

AODA 10th Anniversary Champion Award

Mike Gravelle is recognized for years of community impact



Mike Gravelle, above, has been a leader in accessibility matters for over 20 years.

ORANGEVILLE, Nov 23, 2015 — Congratulations to Access Dufferin member, Mike Gravelle, for winning the AODA 10th Anniversary Champion Award. The award will be presented by the Warden at County Council on Thursday, December 10, at 6 pm.

Throughout his life, Mike has been resilient and determined. In the early 1990s, he was forced out of a career as an architectural technician due to a loss of vision and hearing. Following this, Mike took a position with the CNIB Dufferin County Advisory Committee. For 10 years, he assisted CNIB in Waterloo, Owen Sound and Dufferin County as an advisor and Board member. He was also the founder of In Sight in Touch Dufferin, a not-for-profit advocacy group that works to break down barriers for people with disabilities. In 2004, Mike took on roles with both the County of Dufferin and Orangeville Accessibility Advisory Committees and is still a member of both to date.

This year, the AODA (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act) celebrates 10 years as legislation. The AMCTO (Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario), with the support of the Government of Ontario, is recognizing individuals who demonstrate leadership in accessibility and disability issues through the new, one-time AODA 10th Anniversary Champion Award.

Mike's passion and innovation in accessibility has impacted many people and this award is well deserved. Dufferin County is proud of his achievements and we look forward to working with Mike to continue improving accessibility for years to come.

Learn more about the Dufferin County Accessibility Advisory Committee at:
www.dufferincounty.ca/government/council-and-committee-meetings/accessibility

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