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**ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN
WORKSHOP**

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Beyond Barriers – Accessibility Awareness Campaign is a project of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) of the Six Nations Elected Council. Critical to its success is the involvement of community members in sharing their personal experiences, insights and ideas to help shape the future of making Six Nations of the Grand River Territory a truly inclusive and accessible place to live.

Through Beyond Barriers, the Accessibility Advisory Committee has engaged community members from across the Territory. The Accessibility Advisory Committee members gratefully give a huge *nia:weh* to the people for their time and feedback and look forward to bringing “their voices” to life by implementing and/or recommending for implementation their powerful contributions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On April 12th, 2014 the Accessibility Advisory Committee engaged community members of the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory by hosting a one (1) day workshop. The workshop focused on obtaining the experience and knowledge of community members regarding accessibility issues. Throughout this one day session the Accessibility Advisory Committee's goal was to understand the challenges of people (and their family/friends/support personnel) living with disabilities, what in our community can be improved upon and what recommendations could be made to the Six Nations Elected Council and community businesses/services at large, on behalf of people living with disabilities.

Community members generously gave their knowledge and experience which focused on several key areas -

Short term priorities/recommendations

- **Accessibility of Public Spaces** – ensuring public spaces are fully accessible and maintained for accessibility. The focus of public spaces was public parking, accessing public buildings/spaces and washrooms
- **Education, Awareness & Sensitivity and Respect Training** – ensuring all members of the community are aware and respectful of the challenges experienced by some members of the community, i.e. experiential learning for greater understanding
- **Enforcement for parking infractions** – people parking in designated handicapped spots should face some type of consequences
- **Other priorities** - broad scope: policy development/revision, volunteer program, accessibility evaluation of public spaces, raised garden beds, audio signalling for road/street crossings and improved relationships between departments (public service) and community members

Long term recommendations

- **Housing Accommodations** – accessible apartments/rental units, and establishing a disability fund/grant program for

- retrofitting homes or an analysis of current funding. An example of assisting in this area was bringing in “Mike Holmes” to evaluate and fix.
- **Transportation** – expanded wheelchair accessible transportation services similar to “DARTS”
 - **Construction (New/Existing Buildings)** – ensure all new buildings are fully accessible, including fully accessible washrooms and awnings over outside doors to provide protection from elements
 - **Other recommendations** – widening of roadways for walkers/bike lanes and the encouragement of awareness, sensitivity and respect by having signage in the community to be respectful of everyone

“Big Ticket” Item Recommendations

These recommendations re-focused attention to several areas that had been mentioned either under short or long term recommendations as follows:

- **Accessibility** of public spaces;
- Wheelchair accessible **transportation**;
- **Education, awareness & sensitivity training**, i.e. Good Minds/Beyond Barriers Campaign;
- **Fix the short term priorities/recommendations**;
- **Other recommendations** – accessible playgrounds for children, change doors on all public buildings to automatic doors with access ramps (a very specific recommendation) and assess all buildings for access and then prioritize which buildings to “fix” based on use.

INTRODUCTION

“Thanks for caring about us [handicapped and disabled people].” – A Participant

The Haudenosaunee culture has maintained at its core the concepts of inclusion, equality and individuality. The balancing of these core concepts is maintained by allowing the knowledge and experiences of community members to drive the journey of inclusion and equality. This report represents an initial step in bringing together the knowledge and experiences of community members, in creating an inclusive and equitable community for those individuals, and their support persons, who experience accessibility challenges. This knowledge and experience shall shape the foundation of accessibility planning at Six Nations of the Grand River Territory.

BEYOND BARRIERS – ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN – Workshop, April 12, 2014

Six Nations of the Grand River community members participated in a one day workshop which focused on gathering the experiences and knowledge of community members living with accessibility challenges. This knowledge and experience provided a clear list of short and long term recommendations, as well as “big ticket” item recommendations.

Analysis - General

There were several instances in which short term and long term recommendations were duplicates, i.e. education and awareness/sensitivity training was mentioned by different roundtable discussion groups as being a short term and long term recommendation. This may be explained, in part, by a group’s collective understanding of time and cost considerations.

Short Term Priorities/Recommendations

Short term priorities/recommendations focused on accessibility in public spaces, in particular access to public parking, buildings and washrooms (including the maintenance of these access spaces). One recommendation focused on completing an evaluation of

existing public spaces against standardized requirements and providing a priority list based on community usage. Another high priority was education, sensitivity and awareness training, with those individuals involved in maintenance of public spaces being viewed as requiring immediate training, i.e. consistent snow and ice removal during the winter months. Many participants expressed the wish to see “experiential learning” as a part of an education, awareness and sensitivity training. Traffic and enforcement of parking infractions was also viewed as a priority. People parking in designated handicapped spots should face some type of consequences.

A number of other interesting priorities/recommendations were listed, ranging from Service Animal Policy revisions to District Watch/Volunteers Program to accessible “raised” garden beds.

Long Term Recommendations

Long term recommendations focused on housing accommodations, transportation and construction. Accessible apartments/rental units that have lifts and ramps should be a long term goal of Six Nations. Participants also mentioned wheelchair accessible transportation as an important long term goal. Roundtable discussion groups envisioned a “DARTS” type of service where transportation would be provided for getting groceries, errands etc. Construction, with new and existing building being fully accessible, as well as roadways being widened to accommodate walkers/bike lanes was seen as a viable long term goal.

“Big Ticket” Item Recommendations

The “big ticket” item recommendations re-focused attention to several areas that had been mentioned under either a short or long term recommendation. Accessibility of public spaces, transportation and education, awareness and sensitivity training were again mentioned. One new area that was mentioned during one group’s round table discussion was accessible playgrounds for children. This group felt it was important to ensure playgrounds had “emergency buttons,” accessible equipment and rubber mats for safety.

SHORT TERM PRIORITIES/RECOMMENDATIONS¹

These areas were identified as “quick fix”, meaning participants viewed these areas as things that could be addressed in a relatively short period of time without a lot of funding.

Three tiers of short term priorities were identified. Each tier, with tier one being the highest tier, is organized from highest priority to lowest.

It should be noted in tier two there is a specific section for Private Spaces Access. This part provides specific information that was provided by the participants concerning private businesses. As one political participant indicated there is no mechanism for enforcement for private owners, but making private owners aware and its potential impact on their business, may encourage them to make changes.

TIER ONE

❖ ACCESS - PARKING

○ Public Spaces, General:

- More handicapped parking spaces
- Curb access clearly marked (painted)
- Parking areas clearly marked (painted)
- Designated parking spaces widened
- Ensure designated parking spaces are not too close to access ramps
- Have secondary parking spots as well as primary (primary where they are currently are located)
- Increased designated parking spaces at public events as current allocation is not sufficient to address need

○ Public Spaces, Specific:

¹ The short term priorities/recommendations were captured by organizing together “common themed” groupings listed under “quick fix” during the roundtable discussions. These common themed groupings also incorporated any similar themed items that were mentioned during the open forum discussion as well as any items on the Comments Cards or written on pieces of paper for the Facilitator. The roundtable groups then were asked to prioritize these common themed groups under 5 priorities. These priorities were then scored based on the number of groups that scored them and the priority score given to them by the groups.

- Community Hall – doesn't have a ramp at front but at side but no designated parking spots there
- Iroquois Village Plaza – handicapped parking away from ramp by Radio Station
- Iroquois Village Plaza – more handicapped spaces
- Adult Day Care – no ramps for access
- White Pines Parking for dialysis patients – ramp there but people park too close to access ramp thereby making it inaccessible
- White Pines Parking for dialysis patients- Cement barriers at White Pines where access ramp is so designated parking does not block access to ramp

❖ **EDUCATION, AWARENESS & SENSITIVITY, RESPECT**

- Use media/youtube/radio etc. to get information to the community
- Community Awareness Week – a good time to do public education and awareness “Walk In My Moccasins”
- Accessibility Advisory Committee members should also do “walk in my moccasins” educational session
- Public Servants should have education and awareness training, including experiential learning component
- Use pictures and/or actions instead of words for people to gain greater understanding

❖ **ACCESS – WASHROOMS**

- **Public Spaces, General:**
 - Barrier free & appropriate access buttons
 - Sinks, soap, mirrors and drying units accessible
 - Increased designated washrooms for disabled community members at public events
- **Public Spaces, Specific:**
 - Community Hall – washroom doors are too heavy and don't have access buttons

TIER TWO

❖ **ACCESS – BUILDING/SPACES**

○ **Public Spaces, General:**

- Buzzer at doors in case person gets stuck “between” doors
- If a building has two entrance doors, both doors should open with 1 button, and should stay open longer to allow more time to get inside

○ **Public Spaces, Specific:**

- Bingo Hall – move access buttons to correct side of door
- Community Hall – sidewalk accessibility & move access buttons closer to door
- Arena – sidewalk accessibility & move access buttons close to door
- Iroquois Lodge – access beside beds for stretcher, challenge of night stand being by bed, beds have to be raised and moved and usually requires more manpower
- Chiefswood Park – recreational event, i.e. fishing derby, powwow, have an accessible boardwalk along the water
- Gaylord Powless Arena – can only access the lobby area with no designated spots in the arena, need a helper/support person

○ **Private Spaces:**

- Majority of convenient stores have 2-5 inch step to access the building and once inside the counter is too high
- Grab bars to access stores with high steps for entrance and once inside a lower counter or a “bell” to get the attention of the cashier
- Washrooms at Erlind’s Restaurant is not wheelchair accessible
- Difficult to get into Erlind’s Restaurant with double door entrance
- Rely on people to have “helpers” but people don’t always have helpers

- Bright Feather Laundromat is not accessible and has no designated handicapped parking
- Red Indian – Aisles are too narrow
- Red Indian – step to enter is too high
- Village Pizza – No handrail and ramp doesn't have adequate coverage for slippage

❖ **MAINTENANCE**

- Proper maintenance of side walks, particularly in winter
- Public Works staff to be made aware of challenges re: ice/snow and grade of sidewalks
- Fix potholes for public events at Chiefswood Park
- Iroquois Village Plaza – uneven sidewalks and icy in winter
- Iroquois Lodge – front sidewalk is not level causing inaccessibility

TIER THREE

❖ **TRAFFIC & ENFORCEMENT**

- Slower speed limits
- Enforcement and consequences for people parking in designated handicapped spots, specifically at Iroquois Village Plaza

❖ **INFRASTRUCTURE**

- Sidewalks wider and level

Other areas identified as short term priorities/recommendations:

- Service Animal Policy, specifically banned dogs list should not include service animals
- Caregiver and Student Training, i.e. PSW program at Six Nations Polytechnic – incorporate experiential learning component
- Customer Service Training
- Signage/Handouts/Website – Large Print

- Community Evaluation - Hire summer student to inspect all public buildings for accessibility & make recommendations
- Helpline/Hotline
- District Watch Program/Volunteers Program - Community members (within districts) volunteer to help people who have accessibility issues, i.e. Volunteer groups of 4 people assigned to assist various people with disabilities when they have places to attend or specific tasks to complete
- Raised Garden Beds
- Improved relationships between departments and community
- Audio signalling (voice/pings)
- Wheelchair accessibility in public spaces, i.e. wheelchair access during all public events, not just particular events

LONG TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

The following areas have been identified by the participants as long term recommendations. These recommendations could be incorporated into the community plan and funding could be sought.

Transportation:

Expanded wheelchair accessible transportation services

Housing:

- Accessible apartments/rental units that have lifts and ramps
- Establish Disability Fund to retrofit home for accessibility similar to grants and/or analysis of current funding
- Bring in “Mike Holmes” – evaluate buildings and fix

Roads:

Widen roads to accommodate walkers/bike lanes (for those people who are unable to drive)

Construction - New/Existing buildings:

- Ensure they are fully accessible
- Install Elevators (also for current buildings)
- More handicapped washroom stalls with appropriate access doors as well as accessible sinks, mirrors, soap dispensers and hand drying units
- Awnings over doors to provide protection from elements as it takes disabled people longer to get into a building

Prevention:

Awareness of CAREpath advocacy (Cancer Navigation Service Program which complements the public health care system)

Awareness, Sensitivity & Respect:

Signage in community to be respectful of everyone

“BIG TICKET” ITEM RECOMMENDATIONS

There were a total of six recommendations made.

Three key areas that were mentioned in short and/or long term recommendations were mentioned once again.

- 1) **Accessibility of public buildings** – including an accessibility assessment of all [public] buildings and prioritize based on use, change doors on all public buildings to automatic doors with access ramps (if required);
- 2) **Transportation** – wheelchair accessible transportation similar to “DARTS”; and
- 3) **Education, Awareness & Sensitivity and Respect Training** – Good Mind/Beyond Barriers Campaign to education the community.

Two other areas were mentioned:

- accessible playgrounds for children, including emergency buttons, accessible equipment and rubber mats for safety;
- fix the short term priorities/recommendations mentioned.

APPENDIX A

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC) MEMBERS (2012/13 – 2015/16)

Roz “Rusty” Skye – Chairperson of AAC. Employed at Six Nations Landfill.

Mauvereen Bomberry – Works with people who have low vision and is interested in bringing independence back to people’s lives.

Sabrina Saunders – Employed at Six Nations Public Library. She became interested in issues after her grandparents lives transitioned due to aging and injuries; she didn’t know where to go for help. She wants to bring awareness and make disabled people an important part of our community.

Roger Jonathan – Six Nations Band councillor appointed by Six Nations Council as a representative on the AAC.

Vince Martin – Employed at Six Nations Fire Department since 2002. He is the Health and Safety Officer for Six Nations Council and was appointed to AAC. As he is the Health & Safety Officer, he is concerned with return to work plans for employees. Vince encouraged the participants to review the plans for the new fire hall for accessibility issues.

Katie Maracle – Acting Employee Relations Officer in the Human Resources Department of Six Nations Council. Katie works with employees who have accommodation requests.

Seymour White – Seymour was not in attendance however he provided a biography. He has been a Six Nations community member for 50 years. He has been confined to a wheelchair for 28 of those years due to an automobile accident. He joined the AAC to make a difference and make accessibility available.

Rickilynn White – Rickilynn was not in attendance however she provided a biography. She has been a Six Nations community

member for 25 years. She initially started attending meetings as a support person for her Uncle Seymour. She wants to be a voice for people with invisible disabilities.

Jeff Martin – Jeff was not in attendance. Jeff is a Case Manager for Six Nation Health Services.

APPENDIX B

Beyond Barriers – Accessibility Awareness Campaign Flyer

The following were displays set up on the date:

1. Six Nations Firehall (Vince Martin) – Blueprint of proposed new Six Nations Firehall
2. CNIB (Joan Berger & Dominic Fazio) – Display of services/devices/legislation. Dominic provided summary of services they provide at the end of meeting
3. Accessibility Advisory Committee – Story of Seymour White/display of van conversion

APPENDIX C

BEYOND BARRIERS – ACCESSIBILITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AGENDA FOR APRIL 12, 2014 WORKSHOP

APPENDIX D

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Brochure & PP Presentation Highlights

Sabrina Saunders did a PowerPoint presentation highlighting some of the key information from the provided brochure.

Notes:

Topic: What Have We Identified to Date?

#6 The font size, organization of and method of communication via the website, newsletter, community flyers and council meetings – Font size on website, newsletter, flyers, etc. You will start to notice that the font size will be 14 point or larger on these.

#8 Limited Community Feedback – As a result, a comment card was developed and also the purpose of today's meeting – for community feedback.

Topic: Mandate

#3 The Committee shall be responsible for specific reviews of new policies, procedures. Technology purchases, construction, and renovations to ensure that new barriers to accessibility are not being created – Haven't really started on this one. Six Nations Firehall and Six Nations Public Library are two new building designs that will be reviewed for accessibility.

APPENDIX E

SIX NATIONS COUNCIL – COMMENT CARD

APPENDIX F

OPEN FORUM – COMMENTS

The Six Nations Community hall where this meeting is being held doesn't have a ramp at the front of the building.

Possible solution would be to have two designated handicap parking spots on the side of the building where there is a ramp.

A lot of places have a ramp right in front of the vehicle parking area instead of leaving space to get out of the vehicle comfortably without having to move the vehicle.

Some pieces can be fixed quickly; others require a bigger plan to address the issue. We have to identify the priorities of funding.

Iroquois Village Plaza Post Office side – there is a handicap parking area at the end past the radio station but there isn't ramp there.

Winter conditions for a person using a walker or wheelchair is hell. Proper maintenance needs to be done on walkways also keep them clear.

Many people in the community are diabetic and have dietary restrictions. This should be taken into consideration when providing food at community events such as this one.

Erlind's Restaurant was identified as troublesome. If you are in a wheelchair there are really only 2 tables you can choose from and you can't get to their washrooms if you are in a wheelchair.

A majority of convenience stores in the community have a 2-5 inch step up to enter into the business.

In many washrooms, the sink, soap and towels are not at a height that people in a wheelchair can access.

Iroquois Lodge – The sidewalk in front of the Lodge is not level. There is a step up/down off the sidewalk.

Location of handicap parking – ideally the parking spaces should be spacious and also to have enough designated spots. Have primary (where they are located now) handicap spots as well as secondary (additional) spots.

Recommendation to the AAC members to get in a wheelchair and go through the community buildings and businesses; try to navigate the sidewalks and ramps. Put on a blindfold and try to navigate around the village. “Walk in Our Moccasins” to give yourself some education and awareness.

People park in handicap spots that shouldn't. There needs to be enforcement and consequences for somebody parking in a handicap spot without the handicap permit.

Gaylord Powless Arena doesn't have specific spots inside the arena itself, just the lobby area. In order to use the washrooms, you have to have a helper/support person.

Community volunteers are needed to help people that have accessibility issues. Start some kind of volunteer group.

Create an awareness program for staff so they understand the challenges.

Make Public Works aware of the issues faced due to ice and the grade of sidewalks and ramps.

Make a list of priorities and complete the quick fix ones first and incorporate the long term fixes into the community plan so that funding can be sought.

Six Nations Community Hall washroom doors are too heavy.

An idea would be to have a summer student program whereas the summer student would be tasked with going to all the public buildings with an inclusive list and make recommendations based on the list. Private businesses can't be forced into making the changes but recommendations can certainly be made and once they know this could be impacting their business, maybe they'll take it upon themselves to address the concerns.

In response to concern regarding dietary restrictions be considered at community events where food is provided; Health Promotion has taken an initiative to provide healthy foods at Health Promotion events.

There are people that may need to see pictures instead of words in order to understand.

Bright Feather Laundromat – there isn't an access button for the door so she has to have a support person go with her as she can't carry her laundry and open the door at the same time. There isn't any handicap parking at Bright Feather Laundromat.

Many private businesses rely on people to have a helper when this isn't always the case.

Red Indian, the aisles are too narrow.

Iroquois Village Plaza – Is particularly icy, uneven sidewalks.

In many buildings, even if the main entrance door has an access button, the washrooms don't; including the Six Nations Community Hall.

At White Pines parking for dialysis patients, there is an access ramp for wheelchairs however people park too close to the ramp and there isn't enough room for a wheelchair to get in between the vehicle and ramp. Solution would be to cement barriers in place to ensure enough room is left for access to the ramp.

At many convenience stores the counter is really high, have an area with a lower counter or a bell to get the attention of the cashier.

At businesses with a high step, have a grab bar to assist people.

Would like to see the quick and less costly fixes addressed first.

The adult day care has no ramps.

Use the media/youtube/radio etc to get information about the issues to the community.

Community Awareness week – the AAC could do a challenge to Council, local businesses and community members to “Walk in My Moccasins”.

Community volunteer group – 4 people in a group assigned to assist various people with disabilities when they had places to attend or specific tasks to complete.

APPENDIX G – ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS
PART I: QUICK FIX AND LONG TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

Three roundtable discussions were held with approximately 6 – 8 people participating in each. Not all participants were familiar with each other so an initial introductory session was required. Each roundtable group designated a note taker and speaker(s) to share their discussion with the whole.

PART I: The first question posed was: What does your group see as some “quick fixes” to address some of the accessibility issues that you are aware of and what are some long term recommendations. The results have been compiled as below.

Group 1	
QUICK FIXES	LONG TERM
Educate Six Nations staff about having clear, de-iced access	Service Animal policy included in the Human Resources policy
Curb access and parking areas clearly marked (painted)	Barrier free washrooms and/or access buttons
Wider parking spaces for handicap vehicles	Village Pizza – no hand rail and the ramp doesn’t have adequate coverage for slippage
Bingo Hall access buttons on wrong side of doors	Iroquois Plaza – fix parking; more handicap spaces; enforce parking bylaw
Slower speed limits	In new construction of buildings ensure they are fully accessible; install elevators for current buildings; make washrooms fully accessible
	Widen roads to accommodate walkers/bike lane
	Doors at arena to open automatically or push button
	Chiefswood Park – fix potholes

	for public event
	Accessible apartments/rental units that have lifts or ramps
	More handicap accessible washroom stalls in buildings and have wider stalls.
	Establish disability fund to retrofit homes for accessibility similar to grants, Dreamcatcher etc; analysis of current funding

GROUP 2	
QUICK FIXES	LONG TERM
Awareness & Sensitivity training	Mike Holmes – evaluate and fix
Caregiver & student training ie.PSW program at Polytech – incorporate experiential learning component	Transportation
Customer Service training	Prevention – awareness of carepath advocacy
Signage/Handouts/Website – large print	
Community Evaluations – high school volunteer hours/ runners or helpers. CPIC check for working with vulnerable sector.	
Helpline/Hotline	
District Watch program	
Buzzer at doors in case person gets stuck “between” doors or can’t get in	
Diabetic friendly food	
Raised garden beds	
Improve relationships between departments and community	

GROUP 3	
QUICK FIXES	LONG TERM
Sidewalk accessibility at Community Hall & Arena	More handicap washroom stalls
Access to floor area of arena during community events (at Bread & Cheese ramps are set up but not for any other events)	Comment cards
Access buttons at arena and community hall closer to door	Access buttons closer
Wheelchair accessibility in public spaces	Awnings over doors to provide protection from elements as it takes disabled people longer to get in the door
More handicap parking at all community buildings	If a building has two entrance doors, both doors should open with 1 button; doors should also stay open longer to provide more time to get in
Wider sidewalks	Signs in community to be respectful of everyone – Beyond Barriers Campaign
Support bars in accessible places	Allocating more parking spaces for wheelchair users at public events. I.e. 3 parking spots are not enough at a big community event and 1 disable washroom is not enough
Respect from community members	More community transportation available
Audio signaling (voice/pings) at crosswalks; better timing as it takes disabled people longer to get across	
Better signage of washrooms & other facilities; at appropriate height	

Respect handicap parking designation; should not be parking along curb at Iroquois Plaza	
Iroquois Lodge sidewalks level and the ramps wider	
Support bars not in a convenient location in washroom stalls	
Speed limit should be lower in the village and in parking lots	

APPENDIX H – ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

PART II: QUICK FIX – TOP 5

The “quick fix” lists presented by each roundtable group was then compiled into a master list. This master list formed the basis for requesting the roundtable participants to re-convene to compile their top five (5) priorities based on this master list. Each roundtable group presented the following:

ISSUE	GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3
Education, Awareness & Sensitivity; Respect	1	1*	5
Parking Lots: access & curbs; wider parking spaces; ramps; clearly marked	2	2	1
Speed Limits: signs and lower speeds; enforcement			3
Access Buttons: ensure buildings have them; appropriate location/height; ease of use	3	3	
Washroom Facilities: signage; access buttons; more handicap stalls; appropriate location of support bars; barrier free	4	4	2
Dietary considerations at community events			
Caregiver/Student Training			
Customer Service Training			
Signage/Website/Handouts: large prints			
Helpline/Hotline			
District Watch			
Sidewalks; wider & level			4
Voice Prompt/Pings at crossing locations			
Service Animal Policy			
Ensure new buildings address the concerns and needs of handicap			

Maintenance of public walkways/roads; keep clear	5	5	
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*Group 2 included Caregiver/Student Training, Customer Service Training, Signage; Voice Prompts; Service Animal Policy; New building accessibility as part of Education, Awareness & Sensitivity; Respect

APPENDIX I – ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

PART III: ONE BIG TICKET ITEM RECOMMENDATION

The roundtable groups were asked to discuss and provide a recommendation regarding one “big ticket” item, i.e. over \$100,000.00, which could be the focus of a funding proposal. The following was provided by each of the roundtable groups.

Group 1

Change doors on all public buildings to automatic doors with ramps to access building (steel ramp).

Wheelchair accessible transportation

Group 2

Transportation services for wheelchair bound people to get groceries, do errands, etc. Similar to “DART” service.

Accessible playground that includes emergency buttons; accessible equipment and rubber mats for safety.

Group 3

Good Mind/Beyond Barriers Campaign to educate the community.

Fix the short term/quick fixes identified

Assessment of all buildings; prioritize which buildings based on use.