

## LOOK FOR IT



The Accessibility Advisory Committee has designed a new sign that will be placed on all Town of Newmarket accessible washroom stalls.

Coming soon to public accessible washroom stalls throughout Newmarket and the GTA.

The sign is designed to bring awareness to keeping the accessible washroom stalls available to those with limited abilities.

The sign reads,

Please Keep Accessible Stall Vacant for Patrons With Limited Abilities.

## Who benefits from a more inclusive, more accessible community?

Accessibility affects us all. Creating a barrier free Newmarket not only benefits individuals using wheelchairs and scooters, but also our aging populations many of whom require assistive devices to get around. It also benefits young mothers with strollers, individuals that are temporarily recovering from an injury, people who are blind or visually impaired, deaf or deafened, and many more.

## WHAT WE DO

We the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the Town of Newmarket is looking for your help in identifying any areas in

Newmarket that you feel may not be very accessible to seniors and/or persons with disabilities.

Therefore, besides the obvious accommodations, e.g. wheelchair ramps and accessible washrooms, what other kinds of physical and non-physical barriers are faced by the residents of Newmarket?

**The Accessibility Advisory Committee for the Town of Newmarket may only address those areas pertaining to Town property.**

Please email the Town of Newmarket's Accessibility Advisory Committee at: Email [aac@newmarket.ca](mailto:aac@newmarket.ca) or please take the time to fill out the questionnaire at our booth during the Spring Home show.

## Renovating Your Home? Well Consider this:

Visitable housing is the concept of designing and building homes with a basic level of accessibility. VISIBLE homes provide independent access for everyone, including people with limited mobility or those with disabilities. With over 26 billion dollars in available spending\* making your home and/or business VISIBLE also makes economic sense.

Homes designed with visitable features make life simpler for all ages and abilities. When building or renovating your home, plan ahead. Don't just make it accessible to your current level and ability. Also, consider how many of your friends and family may benefit from such features.

A residence incorporating minimum visitable design features would include:

One level, no-step entrance - minimum 36 inches (91.4 centimeters) wide - on an accessible route

Wider doorways - minimum of 32 inches (81.3 centimeters) clear passage throughout

A wheelchair accessible bathroom on the main floor

To learn more please visit:

[www.gov.mb.ca/fs/housing/visitable\\_housing.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/housing/visitable_housing.html)

## PUBLIC AWARENESS & EDUCATION

One of the objectives of the Accessibility Advisory Committee is:

**How does the Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee benefit all of its citizens?**

The Accessibility Advisory Committee helps encourage and facilitate accessibility for all persons with disabilities in the Town of Newmarket. We do this by educating the public about accessibility so that they may be more sensitive to the need for a more accessible community.

**Did you know that the Town of Newmarket has several pages on its website devoted to issues of accessibility?**

To learn more please visit: [www.newmarket.ca/accessibility](http://www.newmarket.ca/accessibility)

**Did you know that the Accessibility Laws in the Province of Ontario are changing? Businesses will soon be held to a new standard, making accessibility for all a priority.**

To learn more please visit:

[www.http://www.accesson.ca/ado/english/business](http://www.http://www.accesson.ca/ado/english/business)

## RESOURCE INFORMATION SHEET

### Access Guide Canada (online accessibility guide developed by Canadian Abilities Foundation)

<http://www.abilities.ca/agc>

### Accessibility Directory – Government of Canada [www.accessibilitydirectory.ca](http://www.accessibilitydirectory.ca)

### Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2004

<http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/index.html>

### Arch Disability Law Centre

<http://www.archdisabilitylaw.ca/>

### Cwd-o – A Province-wide advocacy organization

<http://www.cwd-o.org/>

### CNIB <http://www.cnib.ca/>

### Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program for Persons with Disabilities (RRAP – Disabilities)

[http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/co/prfinas/prfinas\\_003.cfm](http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/co/prfinas/prfinas_003.cfm)

### (The) Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (CHS)

<http://www.chs.ca/en/2.html>

### CHS Simcoe-York Branch

<http://www.chs.ca/en/simcoe-york/welcome-to-chs-simcoe-york.html>

### Canadian Hearing Society

<http://www.chs.ca/>

### Deaf Culture Centre

<http://www.deafculturecentre.ca/>

### Elections Canada

<http://www.elections.ca/content.asp?section=gen&document=ec92610&dir=bkg&lan&textonly=false&textonly=false>

### Government of Canada website to assist persons with disabilities to prepare for and obtain employment or self-employment

<http://www.canadabusiness.ca/gol/cbec/site.nsf/en/disabilities-handicapes.html>

### Ministry of Community and Social Services and Accessibility Directorate of Ontario

<http://www.mcass.gov.on.ca>

### Ontario Government website with links to services and information for Ontarians with Special Needs

<http://www.ontario.ca/en/communities/disabilities/index.htm?openNav=residents>

### Ontario Government website explaining how to break down barriers

<http://www.accesson.ca/ado/splash.htm>

### Ontario March of Dimes

<http://www.marchofdimes.ca/dimes/>

### Ontario March of Dimes The Home and Vehicle Modification Program

[http://www.marchofdimes.ca/dimes/people\\_with\\_disabilities\\_caregivers/programsand\\_services/hvmp/](http://www.marchofdimes.ca/dimes/people_with_disabilities_caregivers/programsand_services/hvmp/)

### Service Canada – Services and Information for Persons with Disabilities, Family Members, Caregivers and all Canadians

<http://www.pwd-online.ca/pwdhome.jsp?lang=en>

### Tax Credits for Persons with Disabilities – Canada Revenue Agency

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/disability/>

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pub/tp/it519r2-consolid/it519r2-consolid-e.html>

### York Region Transit

50 High Tech Road, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 4N7  
1-866-668-3978

Mary Lou Johnston (ext. 5614)  
Manager, Marketing & Customer Service

Sharon Doyle (ext. 5634)  
Manager, Mobility Plus

### ADAPT – Association of Differently-abled People Together

194 Eagle Street  
c/o Newmarket Health Centre  
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 1J6  
(905) 868-9523

Provides support services to seniors and individuals with physical and mental disabilities. Organizes social activities and operates mobility vehicles. Performs advocacy and public education function.

### CNIB

615 Davis Drive, Ste. 200  
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 2R2  
(905) 898-6413

Provides services and support necessary to enjoy a good quality of life while living with vision loss.

### ARCH Disability Law Centre

425 Bloor St. E., Ste. 110  
Toronto, Ontario  
M4W 3R5  
1-866-482-2724

A legal resource centre for persons with disabilities. Provides legal information, public legal education, community development and law reform. Represents individuals with disabilities.

### Community Association for Riding for the Disabled

4777 Dufferin Street  
Toronto, Ontario  
M3H 5T3  
(416) 667-860

Provides therapeutic horseback riding for people with disabilities under supervision of trained therapists and skilled equestrian staff and volunteers.

### Community Living Newmarket/Aurora District

757 Bogart Avenue  
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 2A7  
(905) 898-300

Provides services and support to people with an intellectual disability to promote their participation, friendship and citizenship in the community. Services include living options, employment and alternative work options, respite and family support and recreation opportunities.

### Corbrook

East Office, 710 Progress Avenue  
Scarborough, Ontario M1H 2Z7  
(416) 431-9000  
West Office, 581 Trethewey Drive.  
North York, Ontario M6M 4B8  
(416) 245-5565

Provides employment support services to people with various disabilities and barriers to employment. Services are funded through the Ontario Disability Supports Program – Employment Supports(ODSP-ES)

### Easter Seal Society of Ontario York Region

P.O. Box 34  
Aurora, Ontario L4G 1H6  
(905) 727-8948

Dedicated to helping children, youth and young adults with physical disabilities achieve their full individual potential and independence.

### Newmarket Crest Club

54 Wilstead Drive  
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 4T9  
(905) 895-2545

Newmarket chapter of the Ontario Special Olympics. Provides sports training and competitive programs for persons 10-65 years with a mental disability. Formal swim club teaches individuals with special needs to swim and participate in competitions.

### WindReach Farm

312 Townline Road  
Ashburn, Ontario L0B 1A0  
(905) 655-5827

Offers a year round accessible agricultural (farming) environmental and nature interpretation centre especially designed for people of all ages with disabilities. Farm is wheelchair accessible and offers therapeutic riding, day visits, and overnight accommodation.

### Ontario March of Dimes – Strategic Employment Solutions

Tannery Mall, Ste. 128  
130 Davis Drive  
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 2P1  
(905) 895-7529

Job development services for people with disabilities or barriers to employment, living in York Region and Bradford.