



Township of Brock Interoffice Memorandum

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Brock Accessibility Advisory Committee (BAAC)
Subject: 2021 Accessibility Award Nominations
Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2021

The Brock Accessibility Advisory Committee (BAAC) at their electronic meeting held on September 21, 2021 discussed the 2021 Township of Brock and Durham Region Accessibility Awards.

The Township of Brock Accessibility Award is presented once a year to an organization or business in Brock that has shown a concerted effort to improve accessibility. Improved accessibility can mean either physical alterations or new programs and features that reduce barriers and permit great access to services for those with disabilities.

The Region of Durham Accessibility Award is presented to individuals and/or businesses that have championed accessibility in some way in their community. Accessibility can be demonstrated in customer service, information and communications, transportation and the built environment, websites, and/or other ways that ensure inclusiveness, participation and/or independence of persons with disabilities.

The 2020 Township of Brock Accessibility Award was presented to the Cannington Foodland for the installation of new automatic doors, brighter lighting, wider aisles and redesigned checkout counters, and their phone in / delivery service during the pandemic

The 2020 Durham Region Accessibility Award was presented to Fisher's Your Independent Grocer for quickly adopting and responding to the needs of their customers during the pandemic. Fisher's opened early to accommodate seniors and individuals with compromised immune systems, provided an option to shop online with groceries delivered to vehicles, and improved the flow of aisles making it easier and safer to move around the store.

At the September 21, 2021 meeting, BAAC adopted the following motions

"That BAAC recommend the Nourish and Develop Foundation Thrift Hub be nominated for the 2021 Township of Brock Accessibility Award for their automatic doors, ramps, spacious aisles and friendly offers of assistance to shoppers."

"That BAAC recommend a second 2021 Township of Brock Accessibility Award be presented, and that Jolene Munro be nominated for the 2021 Township of Brock Accessibility Award for her

longstanding dedication and engagement with the Brock Accessibility Advisory Committee, and for her numerous actions and presence as a role model that promote and support accessibility throughout our community.”

“That The Nourish and Develop Foundation, Mobile Food Market be nominated for the 2021 Durham Region Accessibility Award for their efforts in providing healthy food in an accessible manner to residents throughout the Township, specifically to those residents who are located in food deserts, and those who have difficulty travelling and leaving their homes, especially during a pandemic”

Staff are respectfully requesting that Council consider endorsing the above nominations.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Brock Accessibility Advisory Committee,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maralee Drake".

Maralee Drake
Deputy Clerk