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**Who we are: York Region MY MS FAMILY COMMUNITY with over 400 members with MS**

**What we do & who we do it for:** alleviate burdens that many face with a disability and provide consulting to Sunnybrook, West Park Healthcare Centre, Toronto Rehab, Abilities Centre and now MetroLinks.

**Why we are here. To bring light to the many barriers that we with a disability face on a daily basis.**

***Why it is important***….In the **next 5 to 10 years**, significant population growth in YR, proportion of people over 60 years old will almost double, **from 13% to 25%,** by the year 2031. This growth makes accessibility crucial.

We need to work together to make Ontario more accessible and inclusive by January 1st, 2025.

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A disability goes beyond what most people see as physical…it includes mental or emotional conditions as defined by the AODA and Ontario Human Rights.

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Accessibility goes beyond accommodating only those who use a wheelchair… **walkers, canes also transportation logistics**

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…and all Canadians have the right to a full barrier free community,

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There Accessibility Acts and Legislations that include **building codes** must be updated in by Jan 1, 2025.

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Here are examples of Accessibility shortcomings that can be attributed to **outdated building Codes** / Standards.

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A ramp incorporated into an accessible parking spot should be clearly marked so no vehicle parks in that area.

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If not incorporated it should not be accessible only from a regular parking spot that will be almost always blocked

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Good visual to the ramp, but many sidewalks are too narrow to allow for safe passage of wheelchairs / scooters / walkers without the risk of tipping over.

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Strip malls with roadways adjacent to the stores need a designated crosswalk with a ramp near the accessible parking to allow safe crossing through traffic.

Slide 11 same as Slide 8 another example If not incorporated it should not be accessible only from a regular parking spot that will be almost always blocked

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Dead end Sidewalks – **one of the many barriers that we face on a daily basis.**

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**Automatic swing doors**. Many facilities have automatic swing doors but many have actuators that are broken and in need of repair or reprograming. Wave actuators are ideal for those with dexterity issues and many are not open long enough to allow safe passage.

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Codes and Standards need to be developed / written while taking into consideration the TRANSPORTATIION MODES THAT EXIST TODAY

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Other shortcomings **read some of the points**… Powered doors opening towards the push button openers

The short length of time doors remain open as someone passes through using a wheelchair, walker or cane

**Cross walk lights that don’t provide enough time** to cross multi-lane, Ramps that are too steep for manual wheelchairs. **Uneven sidewalks**, and at times a lack of sidewalks along busy streets

Mobility Transportation scheduling and availability and eligibility criteria

**Washroom without power doors,** inaccessible stalls and wash basins

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There may not have been time for questions, so if there are any, please reach out to us

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**Slide 18 I hope we’ve opened your eyes just a little wider than they were when we started. If there’s nothing else you take away today, remember the “CAN and HOW Approach.” Simple. Two, three letter words.**

**Till next time, take care & God bless.**