

TO: COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST ELGIN  
FROM: NORMA BRYANT, CLERK  
DATE: AUGUST 24, 2006  
RE: ONTARIO DISABILITIES ACT

**INTRODUCTION:**

On September 25, 2003 Council approved the Municipal Accessibility Plan. The purpose of this report is to satisfy the requirement for an annual report to be submitted to Council.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Accessibility Committee consisting of the Road Superintendent, Recreation Superintendent, Water Superintendent and Clerk.

**PAST ACTIVITIES**

In 2005, the doors at the West Lorne Complex were enlarged.

**2006 INITIATIVES**

The Committee supports the installation of automatic door openers at municipal buildings. It is recommended that these openers be installed at the Rodney library and West Elgin Recreation Centre this year.

Due to the fire of the West Lorne Complex, Council has been reviewing the interior layout of the rebuilt building. In this regard, the Committee recommends that Council support the installation of a lift to the basement of the building. This will provide better accessibility for the users of the basement. Further, an automatic door opener should be installed in the front door of the West Lorne Complex as part of the rebuilding process.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That Council accept the report of the Accessibility Committee dated August 24, 2006 and that this report be attached to the Municipal Accessibility Plan.
2. That Council consider the following projects for 2006:
  - a) Installation of a lift to the basement of the West Lorne Complex.
  - b) Installation of automatic door openers at the West Lorne Complex, Rodney Library and West Elgin Recreation Centre.

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on behalf of Accessibility Committee