

Expanded Inclusion Content and Context Information

Inclusiveness celebrates diversity, invites contributions and varying perspectives, and considers the needs of all members of the community in the planning, development and delivery of services and programs.

As an example, the Town of Oakville has changed its Fireworks by-law to allow permitted use at all religious/cultural celebrations included in its multicultural calendar, a change from the previous rule of use only on three statutory holidays.¹

People with disabilities

Community Living Oakville reports that older adults with developmental disabilities need more age-appropriate services and opportunities to interact with other older adults in order to reduce and prevent social isolation. The challenge has been finding opportunities and acceptance in the community.

Older adults

Ageism is the discrimination or stereotyping of people based on their age.² An age-friendly community has policies, services and structures related to the physical and social environment that are designed to help older adults, as well as provide benefits for the entire community.³

¹ Source: Oakville Fire department

² Source: Revera Report on Ageism

³ Source: Public Health Agency of Canada, Age Friendly Communities, <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/seniors-aines/afc-cao-eng.php#sec1>, retrieved July 28, 2015