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## CREATING AN ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITY

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Almost 1.9 million Ontarians currently have disabilities and by 2020 that number is expected to increase to 20% of the population. Tay Valley Township recognizes it has a role to play in ensuring our services are designed and delivered in a way that accommodates the needs of our residents as best we can.

The Tay Valley Township Accessibility Plan for 2011 commits Council and staff to review:

- Application forms - to increase font size and use of plain language
- Recreation Programs - to identify opportunities for participants with special needs
- Hiring Practices - to improve sensitivities and in-house accommodations
- Public Communications - to extend our message through non-print forums like radio

Future plans will focus on other areas of our operations as we move toward a fully accessible community.

### HELP US HELP YOU

Your input on the 2011 Plan as well as suggestions for activities to be included in future plans is encouraged. You may view the Plan at the Township Office or on our website [www.tayvalleytwp.ca](http://www.tayvalleytwp.ca). Call or visit the office and ask the Clerk to review details.

The Lanark County Accessibility Advisory Sub-Committee provides advice and guidance to Tay Valley Township in regards to improvements we might undertake to better serve the community. If you are interested in serving on the Sub-Committee, Tay Valley Township Council would be more than pleased to support your participation.

Comment and application forms are available and may be submitted in writing or verbally, in person or over the telephone.