

## Proclamation May 25 to May 31, 2025 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 25 to May 31, 2025 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