

**Town of Saugeen Shores
Corporate Policy**

StopGap Community Ramp Program	
Department: Clerk's	Prepared By: Clerks Department
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Purpose:

To create awareness about barriers in our built environment by supplying free (or minimal cost) deployable entry ramps to businesses in the Town of Saugeen Shores with single stepped storefronts which prevent access to some individuals including people in wheelchairs, with mobility devices or strollers.

Policy:

In order to qualify for the StopGap Community Ramp Program, a business must have a single stepped store front of 15 cm or lower.

A business owner wishing to obtain a StopGap Community Ramp shall complete and submit an Application Form to the Clerk's Department.

Each application shall include:

- The StopGap Community Ramp Project – Application Form
- A picture of the entrance

Municipal Staff, in consultation with the Accessibility Advisory Committee, will review the application and undertake the necessary site inspection and measurements to determine if the entrance qualifies for the Program. The Applicant shall be notified in writing if the application is approved or not.

If a ramp is approved to be located on municipal property, the applicant shall provide and maintain Commercial General Liability insurance in the amount of \$2 million on an occurrence basis, naming the Corporation of the Town of Saugeen Shores as an additional named insured.

Once approved, the Accessibility Advisory Committee or Municipal Staff will arrange for the ramp to be custom built by volunteers in accordance with the StopGap requirements, as may be amended from time to time by the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act and regulations thereto.

Prior to delivery of the ramp, the Business Owner will sign a Waiver assuming all liability and ownership of the ramp.

The use of the ramp is the sole responsibility of the business owner. The ramp must only be deployed when required and must be removed when not in use.

Each business that receives a StopGap Community Ramp will also be given an 'Access Ramp Available Upon Request' sign that is to be placed in a visible location near the entrance so that individuals can arrange for the ramp to be deployed.

If the StopGap Community Ramp becomes unsafe or in need of replacement, it is the business owner's responsibility to repair or replace the StopGap Community Ramp in accordance with this policy and all applicable legislation.



StopGap Community Ramp Program Application Form

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Owner/Manager Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Left Side Step Height: _____ inches Right Side Step Height: _____ inches

Measure from the sidewalk to the top of the step on each side of the door opening.
Eligible store fronts must have a single stepped store front of 6 inches or lower.

Is the interior of the business accessible? ____ Yes ____ No

Preferred Colour of Ramp (circle one):

Red

Yellow

Green

Blue

Please attach a picture of the entrance to this application.

The Community Ramp Project Policy/Waiver:

The Community Ramp Project provides deployable entry ramps to businesses with single stepped storefronts which prevent access to many people. The use of the ramp is the sole responsibility of the business owner; the ramp must only be deployed when required. Those involved with the provision of materials and construction of the ramp are not liable for any damages or injuries resulting from the use of the ramp.

I/We _____ have read and understand the Community Ramp Project Policy and hereby agree to comply with the Policy.

Signature of Business Owner

Dated:

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