

Project Plans – 2015 Committee Visioning Exercise: Concluding Discussion

Presentation to York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

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Recap

April:

- Considered what you wanted to act on as a committee
- Envisioned some committee projects to be highlighted in an upcoming Status Report

June:

- Reviewed your feedback and ways to respond
- Voted

Today we move forward with a plan...

Summary of your vote ...

Nine projects (ranked in order of votes):

- 1. Find ways to complement the Province's enforcement of the AODA
- 2. Raise awareness about inclusivity and accessibility
- 3. Host an AAC conference/workshop for AACs in York Region
- 4. (Tied) Develop an online AAC network
- 5. (Tied) Promote employment opportunities for people with disabilities
- 6. Identify potential partnerships with other AACs
- Promote ability for AAC members to use video/teleconferencing at meetings
- 8. Identify and remove barriers across York Region
- 9. Leverage resources with age and dementia friendly community initiatives

Recommendations ...

- 1. That the YRAAC host a local AAC educational and networking workshop/forum
- Opportunity to address visioning topics collectively
- Discussion topics may include:
 - Ways to increase awareness and compliance in the community
 - Video and teleconference participation
 - Potential partnership projects
 - Inclusion initiatives
 - Development of an online AAC network

Recommendations (continued)...

- 2. That the YRAAC shape National Access Awareness Week activities
- Raise awareness about inclusivity and accessibility
- Opportunity to partner with the community and local AACs

Next Steps

- Establish YRAAC project working group
 - Consider vision, resources and timing
 - Develop work plan
 - Report back next meeting

Envisioning ways to create a community that is inclusive and accessible for everyone

Thank you!

