

May 9, 2006

Mayor Donald Cousens
Town of Markham
Anthony Roman Centre
101 Town Centre Blvd.
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor Cousens,

Re: National Access Awareness Week (May 28 – June 3, 2006)

On behalf of the Markham Advisory Committee on Accessibility, I am formally requesting that Markham Council recognize May 28 – June 3, 2006 as National Access Awareness Week (NAAW).

NAAW was established in 1988 to promote better access for people with various disabilities, in response to a request from Rick Hansen, following his successful *Man in Motion* world tour. Rick wheeled 40,000 km through 34 countries in 26 months.

The primary aim of NAAW is to bring together people with disabilities, organizations which provide services for disabled persons, as well as business, labour and government, to facilitate changes that will allow for the full participation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of Canadian life, including employment, education, transportation, housing and leisure activities. NAAW serves as a reminder of the importance for individuals, businesses and all levels of government to work together in promoting an inclusive, barrier-free community.

In particular, I would like to acknowledge your personal interest in requiring new gasoline stations to provide full-service facilities for persons with disabilities.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Robert Hunn, Chair
Markham Advisory Committee on Accessibility