



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Supplementary Report to EX33.4 – Revised Statement of Commitment on Disability Issues

Date:	July 28, 2009
To:	City Council
From:	City Manager
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

The report includes a revised statement of commitment regarding disability issues arising from additional consultation undertaken with the Disability Issues Committee and consideration of comments provided by members of the Executive Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Manager recommends that Council amend Recommendation 1 of the Executive Committee report EX33.4 by replacing Appendix A with the attached revised Appendix A.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from the adoption of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

On June 2, 2009, the Executive Committee considered a report from the City Manager dated May 7, 2009 (Item EX33.4).

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-21489.pdf>

The Executive Committee recommended the City Manager's report (May 7, 2009) and further requested that a supplementary report be submitted to City Council following additional consultation with the Disability Issues Committee and consideration of comments from Executive Committee members.

COMMENTS

The Disability Issues Committee considered the City Manager's report (May 7, 2009) at its meeting held on June 18, 2009.

The attached revised Appendix A incorporates additional suggestions into a revised *Statement of Commitment to Creating an Accessible City*.

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ATTACHMENT

Revised Appendix A: "Statement of Commitment to Creating an Accessible City"

REVISED APPENDIX A

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.