

Dear Accessibility Advisory Committee Chair,

I'm writing to ask you a favour and to consider having an accessibility champion recognized in your community.

Do you know someone in your community who deserves to be recognized as an accessibility champion? As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), you have the opportunity to celebrate an individual who is promoting awareness of accessibility and inclusiveness in your community.

The Government of Ontario is supporting the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario in launching the one-time AODA 10th Anniversary Champion Award to celebrate these outstanding individuals.

It could be someone in your workplace, or working at your local school or library. It could be someone serving on a local accessibility advisory committee, or the board of a local organization. You can even nominate your neighbour, a local business owner, or someone at your place of worship.

To learn more about the AODA 10th Anniversary Award, visit the AMCTO website. Nominations are due by August 28, 2015 at 4pm and can be completed in a few easy steps (see attached nomination form). Accessibility touches many different areas of our lives, and we all have a part to play in reaching our goal of an accessible Ontario by 2025. I encourage you to take a moment to nominate someone you would like to see recognized as one of Ontario's accessibility champions.

I also invite you to view and share a short video we recently released about who benefits when we make Ontario accessible. The video can be viewed (with English or French captions) at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=AfjaFWSNnZs

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Accessibility Directorate of Ontario

AODA 10th Anniversary Champion Award

Nomination Package

Purpose of the Award

This award recognizes outstanding individuals who demonstrate leadership, passion and commitment in the promotion of awareness of accessibility and inclusiveness in their community. June 13, 2015 marks the 10th anniversary of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). The goal of the act is to increase accessibility for people with disabilities and enable them to participate in their communities.

To celebrate the anniversary, the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) '*The Municipal Experts*', with the support of the Government of Ontario, is launching a one-time award – the AODA 10th Anniversary Champion Award to recognize accessibility champions across the province.

Eligibility Requirements

Award nominees must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Have demonstrated leadership in promoting awareness of accessibility and inclusiveness in their community, either through paid or volunteer work
- Be an individual (organizations are not eligible)
- Be nominated by two members of their community who are familiar with their contributions to accessibility (jointly, on one nomination form)
- Currently be a resident of Ontario
- Self-nominations are not accepted

How to Apply

- A nominator must complete all applicable sections in the nomination form, including information about both nominators.
- Send the completed nomination form, and any relevant supporting information (5 page limit) by **4:00 p.m. on August 28, 2015 to:**

By email: accessibility@amcto.com

By mail: AMCTO
2680 Skymark Avenue, Suite 610
Mississauga, ON L4W 5L6

Questions: Telephone: 905-602-4294

Selection Process

Submissions will be assessed by the Awards Evaluation Committee comprised of representatives from AMCTO, the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario, and the broader public sector.

Presentation of Awards

Winners will receive a personalized, engraved glass award which will be presented at a local Council Meeting, Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting or other community event.

Award recipients will be asked for information for public recognition.

Key Dates

August 28, 2015, 4 p.m.: Submission deadline

October 17, 2015: Award recipients notified

October – December 2015: Presentation of Awards to recipients

December 2015: Publication of award recipient names on AMCTO website



**AODA 10th Anniversary Champion
Award Nomination Form**



Submit completed form to accessibility@amcto.com

Nominee contact information

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other (please specify)

First Name	Last Name
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Name of Organization (if applicable)	Position/Title (if applicable)
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Home Address

Street No. / Name	Unit/suite
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City/Municipality	Postal Code	Telephone Number (daytime)
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Email

Nominator (Your) contact information (You may be contacted for verification, clarification purposes):

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other (please specify)

First Name	Last Name
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Name of Organization (if applicable)	Position/Title (if applicable)	Telephone Number (daytime)
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Email

Second Nominator contact information (You may be contacted for verification, clarification purposes):

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Other (please specify)

First Name	Last Name
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Name of Organization (if applicable)	Position/Title (if applicable)	Telephone Number (daytime)
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Achievement Description

Describe what the person did through one project or more projects over time, how they did it, and how their efforts improved accessibility for people with disabilities in their community. Please include details about how the nominee demonstrated leadership, creativity and collaboration in their project(s). (The achievement description should be a maximum of 675 words).