



ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (AODA)

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Edition 4



INFORMATION BULLETIN



Spring 2024

This month marks the conclusion of the EnAbling Change Program Grant in support of our **#StartTheConversation AODA 2025** project. This project provided important and timely guidance, tools, resources and information that businesses and the private sector could use as they work toward AODA compliance by 2025. This included but was not limited to:

- **Nine convenient dates for our informative virtual webinar.**
 - **the webinars were very well received.**
 - **participation exceeded expectation.**
- **Website access to essential tools and information for businesses and the private sector in both French and English.**
- **A series of Did You Know posts on multiple social media platforms reinforcing the importance of accessibility and compliance.**
- **Creation of the BDB Disability Resource Guide that provides additional information for individuals living with visible and invisible disabilities as well as the general public.**
- **On-site accessibility reviews and recommendations.**
- **Built Environmental Accessibility Checklist**
- **Customer Service Accessibility Checklist**

Even though the grant has come to an end, BDB will continue to be an important local resource providing tools, information and guidance as well as access to additional online resources that will assist those seeking AODA 2025 compliance.

As Ontarians, there is still much work to be done to make Ontario accessible. BDB is committed to continuing its support of accessibility efforts and be an important resource hub. We encourage everyone to access our online tools and information which can be found on our website: www.breakingdownbarriers.ca



RATING ACCESSIBILITY



A BDB Board Member and accessibility advocate visited businesses across the County to rate their accessibility. As a person with a physical disability, Ashlie was able to identify where improvements could be made and celebrate proper accessibility features. Some areas for consideration during these visits included:

- Parking
- Building entrances
- Route of travel and walking surfaces
- Ramps, curb-cuts, and curb-ramps
- Clear floor space for wheelchair maneuverability
- Protruding objects
- Drinking fountains
- Restrooms
- Elevators



Accessibility Successes



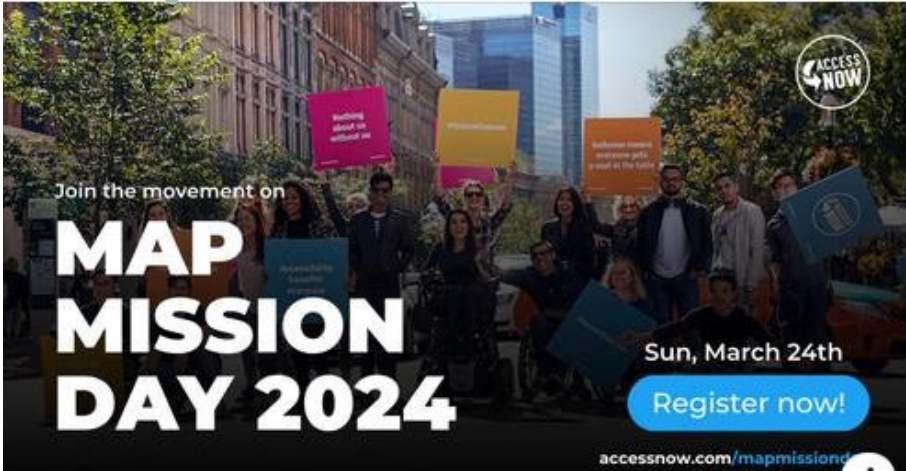
Room for Improvement



MAP MISSION DAY 2024

On March 24, 2024, communities across Canada came together for a common goal: to make our neighbourhoods more accessible and inclusive.

Individuals from across Simcoe, Grey and Bruce Counties took part in this initiative mapping accessibility places across the regions through the AccessNow app.



THUMBS UP



Thumbs Up! is part of BDB's appreciation and public awareness recognition of accessible businesses and places of operation. When businesses implement accessibility features, BDB recognizes this by providing a Thumbs Up! decal to place in storefront windows or public areas within the business. If you see an accessible business, let us know!

Let's continue to work together for an accessible Ontario by 2025. We are here to support your efforts.

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