

A. Background

A.1 Preparing the Service Strategy Business Plan

This plan was prepared by the Region of Peel's Accessibility Planning Specialist in consultation with the Joint Peel-Caledon Accessibility Advisory Committee, the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Regional Solicitor, the Director of Strategic Planning, the Regional Clerk and Director of Clerk's, and departmental staff.

A.2 Key Contacts

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A.3 Additional Information

This Accessibility Planning Program 2006 Service Strategy Business Plan (SSBP) document will serve as the Region of Peel's fourth Accessibility Plan as per the municipal requirements under the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001* (ODA). The ODA, 2001, requires that each year Regional Council prepare an accessibility plan and seek the advice of its Accessibility Advisory Committee in doing so.

On September 18, 2003, Regional Council approved its first Accessibility Plan. On October 7, 2004, Regional Council approved the second Accessibility Plan developed using the Service Strategy Business Planning (SSBP) process used throughout the Region for its various programs and services. Third Accessibility Plan was approved by the Council on October 6, 2005.

On June 13, 2005, the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* (AODA) was enacted. The AODA, 2005, requires the development of accessibility standards with the goal of leading to an accessible Ontario in 20 years. However, the legal obligations under the ODA, 2001, remain in force until the Act is repealed.

Similar to the previous year's Plans, the fourth Accessibility Plan, once approved by Regional Council, will also be converted into alternate formats and will be posted on the Regional Web site www.peelregion.ca