

## **Barrier Free Policy Statement**

The City of Guelph is an innovative, caring community, and is committed to being responsive to the needs of its citizens. We want Guelph to be a great place to call home for everyone who lives here. To do this, we must recognize the diverse needs of our residents and respond by striving to provide services and facilities that are accessible to all.

Our vision of Guelph is that of a well-designed community that is safe, convenient and comfortable. To this end, the City of Guelph has developed this Barrier Free Policy and associated action statements.

## Goals

The City of Guelph as an employer and provider of services is committed to Barrier Free access and thus will:

- 1) Take a leadership role in achieving and setting an example to the business, institutional and volunteer sectors in terms of access and integration, employment equity, communications, recreation, transportation, housing and education.
- 2) Establish a process to identify barriers and gaps in existing services and facilities.
- 3) Continuously improve the level of accessibility of existing municipal services and facilities.
- 4) Actively encourage input from all segments of the community in the design, development and operation of new and renovated municipal services and facilities.

5) Provide resources and support to give effect to this policy.

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