



# Town of Whitby

## Accessibility Plan

### 2023 Status Update

The Town of Whitby is committed to:

- Ensuring that decisions, actions and planning for the community apply the principles of dignity, equal opportunity, independence and integration;
- Identifying, removing, and preventing barriers to our programs, services, and facilities; and,
- Providing an inclusive community in which employees, residents and visitors have equitable access for all ages, abilities, and circumstances.

The Town strives to deliver an inclusive and welcoming environment for all community members and visitors.

## Project Highlights from 2023

- Started construction on a new community centre (Whitby Sports Complex). This facility has been designed to exceed Ontario Building Code accessibility requirements.
- Re-established the Accessibility Staff Working Group to rejuvenate the commitment to accessibility throughout the corporation.
- Continue to enhance the partnerships with the Accessibility Advisory Committee, the 55+ Recreation Committee of Council and the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee to implement inclusivity initiatives within Whitby.
- Began the implementation of the Council adopted Accessible Signage and Wayfinding Standard.



- Continued to develop and retrofit parks and playgrounds to increase inclusive play opportunities for children of all ages and abilities and their caregivers.
  - Des Newman WhitBEE Park
  - Lynde Creek Park
- Migration of web-based forms from PDF format to on-line format to increase usability of forms for all customers.
- Updated many of the Town's webpages, to improve access to information for all customers, including pages for the 55+ centre.
- Filed the bi-annual Provincial Compliance Report.