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# Accessible Customer Service Policy

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#### Policy Background, Purpose & Scope

The Accessible Customer Service Policy is required by the AODA, and states the City of Vaughan's commitment to accessible service for people with disabilities

The **Policy** applies to:

All employees, elected officials, citizen members of public committees, contractors & vendors -- anyone providing services or interacting with 'customers' (residents, visitors & other staff) on behalf of the City



#### Key Principles

The City aims to provide programs & services that meet or exceed AODA requirements, based on the following principles:

- respect for the dignity and independence of people with disabilities
- equal opportunity for people with disabilities to access, use & benefit from City services or programs with same quality & timeliness others receive
- integration of services to the broader public, unless alternative ways of providing the service or program are necessary for equal opportunity



#### **Policy Points**

- 1. Policies, Practices & Procedures
- 2. Personal Assistive Devices
- 3. Communication
- 4. Service Animals
- 5. Support Persons
- 6. Temporary Disruption
- 7. Training (accessible customer service)
- 8. Feedback & Complaints
- 9. Documentation (accessible formats)



## Point to Ponder







### Questions/ Comments