

**Resolution Number** R23-05-199

**Title:** Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee

**Date:** May 15, 2023



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**Moved By** Councillor Verbeek

**Seconded By** Councillor Allard

**That** the correspondence from the Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee asking Council to consider proclaiming May 28 to June 3, 2023, as National AccessAbility Week in the Town of Essex be received or received and supported, and if supported;

**That** Council proclaim May 28 to June 3, 2023, as National Accessibility Week in the Town of Essex by adopting the following resolution:

**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 and 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.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Bondy, on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim May 28 to June 3, 2023, as National AccessAbility Week and encourage everyone to support equality of access and opportunity for persons with disabilities in the Town of Essex.

**Carried**