

Barrier Free-Fully Accessible Washroom Trailer

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Proposal

- ***Improve accessibility.*** To purchase a barrier free mobile washroom trailer that would be used exclusively by children, adults, seniors who cannot use the existing "handicapped" washroom /stalls because of severe physical needs.
- ***Respect and dignity.*** To provide a respectful location /accommodation for severely disabled children/adults/seniors for medical and hygiene needs.
- ***Integration/participation.*** To assist physically disabled children, adults and seniors to participate in their community and to live meaningful lives.

Need in the Community

- Presently, there are **no washrooms with change tables and lift systems in York Region** to assist this population (severely physically challenged children, adults and seniors with medical needs).
- Many Community Agencies/Ministry Services in York Region:
 - Safe Haven
 - Participation House
 - Christian Horizons
 - March of Dimes
 - Long term care facilities/Nursing Homes
 - Community Living Agencies
 - L' Arche Day Break
 - New Leaf
 - Kerry's Place
- **People with physical disabilities are not accessing their community.** Many children, adults and seniors stay home, group homes or nursing residence. They are not enjoying the many fairs, community events and festivals that York Region has to offer.

What is Available Now

- Community Places:
 - Shopping Malls
 - Town parks
 - Community/Recreation/Arenas
- Community Events:
 - Street Sales
 - Canada Day
 - Jazz festivals
 - Victoria Day fireworks
 - Home Shows
 - Street Sales
 - Ribfests
 - Sporting Events

Usually, 1-2 large handicapped stalls or portable units for people in wheelchairs **who can transfer** themselves from their wheelchair to a toilet and back.

- Otherwise, there are **no facilities for children, adults and seniors who need lifting out and changing.**

Costs

A) **Purchase Price: \$125,000 plus tax**

Operational Costs:

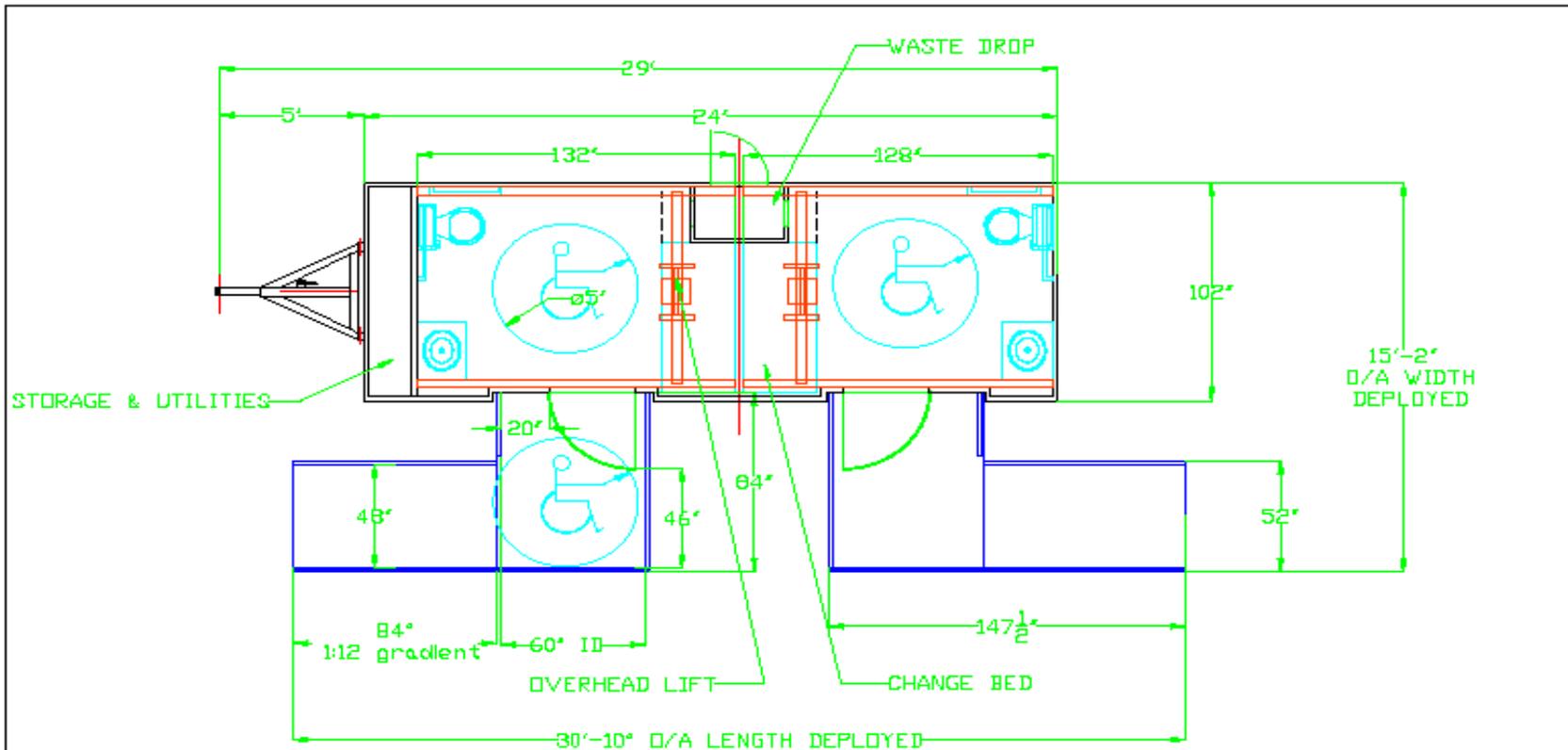
B)	<u>Item</u>	<u>Annual cost</u>
	Insurance	\$812.00
	License	\$500.00
	Repairs/Maintenance \$3,000 (safety inspections, repairs)	
	Replacement	\$10,000 (not factored in)
	Storage	\$100.00
	SUB-TOTAL	\$4,112/YR OR \$342.66/mth
		(average 3 events/month) = \$114/event

C)	<u>Item</u>	<u>Annual cost</u>
	Cleaning	\$140.00 (2 staff/2hours to clean)
	Travel/km	\$250.00 hook up, outside York Region \$2/km (includes 2 staff time and materials)
	SUB-TOTAL	\$390.00 plus \$2/km for day to use

Operational Costs: \$390.00 + \$114.00 = \$500/event.

Outside York Region add \$2/km x 4 trips

Interior Layout



- NOTES:
- 1) DOUBLE ACCESSIBLE WASHROOM TRAILER
 - 2) O/A BOX LENGTH 24FT
 - 3) TONGUE LENGTH 5FT

 <small>INDUSTRIAL TRAILER DESIGN</small>	<small>UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED</small> <small>ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES</small> <small>MANUFACTURE DATE</small>	<small>DATE:</small> 3 DEC 2013	<small>SWFT PER FOOT</small> 3540	<small>QUANTITY:</small> SHEET 1 OF 1	<small>DESCRIPTION</small> WASHROOM DOUBLE TRAILER TONGUE STYLE	<small>TOLERANCES</small> FIN C SIZE A
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Interior Features

Lift System



Change table

Sink

Toilet

Air Conditioning

Electric Heat

Water Tank



People in our Community...



Hi, my name is Liz Carr. I am 28 years old and I presently live in Whitchurch Stouffville. I have worked at Walmart for ten years and I live to be an active member in my community. I actively volunteer at the Stouffville United Church and I love to sing in choirs. People have said that I have a beautiful smile that cheers everyone up. **I love to be able to go out with my friends to enjoy festivals and fairs and any venue to which they are going. I love the Toronto Blue Jays. I am in a manual chair, but due to difficult places and barriers in the community, I need help.** An accessible washroom trailer would be a great addition to the community.

I'm sure it would assist others who are not getting out in the community.

Thanks,
Liz

People in our Community...

Hello, my name is Victoria Benner. I am 24 years old. I am in a wheelchair because I have Spastic Quadriplegia Cerebral Palsy due to a brain aneurism three days after birth because of too much oxygen to the brain.

I live in Vaughan, Ontario, in assisted living. Personal care is provided by Ontario March of Dimes Canada.

I have difficulty using the washroom, while I'm out in the community because I can't stand to transfer to the toilet partly because of my Cerebral Palsy. Also because there's no ceiling/Hoyer Lift to help the person who is helping me to transfer to the toilet safely, without hurting myself and/or themselves.

Some washrooms are also not accessible for me to even enter with my wheelchair to use the washroom when outside on the door they say that they are accessible.

Thank you

Victoria



People in our Community...



My name is Kristin and I am a resident of Markham. I am an active member of the community, employed as a speech-language pathologist in the region and volunteering with various groups and committees. **I also enjoy the numerous recreational opportunities the City has to offer and often gather with friends and families at community events and festivals. As a wheelchair user, my involvement is sometimes limited by lack of accessibility. A basic necessity such as the independent use of a washroom is restricted when I leave my house due to structural barriers that still remain in our community.**

I am therefore in full support of this initiative to create a completely accessible washroom and changing area – the first of its kind. This innovative project will allow greater participation in community events by a more diverse population. I believe this, in turn, will promote a more vibrant and inclusive community – a community I am proud to be part of.

Sincerely,

Kristin Hayes

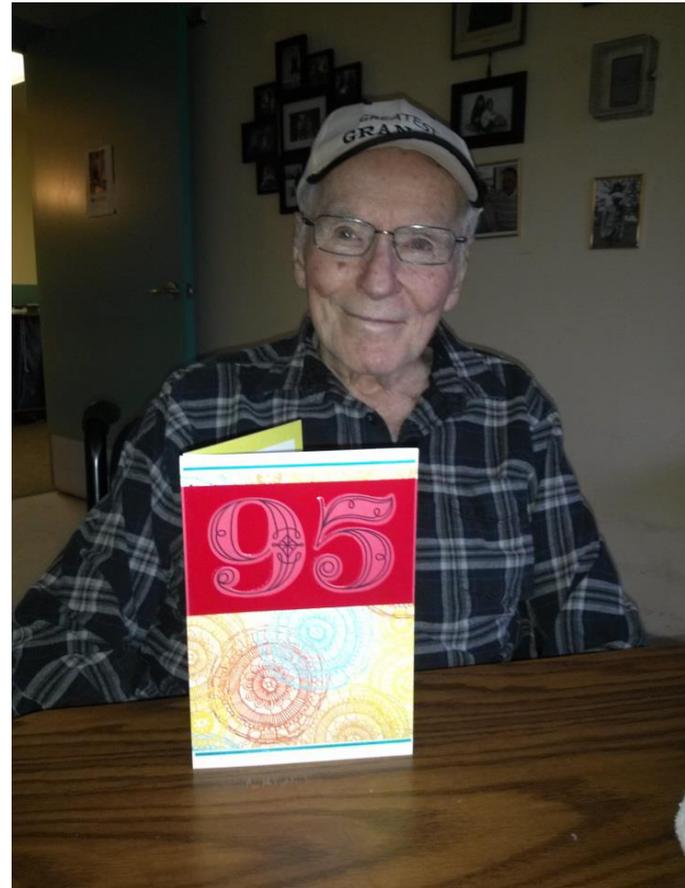
People in our Community...

My name is Eric Bunn. I am 95 years old and I live in a Long Term Care Facility in Keswick, Ontario. I have had great health all my life, but I have recently lost my right leg. I am in a manual wheelchair and I can no longer stand. I depend on people to help me and I am grateful for their care. I would like to go on day outings, but there are no washrooms that I can use. Please help me and others who live like me.

We love life still and would love to go out and share experiences. I would like to go to farmer's markets and music festivals. Having an accessible washroom for me in the community would help me enjoy the rest of my life.

Thanks for your consideration.

Eric



People in our Community...



Hi everyone! My name is Kashmere. **I like to ride the YRT and travel to the Upper Canada Mall, the Markham Fair and I especially love the fireworks on Canada Day. I love the noises and the flashing lights.** Lots of fun and lots of people! I have Cerebral Palsy and I have Epilepsy. It would be awesome to have a washroom trailer in my town. I would use it as I need help. **Sometimes I have seizures and I need a safe, quiet place to have my medication.**

My parents think this is a great idea to have a washroom trailer for me. It would relieve them from any worries and preplanning the day.

Thanks so much for helping me and others!

Kashmere Richardson and her parents

People in our Community...

Hello my name is Tyler Barker I am 30 years old living in Aurora Ontario.



I have cerebral palsy and have to use a power wheelchair on a daily basis. I have to rely on others to get around the town as transportation is limited in your region I rely on friends and family to do tasks of daily living and such. I believe in equal access for all and would love to have more access in the community.

When people go to any type of event whether it be in their community or a concert, people have the right to use the washroom. People with disabilities specifically ones with limited mobility are not able to use the restroom at any event. **This is not equal access if there was a portable accessible washroom this would make it much easier for people like myself to go to an event knowing that I don't have to sit in my brief all day long uncomfortable.**

I fully endorse this idea special thanks regards
Tyler Barker

People in our Community...



Supporting people who have an intellectual disability.



June 16, 2016

Mayor Justin Altmann
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
111 Sandiford Drive
Stouffville, ON L4A 0Z8

Dear Mayor Altmann

Community Living Newmarket/Aurora District provides support to over 300 people who have an intellectual disability, many of whom have mobility challenges. Our Vision is a "community where everyone belongs." The inclusion and full citizenship of all people are foremost and paramount in our support and delivery of services.

Inaccessibility is a huge barrier to inclusion. The barrier free washroom trailer would benefit all people who have mobility challenges in our communities and will provide equal access for all. It will also ease families and care providers' minds from the anxiety of coordinating their day around inaccessible washrooms.

The barrier free washroom trailer would promote full participation and a healthy and inclusive community. Please support this project and help advance our vision of a truly inclusive citizenship for all.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colleen Zakoor". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Colleen Zakoor
Executive Director

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November 8, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

Community Living Georgia is a non-profit organization that offers supports and services to 150 individuals with a developmental disability who live in the Town of Georgia. Our Vision is "a future in which people with developmental disabilities are accepted, respected, included, and recognized as valued community members".

One of the barriers that individuals face in their community is access to barrier free washroom facilities. The barrier free washroom trailer would benefit all individuals who have mobility challenges and will provide equal access for all.

We are in support of the barrier free-mobile accessible washroom trailer, which will be a great asset to our community and the individuals we support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Rome".

Susan Rome
Executive Director

People in our Community...

Wayne Emmerson
Chairman and CEO



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February 8, 2017

Mayor Justin Altmann
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
11 Sandiford Drive
Stouffville, ON L4A 0Z6

Dear Mayor Altmann:

Re: Portable Accessible Washroom Trailer Community Project

The Regional Municipality of York is committed to creating communities that are welcoming and inclusive for everyone. The Portable Accessible Washroom Trailer Community Project, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is offering program and financial support to, is an initiative that can help achieve this vision. York Region is pleased to offer a financial contribution toward the trailer's construction.

As you know, last September the Town of Aurora Council adopted a resolution in support of the project including a contribution of \$5,000 and the statement that if each municipality in York Region donated \$5,000 the purchase of the trailer could be realized. This resolution was received by the York Region Accessibility Advisory Committee in November 2016 and discussions began about matching Aurora's donation with a contribution from York Region.

Enclosed is a cheque for \$5,000 payable to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville for the Portable Accessible Washroom Trailer fund. Community initiatives like this place a spotlight on the importance of ensuring everyone has access to the community events the trailer will be used for. The project also highlights the important role that community volunteers and partnerships play in creating public spaces that welcome all people.

Thank you for your time!

- We want to recognize your financial support by having a ***Proud Support/Donor List*** on the Accessible Washroom Trailer.
- We want to show collectively that the towns of York Region:
 1. Hear and care about people with severe disabilities.
 2. Leaders and are actively changing to meet needs.
 3. Role-models for the rest of Ontario and Canada.
- We want you to feel part of this exciting project and realize that by your support, you will have an impact on assisting children, adults and seniors who are in your families & your communities live better lives.

Proud Supports/Donors...

- Town of Whitchurch Stouffville
- Town of Aurora
- Town of East Gwillimbury
- Town of Georgina
- ***Your Name Here***
- Magna
- Markham Fair
- Private Donor
- Private Donor
- Private Donor

How to Donate

- Make cheque payable to **The Town of Whitchurch Stouffville Account 11-00-000-0720** with specific mention on the cheque that it is a donation to the *Accessible Trailer*.
- Cheques can be mailed to
 - Debi Paterson
 - Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
 - 111 Sandiford Drive
 - Stouffville, Ontario L4A 0Z8
- Receipts are issued from the Town of Whitchurch Stouffville
- Further information: debi.paterson@townofws.ca (Assistant to the Mayor)