



Portable Ramp Grant Program

A portable (suitcase) ramp grant program is available for New Tecumseth business owners to assist them with the purchase of a portable (suitcase) ramp.

Program Criteria:

- Grant amount is maximum \$200 towards the total cost of a ramp
- Applicant must be an organization or business that operates within the Town of New Tecumseth
- Applicant is entitled to one subsidy only
- Applicant must submit a copy of the sales receipt with their completed application form
- Ramp must be CSA approved and have a minimum weight requirement of 500 pounds.
- Ramp must be purchased within the calendar year that the grant is awarded.
- Funds are limited. First come first serve basis.

Call 705-435-3900 ext. 1280 for details

Additional Resources

Accessibility Directorate of Ontario
416.789.5542
www.accesson.ca

Service Ontario
1.800.267.8097
www.ontario.ca

New Tecumseth Accessibility Advisory Committee

The Town of New Tecumseth Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) is made up of volunteers, Council representatives and a staff representative. We represent persons with disabilities and we are committed to improving accessibility in New Tecumseth.

Committee Secretary 705-435-3900 ext. 1280



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Accessibility Opens Doors



**Helping
New Tecumseth Businesses
Build A Strong Community**

Did you know?

For people with disabilities, accessing businesses can be challenging because they simply cannot gain entrance.



Open doors

Installing push button power doors at your business is one easy way to attract and assist ALL customers. Power doors help older adults, families with young children, individuals with dexterity challenges and chronic pain, and individuals who use mobility devices such as: wheelchairs, scooters, canes and/or crutches.

About Audible Pedestrian Signal (APS)

APS are installed at the intersections of Church St. and Victoria St. in Alliston and Queen St. N. and Mill St. in Tottenham.

The APS are equipped with a constant locator tone to assist the visually impaired with locating the push buttons. Once activated, the APS units provide a specific audible signal indicating when it is safe to cross and in which direction.



Accessibility = Good business

Are you missing out on potential customers by not being more accessible?

Consider these facts. About 1.5 million people in Ontario, including nearly 40% of people over the age of 65, have disabilities. 75% of people with disabilities are physically and financially able to travel.

Accessibility = Profit

Customers with disabilities are a growing market no business can afford to overlook. A more accessible Town of New Tecumseth is good for our economy and our community.



Did you know?

Improved accessibility in Ontario can help generate up to:

- \$9.6 billion in new retail spending*
- \$1.6 billion in new tourism spending*

*Source: Accessibility Directorate of Ontario



How can you make your business more accessible?

☑ Make entrances easy

Clear snow from accessible parking spaces. Add a handrail, power door opener and/or ramp to your entrance. Check for and remove entrance trip hazards.

☑ Adapt for difference

Provide service counters at a lower height for better access. Install “tap” payment options. Provide a bench or straight-backed chair for customers to rest on.

☑ Communicate clearly

Use clear language, large print and high contrast signage. Design and test your website to ensure it is user-friendly and accessible to customers with disabilities. Ask customers “How may I help you?”

☑ Offer multiple methods of service

Consider alternatives such as home delivery or on-site personal shopping assistance. Install an accessible call button at gas station fuel pumps.

☑ Promote best practices

Encourage staff to follow up when spills occur, and water/slush pick ups are required to ensure a safe environment for your customers. Create accessibility policies and procedures.

Learn more at www.ontario.ca/accessibility