

## **Town of Wasaga Beach Accessibility Award - Recognition Description -**

The Accessibility Award identifies an individual, business, or organization in the Town of Wasaga Beach who has demonstrated a commitment to accessibility and an inclusive environment for people with disabilities.

### **Eligibility**

A community member, community group/organization, or business, meeting one of the following criteria are eligible for nomination:

- A resident of Wasaga Beach
- A community or not-for-profit group/organization operating in Wasaga Beach
- An owner of a business in Wasaga Beach

Nominators must display how the individual, organization or business has gone above and beyond to create an accessible and inclusive environment for people with disabilities.

The achievements and contributions of nominees must benefit the Wasaga Beach community. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee are not permitted to submit nominations or be nominated for the award.

### **Selection Criteria**

Nominations are evaluated based on achievements and contributions made in the following areas:

- Preventing and removing barriers – the nature of the barrier may be attitudinal, communication, physical, policy, programmatic, social, and transportation.
- Accommodating persons with disabilities - an accommodation may involve modification of a space, schedule, or task that enables someone to participate in the community.
- Acting as an accessibility ambassador or champion - promoting accessibility awareness within the community.
- Providing employment support for persons with disabilities - creating opportunities to participate in the work environment.
- Providing exemplary accessible customer service – taking time to understand the customer's request and offer an appropriate solution.
- Providing assistance for independent living – assisting with skills training and support.