



Accessibility Advisory Committee Vision Statement

Working to build a strong community where every single person, regardless of ability, has an equal opportunity to participate, contribute and experience a sense of belonging.

Long Version:

Our vision for accessibility, **which sets us apart from all neighboring municipalities**, is to create an inclusive and equitable community where everyone, living or visiting and regardless of abilities, can fully participate, contribute, and thrive. Our vision encompasses the following key principles:

1. **Inclusion:** We envision a community where every individual feels valued, respected, and included. We actively work to break down barriers and ensure that no one is left behind.
2. **Education and Awareness:** We strive to raise awareness about accessibility issues. By educating our community, we foster empathy, understanding, and a commitment to positive change.
3. **Universal Design:** Our goal is to design spaces, services, and programs that are accessible to all from the outset. We prioritize universal design principles to create environments that accommodate diverse needs.
4. **Collaboration:** We recognize that achieving accessibility requires collective effort. We collaborate with community members, organizations, and experts to develop and implement effective solutions.
5. **Continuous Improvement:** Our vision extends beyond compliance. We continuously evaluate our practices, seek feedback, and adapt to evolving needs. We celebrate progress and learn from challenges.

Together, we will work to build a community where everyone has equal opportunities and experiences a sense of belonging.