

York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee
2023 to 2026
Application Package

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Application and Committee Information

Volunteers Needed

The Regional Municipality of York (York Region) is seeking up to seven new citizen members to serve on the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2023 to 2026 term.

About the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

The York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee (YRAAC) is a committee made up mainly of citizen volunteers. The Committee advises York Regional Council and York Regional Police on making it easier for people with disabilities to use Regional programs, services and facilities.

Committee members come from different backgrounds and majority of members must be people with disabilities. The Committee term runs from 2023 to 2026. The YRAAC is required under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) and has responsibilities under the Act. Visit the Province of Ontario website to learn more about accessibility laws at ontario.ca/accessibility

Role of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

The York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee (YRAAC) is a committee appointed by, and reporting to York Regional Council, and is required by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (the Act). It provides advice to York Regional Council and York Regional Police to make

it easier for people with disabilities to access its programs, services and facilities.

Membership Composition

As per Council-approved Terms of Reference, the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee will have a minimum of seven to a maximum of fifteen members from across the Region including three members of Council. The Regional Chair is an ex-officio member. The majority of members must be residents of York Region with a range of disabilities representative of urban, urbanizing and rural areas of York Region.

Membership may also include York Region residents who may not have a disability but may be selected based on their interest or expertise in the identification, removal, and prevention of barriers, or individuals who may not be a resident of York Region, but are from organizations representing people with disabilities that provide services to York Region residents.

York Regional Council has final approval of the representatives to ensure the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee is reflective of the diversity of York Region and the disability community.

To support the delivery of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee's mandate, preference will be given to persons with experience and knowledge of accessibility matters, including accessibility legislation and disability awareness.

Eligibility Considerations

Individuals appointed to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee will:

1. Be eligible to vote in York Region, as set out in the Ontario Municipal Elections Act, 1996. Individuals who represent organizations, that provide services in York Region, to the Region's residents with disabilities, may be appointed to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee without having to be eligible to vote in York Region.
2. Not be engaged in any unresolved litigation with the Region or its Boards.
3. Not be an employee of York Region and York Regional Police.

Meetings

The York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee members are required to attend approximately five meetings each year. There are, generally, no meetings in July and August.

Meetings are currently held virtually, except as otherwise directed. If directed, in person meetings are typically held at the York Region Administrative Centre, located at 17250 Yonge Street in the Town of Newmarket.

Meeting material is available in accessible formats and with communication supports upon request. Accommodations are provided during the meetings.

Applying to Become a Citizen Member

To apply to become a citizen member, please complete the 2023 to 2026 York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee Application Form. **The deadline to apply is Monday, October 31, 2022.**

We sincerely thank everyone who applies, but only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. We expect to contact people for interviews in late November 2022. Final appointment to the Committee is planned by the spring of 2023.

More Information

For more information about the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee, please review the [Terms of Reference](#), visit york.ca/accessibility or contact us.

Contact Us

If you have any questions about the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee or the application, please contact Access York:

Email: accessyork@york.ca

Phone: 1-877-464-9675

TTY: 1-866-512-6228 (for deaf and hard of hearing)

Hours of operation: Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Instructions

Please send your completed application form and your current resume (optional) by email to accessyork@york.ca or by mail to:

The Regional Municipality of York
Office of the Regional Clerk
17250 Yonge Street, 4th Floor
Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 6Z1

Please note the deadline to apply is Monday, October 31, 2022.

If you have any questions about completing this application or require alternate formats or communication supports, please contact Access York.

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Section 1: Contact Information

First name:

Last name:

Street number:

Street name:

Unit number:

City or town:

Postal code:

Email:

Phone number:

Section 2: Applicant Information

Check all boxes that apply to you:

☐ I am eligible to vote in York Region (a person who lives or owns land in York Region, is a Canadian citizen and is at least 18 years old)

☐ I am part of an organization that provides services to York Region residents with disabilities, and I am eligible to vote in Ontario

☐ I am a person with a disability

☐ I am familiar with Ontario's accessibility legislation and the issues that affect people with disabilities

☐ I am not employed by The Regional Municipality of York or York Regional Police

Section 3: Voluntary Disability and Diversity Disclosure (Confidential and Optional)

York Region is committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment that recognizes and celebrates all dimensions of diversity, types of disabilities and demographics of its community. York Region recognizes that the Region is best served by committees which generally reflect the diversity of its community.

York Region collects the following voluntary information in compliance with provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and Ontario’s Human Rights Code. Any information provided will be kept confidential.

Disability: In accordance with Section 29 of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, the majority of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee must be comprised of members with disabilities. The term disability includes a broad range and degree of conditions which may be visible or invisible. Where possible, the Region strives to create a committee that represents a range of disability types. The following information will be used to support the Region’s objective of creating a committee with valuable lived experiences that is representative of its community.

If you are a person with a disability and if you are comfortable, which of the following best describes you. Choose all that apply:

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| Seeing | Pain | None of the above |
| Hearing | Learning | Prefer not to answer |
| Mobility | Developmental | Other, please specify: |
| Flexibility | Mental or psychological | |
| Dexterity | Memory | |

Diversity: To assist the Region in its efforts to appoint a committee that is reflective of York Region’s diversity, you are encouraged to provide the following self-identification information.

If you are comfortable, which of the following best describes you. Choose all that apply:

- Member of a racialized community (defined by the Employment Equity Act as persons, other than Aboriginal peoples, who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour)
- Member of the Indigenous community
- Member of the 2SLGBTQ+ (abbreviation used to represent a broad array of identities including, but not limited to, two-spirited, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and queer)
- None of the above
- Prefer not to answer
- Other, please specify:

Section 4: General Questions

1. Why are you interested in becoming a member of the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee?
2. What is your previous volunteer or committee experience?
3. How will the committee benefit from your participation?
4. What are some of the issues people with disabilities face in York Region?
5. What is your understanding of accessibility and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)?

Section 5: Meeting Participation

The York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee meets approximately five times each year. The meetings usually take place from 4 to 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every other month, typically held in February, April, June, September, and November. There are generally no meetings in July and August. Are you available to attend these meetings?

Yes No

Please note, citizen members may also be asked to participate in additional meetings, focus groups, surveys and other engagements throughout the year based on members interest and availability.

Do you require any accommodations to participate in the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee?

Yes No

If yes, please identify the type of accommodations you need:

Section 6: Tell us how you heard about the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee

How did you find out about the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee?

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| Word of mouth | York Region website: york.ca |
| Instagram | York Region newsletter York Matters
(delivered to your mail) |
| Facebook | York Region electronic newsletter #YRmatters |
| LinkedIn | Poster, flyer, or postcard |
| Twitter | Other, please specify: |
| Municipal office or municipality | |
| Community organization or organization for
people with disabilities | |

Section 7: Submit by Email or Mail

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Notice of Collection

Personal information contained in this form is collected for the purposes of compliance with the administration of the requirements of the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001 and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 including determination of eligibility for appointment to the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee. The information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Questions about this collection should be directed to the Regional Clerk, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 6Z1, or by telephone at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71305, or by fax at 905-895-3031.

York Region has many features in place to ensure the security of your personal information. While sending personal information via email may be a convenient method of providing information, due to reasons beyond the Region's control the transmission may not be completely secure.

Thank you for your application. Please note only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. For more information about accessibility at York Region, visit york.ca/accessibility