



Proclamation

May 26 to June 1, 2024

National AccessAbility Week

Whereas, National AccessAbility Week is a week for Canadians to promote inclusion and accessibility in our communities and workplaces, to celebrate our progress and to be inspired to further break down accessibility barriers; and

Whereas, over 15 percent of Ontarians live with some form of a disability as a result there is a need for greater awareness, enhanced service delivery and opportunities for persons with disabilities; and

Whereas, Individuals with disabilities are impacted daily by barriers to: information, facilities, employment, transportation, and communication supports, therefore negatively challenging an individual's ability to fully participate in community life; and

Whereas, accessibility and inclusion are essential for ensuring that all community members have equity in opportunities, and the ability to fully participate in community life; and

Whereas, Council reaffirmed its commitment to becoming a barrier free and accessible Town with the adoption of "Orangeville Forward, A Strategic Action Plan for the Town of Orangeville" that states we value "a barrier free community"; and

Now Therefore, I, Mayor Lisa Post, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim May 26 to June 1, 2024 as "**National AccessAbility Week**" and encourage everyone to support equality of access, and opportunity for persons with disabilities in the Town of Orangeville.

Lisa Post
Mayor