## TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT ACCESSIBILITY CUSTOMER SERVICE POLICY

## **Background**

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) was passed by the Ontario legislature with the goal of creating standards to improve accessibility across the province. The AODA allows the government to develop specific standards of accessibility that are designed to help make Ontario more accessible.

One of the specific standards that has been developed, and made law, is the Accessible Customer Services Standard. This standard details specific requirements for all service providers.

In general, providers must deliver service in a way that preserves the dignity and independence of people with disabilities.

## **Accessible Customer Service Policy Statement**

The Township of Wilmot provides goods and services to all residents, including those with disabilities. Every effort will be made to ensure the following:

- The goods and services will be provided in a manner that respects the dignity and independence of persons with disabilities.
- The provision of goods and services to persons with disabilities, and others, will be
  integrated unless an alternate measure is necessary, whether temporarily or
  permanently, to enable a person with a disability to obtain, use or benefit from the goods
  and services.
- People with disabilities may use assistive devices, guide animals and/or support persons in the access of goods and services.