



OUTDOOR ACCESSIBILITY FEST-FOR-ALL!

**PRESENTED BY THE ESSEX
COUNTY ACCESSIBILITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026
GOSFIELD COMMUNICATIONS
COMMUNITY CENTRE AND
RIDGEVIEW PARK
124 FOX ST. COTTAM, ON**



Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the Three Fires Confederacy (Ojibwe, Potawatomie and Odawa) and the Traditional ancestral, unceded territory of Caldwell First Nation; the original people of Point Pelee, Pelee Island and its surrounding waters.

We recognize and respect the First Nations who are stewards of the land and waters of Turtle Island and who have embraced this stewardship since time immemorial.

We would also like to acknowledge all the moccasins who have walked the lands of Turtle Island.

Greetings from Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee

On behalf of the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee, I am delighted to welcome you to the third annual Outdoor Accessibility Fest-for-All.

Accessibility is about more than removing barriers — it's about opening doors, sparking conversations, and building meaningful connections.

Throughout the event, participants once again this year will discover accessible activities, demonstrations, products, services, and information from local organizations, businesses, and community members — all of whom are working hard and creatively to promote inclusion in activities and spaces for people with varying levels of ability.

We are grateful to the volunteers, partners, exhibitors, and participants in helping to make the 2026 Accessibility Fest-for-All an impactful success. Their dedication is proof that progress happens when people come together in common cause with open minds and open hearts.

We are also grateful to everyone in attendance today for working with us to build a more inclusive community.

We hope today inspires you, teaches you something new, and reminds you that every move forward we take — big or small — brings us closer to a barrier-free future.

— *Dennis Sanson, Chair, Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee*

Greetings from Essex County

Warden Hilda MacDonald

Welcome to the third annual Outdoor Accessibility Fest-for-All, hosted this year at the Gosfield Communications Community Centre in Ridgeview Park, Cottam. This gathering is a meaningful opportunity for residents, families, service providers, businesses, and community organizations to come together in support of a more inclusive Essex County.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee for its leadership in bringing this event to life, and to the exhibitors, partners, volunteers, and guests who are sharing resources, experiences, and practical ideas throughout the day.

Accessibility is strengthened when people work side-by-side to identify barriers, learn from one another, and put inclusive thinking into action. The County of Essex is proud to support a festival that encourages these conversations and highlights the many ways our communities can become more welcoming for people of all abilities.

I encourage everyone here today to explore the displays, take part in the activities, and satisfy your curiosities by asking questions, so that you might hopefully depart with new connections and ideas that can help us all to advance accessibility across our region.

Thank you for being part of this important celebration. I hope you enjoy an engaging and informative day at the Fest-for-All.

— *Hilda MacDonald, Essex County Warden*

Greetings from Town of Kingsville

Mayor Dennis Rogers

The Town of Kingsville is honoured to host the 2026 Outdoor Accessibility Fest-for-All at the Gosfield Communications Community Centre in Cottam.

When communities are designed with accessibility in mind, they become places where everyone can participate, connect, and enjoy life to the fullest.

In Kingsville, we are proud of the progress we've made toward building a more inclusive community. The Town applies accessibility principles and standards to all new construction and major renovations in our public spaces. We consult regularly with our Accessibility Advisory Committee to ensure accessibility is considered before and during decision-making, rather than only after a barrier is identified. We have also worked with community partners to enhance our parks and beaches, including the installation of an inclusive playground at Lions Park with the support of the Lions Club, a sensory pad at Lakeside Park in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Kingsville Southshore, and a mobility mat at Cedar Island Beach.

Accessibility deserves to be celebrated because it benefits us all.

We thank the Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee for its leadership in organizing this important event.

We hope you enjoy a day of learning, connection, and celebration.

— *Dennis Rogers, Mayor of Kingsville*

The Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee would like to thank the event exhibitors:



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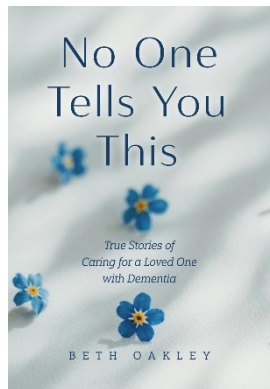
ALTR Thrift Shop
altrthriftshop.com



**Assisted Living
Southwestern Ontario
(ALSO)**
alsogroup.org



Autism Ontario
autismontario.com



Beth Oakley, Author
[No One Tells You This:
True Stories of Caring for a
Loved One with Dementia](#)



Children's First
children-first.ca



**City of Windsor
Accessibility Advisory
Committee**
citywindsor.ca



**Community Living Essex
County**
communitylivingessex.org



**Community Support
Centre of Essex County**
communitysupportcentre.ca



**County of Essex
Emergency Planning and
Preparedness**
countyofessex.ca



**County Wide Active
Transportation System
(CWATS)**
countyofessex.ca



Essex County Library
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Essex Region Conservation

**Essex Region
Conservation Authority**
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Essex-Windsor EMS
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Full Circle Advocacy Inc
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**Independent Living
Centre London and Area**
ilcla.ca



Insight Advantage
insightadvantage.ca



**John McGivney
Children's Centre**
jmccentre.ca



Karis Disability Services
karis.org



**Kidney Foundation of
Canada - Windsor
District**
kidney.ca



**Kingsville Community
Centre**
kingsvillecentre.com



LaSalle Rowing Club
lasallerowing.ca



Life Day Respite
lifedayrespite.ca



New Day Leaders of Today
communitylivingessex.org



Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
ofah.org



Pathways to Silver Birch
pathwaystosilverbirch.com



Rage Room

digitalrageroom.com



Rose City Riot Parasports Club

rosecityriot.ca

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St. Clair College

Community Integration
through Cooperative
Education (CICE) Program

stclaircollege.ca



St. John Ambulance
Therapy Dog 

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sja.ca



Suesanity Pound Fitness
suesanity.com



**Sun Parlor Home Long
Term Care Home**
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**The Summit Centre for
Preschool Children with
Autism**
summitcentre.org



**Tourism Windsor Essex
Pelee Island (TWEPI)**

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Windsor Essex Ontario Health Team

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Circle

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com/windsor-magic-circle](https://windsormagiccircle.wixsite.com/windsor-magic-circle)



Windsor-Essex Family Network

windsoressexfamnet.ca



Windsor Essex Therapeutic Riding Association (WETRA)

wetra.ca



Xperience Home Health Care

[xperiencehomehealthcare.c
a](http://xperiencehomehealthcare.ca)



YMCA Youth Gambling Awareness Program (YGAP)

YMCA Programme de sensibilisation aux jeux de hasard chez les jeunes (PSJJ)

YMCA Youth Gambling Awareness Program

[ymcagta.org/youth-
programs/youth-gambling-
awareness-program](http://ymcagta.org/youth-programs/youth-gambling-awareness-program)



***Thank you for joining us for the 2026
Outdoor Accessibility Fest-for-All!***



Your participation was greatly appreciated.

Your feedback is important to ensure we met the goals of event and the needs of the community. We would appreciate if you could take a few minutes to share your opinions with us so that we can continuously improve.

Please offer your feedback at

<https://www.countyofessex.ca/resident-services/accessibility/fest-for-all/>



Essex County Accessibility Advisory Committee

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County of Essex Accessibility Page



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OUTDOOR ACCESSIBILITY FEST-FOR-ALL!

INTERACTIVE DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULE

11:00 AM: SUESANITY POUND FITNESS

**1:00 PM: KINGSVILLE COMMUNITY
CENTRE TAI CHI**

RAFFLE DRAW AT 1:45 PM

ALL-DAY DEMONSTRATIONS BY:

**ALTR THRIFT SHOP CRAFT STATION
LASALLE ROWING CLUB ADAPTIVE ROWING
JOHN MCGIVNEY CENTRE ARTS AND CRAFTS
ROSE CITY RIOT PARA-SPORT BASKETBALL CLUB
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