
- Marriage Licences
- Parking Permits/Restrictions
- Parks and Recreation
- Pet Licences
- Property Taxes
- Sidewalk Repair
- Snow Clearing (local roads)
- Swimming and Wading Pools
- Water Distribution
- Water Bill
- Yard Waste Collection

York Regional Police

Programs and services

- Criminal investigation services
- Emergency and disaster services
- Public safety information
- Victim support services
- Police record checks
- Vulnerable person registry
- Crime/Safety education
 - Community Safety Village
- Youth mentoring
 - Youth in policing initiative
- Community crime prevention programs
 - Road Watch
 - Neighbourhood Watch
 - Citizens Academy

Legislated responsibilities

- Prevent crime
- Enforce Federal and Provincial laws
- Help victims
- Keep public order
- Respond to emergencies



York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee Reference Sheet

York Region Departments

- Community and Health Services Department
- Corporate Services Department
- Finance
- Legal and Court Services
- Office of the Chief Administrative Officer
- Public Works

Accessibility For Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), 2005

- Applies to all sectors (public and private) - York Region is a public sector organization
- Sets out accessibility requirements and timelines for implementation
- Contains general and compliance requirements and five standards:
 1. Information and Communication
 2. Employment
 3. Transportation
 4. Design of Public Spaces
 5. Customer Service
- Requires obligated organizations to implement an accessibility plan that outlines how they will meet AODA requirements. This plan must be updated every five years
- Requires annual accessibility status reports that outline how an organization is carrying out their accessibility plan
- Requires accessibility reporting to the Province.

Implications For YRAAC Members

Members of the York Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee will provide input on AODA implementation activities that will assist York Regional Council and York Regional Police in realizing long term corporate strategies and visions while achieving compliance with the Act.

YRAAC only advises on the implementation of AODA requirements for facilities, programs and services administered by York Region. Private and public sector services located *within* the Regional Municipality of York but not administered by York Region (for example: restaurants, retail stores, local municipal services) are not subject to YRAAC review.

Contact Information

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The Regional Municipality of York Who Do I Call?



The Regional Municipality of York **Services**

- Children's Services
- Community Housing
- Court Services
- Development Services
- Economic Development
- Forestry
- Long-Term Care
- Paramedic Services
- Police Services
- Public Health
- Regional Roads
- Social Assistance
- Transit
- Waste Management
- Water

For more information, please contact

AccessYork

at 1-877-464-9675 or visit york.ca



at 905-762-2100

(toll free) 1-866-668-3978 | yrt.ca

Local City and Town **Services**

- Building Permits
- Fire Services
- Garbage / Recycling Pick-up
- Local Roads
- Libraries
- Marriage Licences
- Parking Permits / Restrictions
- Parks and Recreation
- Pet Licences
- Property Taxes
- Sidewalk Repair
- Snow Clearing (local roads)
- Streetlights
- Swimming and Wading Pools
- Water Distribution
- Water Bill
- Yard Waste Collection

For All Emergencies Call 911

Aurora

905-727-1375 • aurora.ca

East Gwillimbury

905-478-4282 • eastgwillimbury.ca

Georgina

905-476-4301

705-437-2210 • georgina.ca

King Township

905-833-5321 • king.ca

Markham

905-477-5530 • markham.ca

Newmarket

905-895-5193 • newmarket.ca

Richmond Hill

905-771-8800 • richmondhill.ca

Stouffville

905-640-1900 • townofws.com

Vaughan

905-832-2281 • vaughan.ca