

Here is a summary of what was accomplished in 2019 toward continually improving accessibility at CHEO:

Dynamic Parking Symbol: The Me to We Club at CHEO initiated a project to implement the Dynamic Accessibility Symbol in Parking spaces at CHEO. Through fundraising efforts they raised the money for the stencil and paint. They held a painting party on April the 31st outside of the Max Keeping entrance to paint the dynamic symbol on the parking spots. The accessibility committee gathered feedback from other stakeholders about the dynamic symbol and CHEO has painted all other accessible parking spaces with the dynamic symbol.

Cafeteria Table Accessibility: The Accessibility Committee consulted the Me to We Club and Dr's of Shredding as well as a variety of individual stakeholders and representatives from our committee to review the accessibility of seating in the cafeteria. A new arrangement of tables and accessible spots was created and implemented in the cafeteria. With this new layout there are more accessible spaces with clearance for wheelchairs. These new spaces are labelled with the Dynamic Accessibility Symbol.

Youth Grant Application: In the fall we had an opportunity to apply for a grant of up to \$10,000 toward a youth leader accessibility initiative. Installation of actuators (buttons to make the unit doors accessible) was a priority identified by our youth representative, beginning with 4 North. The Accessibility Committee in collaboration with our youth representative completed the grant proposal and we have just heard back – we received the funding!

Risk Assessment – Actuator Installation: As part of the grant proposal the accessibility committee initiated a risk assessment process to ensure that we were safely moving forward with this process.

Accessible Computer Station in Learning Centre: After an environmental scan in preparation for a resident who uses a wheelchair, one of the recommendations was that there should be an accessible space in the Learning Centre. In December an adjustable table and computer was installed and we have had positive feedback from a number of people.

CHEO External Webpage: The Accessibility Committee reviewed external webpages from other organizations and made recommendations for accessible elements to be included in CHEO's new website which rolled out in 2019. A link to adjust the website font size and contrast was added in a prominent spot on the home page.

Updated Policies: The Accessibility Committee reviewed and updated three of our policies that address accessibility.

Created 2019-2024 Accessibility Plan: The Accessibility Committee reviewed and updated our earlier 2013-2018 Accessibility Plan to create the 2019-2024 Accessibility Plan.