



• StopGap Ramp Project •

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Town of Fort Erie

Limited
Funding
Available

Increase
access

Remove
barriers

Promote
your
business

The Town of Fort Erie's Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) has received limited funding to provide temporary ramps to help increase access into stores with one step that meet the criteria (2" – 9").

The AAC will also be providing marketing materials (stickers, media releases, notation on the Town's business directory that the store now has a barrier free access).

By entering into an agreement with StopGap Foundation, a ramp will be designed specifically for your entry way. This does not trigger any other accessibility requirements as the ramp is made available on a temporary basis.

If you are interested in participating in this project to improve access, grow your client base and make our community more accessible, please visit the Town's webpage at www.forterie.ca/en/town-hall/accessibility.aspx and complete the online application form or contact the AAC's staff resource at bbradnam@forterie.ca.

Applications for free access ramp

Applications are now open for free temporary access ramps for Fort Erie businesses and organizations that do not have an accessible front entrance as a result of a single step.

**Apply by
August 4,
2023**

Up to 15 free ramps are available. Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria.

- **Businesses and organizations must be within the Town of Fort Erie**
- **Must have a single step between 2" and 9" tall from the walkway to the front entrance, or the entrance most commonly used by the public**
- **Businesses and organizations must carry insurance**
- **Businesses and organizations must deploy the ramp temporarily when requested and bring the ramp back in doors when not in use so as not to create any additional barriers along pathways**

The Town recognizes that preventing new barriers, reducing and removing existing barriers, and enhancing access is essential to providing increased opportunities that foster independence, inclusion and dignity for people of all ages and abilities.

The StopGap Foundation's mission aims to create a world where every person can access every space. A world free of barriers will help give everyone the opportunity to live a life full of independence, spontaneity, and ultimate fulfillment..