

Corporate and Finance Services  
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OAAC-24-31

**Date:** June 14, 2024  
**To:** Members of the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee (O.A.A.C.)  
**From:** Lynda Lawson, Accessibility Program Coordinator  
**Re:** **StopGap Ramp Pilot Program Update**

For the past several weeks, members of the O.A.A.C. StopGap Ramp Working Group have been visiting with businesses to promote the StopGap pilot program. Their knowledge and enthusiasm has generated a greater understanding about the importance of accessible ramps at business entrances.

The deadline for ordering ramps was June 14, 2024. Staff have followed up with businesses visited by the Working Group and as of June 6, 2024, StopGap has received two submissions for ramps – one has a signed agreement with StopGap and the other is waiting for a signed agreement.

StopGap staff indicated that Oshawa's progress is similar to other communities implementing new ramp programs. They reported that there are often requests for additional ramps from business owners once they see ramps in place by early program participants.

Members of the Working Group will be notified when the ramps are completed and scheduled for delivery.

**Recommendation:**

1. That Report OAAC-24-31 be received for information and that the StopGap Ramp Working Group be thanked for promoting the pilot program; and,
2. That the ordering deadline of June 14, 2024 has passed, it is therefore recommended that the working group now be dissolved.