**POLICY:**

Geraldton District Hospital is committed to improving accessibility for persons with disabilities. An annual accessibility plan will be developed and communicated.

**PROCEDURE:**

An Accessibility Planning Committee with representation from various areas of the hospital, senior management, external stakeholders and persons with disabilities will be established.

The Accessibility Planning Committee is responsible for meeting the requirement of the Ontarians with Disabilities Act (ODA), 2001 and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act 2005 (AODA).

The Committee will develop an annual accessibility plan that includes:

* Measures the Hospital has taken to identify, remove and prevent barriers to persons with disabilities.
* Measures the Hospital will take in the coming year to identify remove and prevent barriers to persons with disabilities.
* Documentation of the progress made to remove and prevent barriers to persons with disabilities.

The Hospital will make the Accessibility Plan available to the public.