



# How will Toronto's next Mayor create a more accessible and inclusive Toronto?

Find out what candidates Ford, Pantalone, Rossi, Smitherman and Thomson have to say at tomorrow's Mayoral Debate on Disability Issues...

**Toronto is home to a significant number of people living with disabilities.** In 2005, the percentage of people with participation and activity limitations in Toronto was 24.3%, a steady increase from 2000 when the percentage was 18.6% (2005 Canadian Community Health Survey) This is far higher than the national average and will increase over time as our population ages.

**People living with disabilities face physical, social, attitudinal, communication, technological and other barriers to actively participating in daily municipal life.** Despite recent progress in areas of equity and accessibility, individuals living with disabilities continue to be under-represented, under-served and marginalized in Toronto.

**The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2005) has many implications for how things are done in Toronto.** This act made Ontario the first jurisdiction in Canada to develop, implement and enforce mandatory accessibility standards for both the private and public sectors. Plans are underway to make the province of Ontario accessible by 2025.

**Toronto's next Mayor needs to understand and take action on these issues!**

**When: Wednesday September 22, 2010  
1:00pm – 3:00pm**

**Where: Trinity St. Paul's United Church, 427 Bloor Street West**

**Keynote address by Helen Henderson, Disabilities Journalist**

**Moderated by Ing Wong-Ward, Media Personality and CBC Radio Producer**

**Real-time captioning, ASL interpretation and attendant care will be available.**

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