

National AccessAbility Week May 25 to 31, 2025

(Ontario Provincial Council Service Chairperson, Sue Lubowitz)

"Disability is an issue of concern for all Canadians. At some point in our lives, we all will use services built and designed to make Canada more accessible and inclusive."
Council of Canadians with Disabilities

National AccessAbility Week (NAAW) takes place every year starting on the last Sunday in May. The 2025 NAAW takes place from May 25 to May 31.

National AccessAbility Week (NAAW) is an opportunity to celebrate and highlight the valuable contributions of Canadians with disabilities and to recognize the efforts of individuals, communities and workplaces that are actively working to remove barriers to accessibility and inclusion in our parishes and broader communities. Inspired by Rick Hansen's Man in Motion World Tour, it is an important week to recognize how far we have come and reflect on how we can become a better, more inclusive, and more accessible Canada.

Red Shirt Day is an Easter Seals initiative and was first celebrated in 2019. The 2025 Red Shirt Day takes place on May 28. Visit the [Easter Seals website](#) for more information. Members are encouraged to wear red on Red Shirt Day to promote messages of



EASTER SEALS

**Red Shirt
Day®**

support for people and families living with disabilities. Anyone can take part in Red Shirt Day. Put on your favourite red shirt, take some photos and find ways to help improve accessibility and inclusion in your community. Then post your photos on social media with the hashtags **#RedShirtDay** **#RedForAccessAbility**. Be sure to tag the Ontario Provincial Council of the Catholic Women's League.

Another way to show support is to make ourselves and others aware of the Disability Tax Credit and to advocate for an increase in the amount.

Did you know that it's important to apply for the disability tax credit (DTC), even if you don't have any taxable income? The DTC can help in a number of ways, including helping to access other federal programs.

This National AccessAbility Week, councils should take some time to learn about the DTC and some of its most common misconceptions.

Learn more from the Government of Canada website at <https://ow.ly/z6NH50RY3P9>

NOW is our opportunity to learn about disability and inclusion! **TOGETHER**, let's celebrate diversity and promote accessibility for all.