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Ouellette Gets Answers from Community and Social Services Minister

QUEEN'S PARK –As a result of the ongoing controversy regarding Harman Park Arena Oshawa MPP Jerry Ouellette approached the Minister of Community and Social Services, John Milloy regarding the Accessibility Standards for Customer Service (Customer Service Standard), and how it pertains to pre-existing buildings.

Mr. Ouellette was happy to say that as of yesterday a clear definition of requirement for accessibility has been established by the Ministry which will allow for pre-existing facilities such as Harman Park Arena to be exempt from provincial guidelines.

This will also apply to community park clubhouses and other facilities in Oshawa having to face possible closures or major renovations.

“We are also glad to hear that all future new build construction will require full accessibility to ensure fairness throughout all our communities and strongly encourage full accessibility wherever possible”, stated Ouellette, “This will give the City of Oshawa the flexibility needed to best serve all Oshawa residents in finding working balances between closures, renovations and upgrades.”

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