



## **City of Toronto Statement of Commitment to Creating an Accessible City**

Diverse communities and groups make up the population of Toronto. The City of Toronto values the contributions made by all its people and believes that diversity among its people has strengthened Toronto.

The City of Toronto is committed to building an inclusive society and providing an accessible environment in which all individuals have access to the City's services and programs in a way that respects the dignity and independence of people with disabilities.

The City of Toronto supports the goals of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and will establish policies, practices and procedures which are consistent with the accessibility standards established under the AODA, including accessible customer service, information and communication, employment, the built environment and transportation.

The City of Toronto will continue to prevent barriers by designing inclusively and supporting positive attitudes that address "ableism" - attitudes which devalue and limit the potential of persons with disabilities.

In working towards its goals under this Statement, the City of Toronto is committed to meeting the requirements of existing legislation and to its own policies and goals related to the identification, removal and prevention of barriers to people with disabilities and becoming a barrier free city.

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