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THE RIGHT TO ACCESSIBILITY

A PRESENTATION BY MY MS FAMILY

DEFINITION OF DISABILITY

A disability is a physical or mental condition that limits a person's movements, senses, or activities. The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities (AODA) uses the same definition of disability as the [Ontario Human Rights Code](#).



DEFINITION OF ACCESSIBILITY

The quality of being easily reached, entered, or used by people who have a disability. Many architects believe that accommodating wheelchairs is all there is to providing accessibility. Those of us living with a disability would disagree!



OUR RIGHT TO ACCESSIBILITY

All Canadians have the right to fully take part in society. Advancing accessibility is about creating barrier-free communities, workplaces and services for all Canadians. This is especially important to the more than 6 million Canadians, aged 15 and over, who have a disability.



ACCESSIBILITY ACTS AND LEGISLATIONS

Accessible Canada Act (ACA)

**Accessibility for
Ontarians with
Disabilities Act (AODA)**

**Integrated Accessibility Standards
Regulations**

Accessibility Standards

Ontario Building Code

PROVINCIAL Legislation

ACCESSIBILITY SHORTCOMINGS

- 7 CASES TO
REMEMBER

CASE #1 - PARKING ISSUE



This design of the ramp adjacent to the accessibility parking space is a dangerous design.

As you can see, any person using a wheelchair or walker will need to travel into traffic to access the ramp.

There is a ramp in front of the space, but it will be blocked by the vehicle.

CASE #2 - PARKING ISSUE

Here are more dangerous and illegal parking issues.

You can see the accessible parking spot beside the fire hydrant, but the ramp is around the other side of the sidewalk.

When a vehicle parks in that vacant spot there will be no access to the ramp.

Furthermore, there is no accessible parking spot where the ramp IS located.



CASE #3 - PARKING ISSUE



In this slide you see what looks like the most reasonably designed accessibility parking spot.

The problem is the narrow sidewalk that could cause issues with powered wheelchairs and walkers.

CASE #4 - PARKING ISSUE



Here is another dangerous situation.

This picture was taken next to an accessible parking spot, but the ramp is a distance away into traffic.

One ramp at the Stop sign and the other ramp next to Allstate office. As you can see travelling into traffic!

Why can there not be a ramp system along that entire side?

CASE #5 - PARKING ISSUE



As you see the pick-up is parked in a parking spot and the accessibility parking spot is next to it.

How does one in a wheelchair or walker able to access the ramp to get onto the sidewalk?

The other issue is the sidewalk brick format that is uneven and bumpy for people using walkers, canes or having balance issues to travel over.

CASE #6 – ACCESSIBLE WALKWAY DISASTER



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CASE #6 - DEAD END SIDEWALK



“Sidewalk Ends?”

This is a common daily occurrence for most living with a disability!

Barriers are everywhere. Most are just not anywhere near this obvious.

Learn to recognize barriers to accessibility and you will be part of the solution.

CASE #7 - UNCONDUCTIVE PUSH BUTTON



Push-button door openers are not beneficial for those with dexterity issues.

The best design is the hands free, wave-type design.

VAN EXIT CONFIGURATION

Two types of accessibility vans, each with different exit points...



OTHER ACCESSIBILITY SHORTCOMINGS

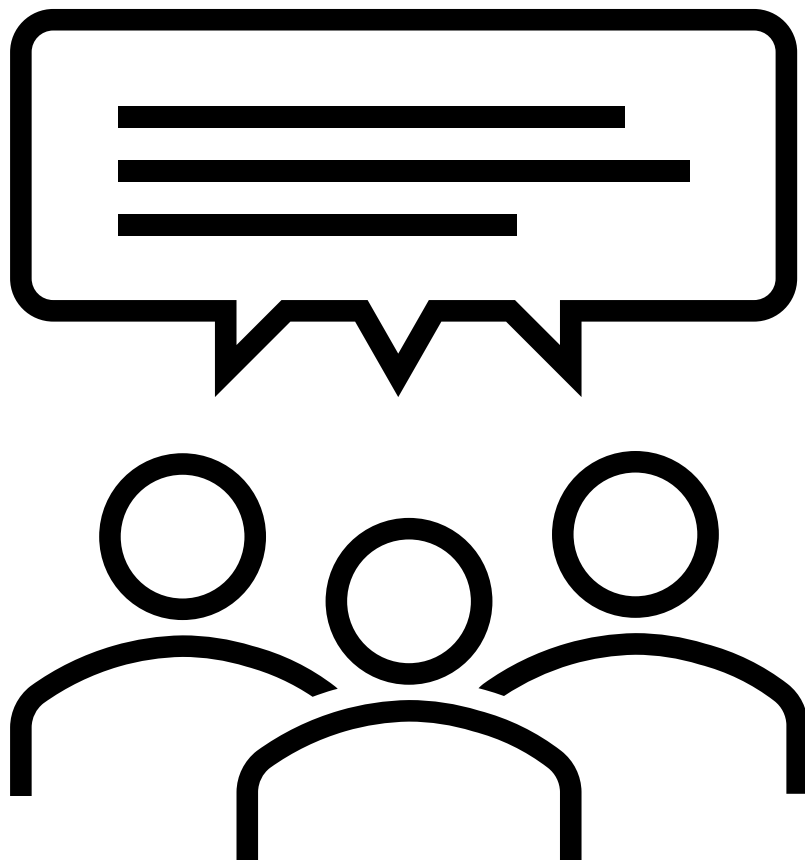
There are many, many other types of accessibility barriers, such as:

- Powered doors opening towards the push button openers
- The short length of time doors remain open as someone passes through using a wheelchair, walker or cane
- Cross walk lights that don't provide enough time to cross multi-lane roads
- Ramps that are too steep for manual wheelchairs
- Uneven sidewalks, and at times a lack of sidewalks along busy streets
- Mobility Transportation scheduling and availability and eligibility criteria
- Washroom without power doors, inaccessible stalls and wash basins

RESOURCES AND CREDITS

- [Towards an Accessible Canada - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca)
- [Accessibility in Ontario | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca)
- [Accessibility in the public service - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca)
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City of Vaughan Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

May 13, 2024



Announcements & Invitations

‘Outcome of the War of 1812’ Exhibit hosted in Vaughan

In Collaboration with the
Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation



Outcome of the War of 1812 Exhibit

Loan Agreement:

- ▶ Collaboration between City of Vaughan and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, along with invitation to other municipalities to host the Exhibit

Purpose:

- ▶ Mark National Indigenous History Month by hosting the Exhibit
- ▶ Highlight connection of the Mississaugas of the Credit to Greater Toronto and southern Ontario lands and waters
- ▶ Promote understandings of First Nations' perspectives and contributions as part of our Truth and Reconciliation Commitments

Exhibit Locations and Timeline

- ▶ **Vaughan City Hall:**
May 28th - July 3rd 2024
- ▶ **Pierre Berton Resource Library:**
July 5th - Aug. 1st 2024

Exhibit includes educational panels, an audiovisual presentation and a central artefact



Image of Pierre Berton Resource Library building entrance.

Encouragement to Visit and Promote

► Invitation to Committee:

- Invitation to experience the rich history and cultural heritage firsthand
- Opportunity to deepen understanding of Indigenous perspectives

► Role of Committee:

- Vital in championing significance of the Exhibit within the community
- Encouraged to leverage personal and professional networks to increase awareness

► Significance of participation:

- Attending the exhibit is a show of respect and support for the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
- Each visit is a step towards Truth & Reconciliation and education

Additional Information

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► Reading and Resources:

- [Outcome of the War of 1812: First Nations Betrayed](#) – Exhibit Guide (English, French and Anishinaabemowin)
- [War of 1812](#) – The Canadian Encyclopedia
- [What are the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action](#) – Reconciliation Education resource
- [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada](#) – Federal website

Dates/Upcoming Events

Flag Raisings

- ▶ June 7 – Pride Month Raising
- ▶ June 10 – Seniors Month
- ▶ June 18 – National Indigenous People's Day
- ▶ Aug 1 – Emancipation Day
- ▶ Sept 30 – National Day of Truth & Reconciliation Orange Shirt Day

*Flag -raising ceremonies in the courtyard;
Vaughan Room in case of rain

Events

- ▶ Sat. June 15 – York Pride Parade
City of Vaughan, Vaughan Public Libraries & Vaughan Fire & Rescue Services contingent
- ▶ Sat. Sept 21 – Culture Days launch
(Tentatively also full launch of GoodMaps wayfinding pilot with CNIB Access Labs)