



# Township of East Garafraxa Annual Status Report for 2021

This is the Township of East Garafraxa **Annual Status Report for the year 2021.**

The Township of East Garafraxa has established a joint multi-year accessibility plan to prevent and remove barriers to accessibility and to meet requirements under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* and the Integrated Accessibility Standards.

This Annual Status Report details the required annual update for (year) 2021 on the progress of measures taken to improve accessibility. The purpose of this report is to track our organization's progress and make the public aware of our initiatives.

This report is available online at [Accessibility - Township of East Garafraxa](#).

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## Accessibility Accomplishments in the Year 2021

General Accomplishments	X: Applicable	: Not applicable
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General initiatives related to accessibility that may or may not be directly related to a regulatory requirement or initiatives that don't fall within a particular standard.

- Continued to ensure policies, practices and procedures address dignity, independence, integration and provided for equal opportunity for people with disabilities.

Customer Service Accomplishments	X: Applicable	: Not applicable
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Initiatives implemented related to the Customer Service Standards.

- Continued to review and encourage customer feedback and take appropriate action.
- Continued to allow people with disabilities to use their own personal assistive devices to obtain, use or benefit from the services offered by the Municipality.
- Continued to accommodate the accessibility needs of people with disabilities to ensure they can obtain, use or benefit from the Municipality's goods, services, programs and facilities.
- Continued to Communicate with people with disabilities in a manner that takes into account the person's disability.

<b>Information and Communications Accomplishments</b>	<b>X: Applicable</b>	<b>: Not applicable</b>
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Initiatives implemented related to the Information and Communications Standards.

- Third party website accessibility review with respect to the WCAG2-AA requirements.
- Workplan created for review of pdf/attachments on the Township website.
- Implementation of additional services offered through online/remote services.

<b>Employment Accomplishments</b>	<b>X: Applicable</b>	<b>: Not applicable</b>
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Initiatives implemented related to the Employment Standards.

- Employees and the public are notified that accommodations for applicants with disabilities are available upon request during the recruitment and interview process.
- Employees are informed of the accommodation supports that are available to those with disabilities throughout the employment cycle.
- Accessible formats or communication supports are provided upon request to employees.

<b>Transportation Accomplishments</b>	<b>: Applicable</b>	<b>X: Not applicable</b>
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Initiatives implemented related to the Transportation Standards.

The Township does not have a transportation system.

<b>Design of Public Spaces Accomplishments</b>	<b>X: Applicable</b>	<b>: Not applicable</b>
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Initiatives implemented related to the Design of Public Spaces Standards.

- The Township of East Garafraxa focuses on removing barriers which may exist in our buildings and facilities, while ensuring that new buildings, leases, and renovations do not create any new barriers.
- There were no new buildings, leases and/or renovations in 2021.

<b>Summary of Consultations</b>	<b>X: Applicable</b>	<b>: Not applicable</b>
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The Township of East Garafraxa participates on a joint Accessibility Program with the County of Dufferin and the lower tier municipalities within Dufferin and are therefore a part of the joint Accessibility Advisory Committee that has been established by the County of Dufferin and the Town of Orangeville.

In 2022 the Township of East Garafraxa will participate in reviewing and implementing a new/updated Joint Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for Dufferin County and the lower tier municipalities.

### **Next Steps**

What will be the focus of the new year? Highlight key upcoming initiatives.

- Provide Accessible Documents Training to Staff

- Consult the public, persons with disabilities through the Joint Dufferin County and Town of Orangeville Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Review corporate policies and by-laws to ensure accessibility compliance
- Continue to monitor website and web content
- Continue to ensure documents are accessible or available upon request
- Continue to welcome accommodations throughout the recruitment process and employment life cycle
- Ensure new facilities and reconstructions are designed with accessibility features incorporated

The Township of East Garafraxa is committed to providing high quality programs, facilities and services to all members of the public it serves. Feedback is welcomed as it may identify areas requiring change and encourage continuous service improvements.