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## Accessible London

With so many festive events this month, it is appropriate to highlight venues that are accessible in London and also throughout Canada. I hope that you find this interesting...it may be a good idea to Bookmark the web links for future reference.

This link can be invaluable to Londoners & Visitors. It includes Restaurants, Hotels, Places of Worship...loads of information is available at:

<http://enablelink.org/agc/index3.php?cid=1087&pid=9>

These venues have been personally checked out by a group of members of the London Accessibility Advisory Committee.

<http://www.london.ca/Accessibility/main.htm>

Traveling can be a real difficulty when someone needs accessibility accommodations. If you are planning on visiting in another part of Canada, check out the following link to the Access Guide Canada.

<http://enablelink.org/agc/index.php>

## VIA RAIL: SENIORS

### “Bring-a-Friend-For-Free” Promotion



Book a senior (60+) regular fare ticket in *Comfort* Class (economy) and you can bring any guest for free. For more information, call 1-888-842-7245 or visit

<http://www.viarail.ca/2for1>

For special needs, check the following link:

[http://www.viarail.ca/planner/en\\_plan\\_beso.html](http://www.viarail.ca/planner/en_plan_beso.html)

## VISUAL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (VNS)

is a broad term that refers to technology that can make persons who are culturally deaf, oral deaf, and deafened and hard of hearing aware of the triggering of smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, baby monitors, telephones, doorbells, public announcement systems, text screens and building security systems, typically by incorporating a strong flashing light into the device.

(The Canadian Hearing Society.)

The following link is an excellent resource for everyone to read:

<http://www.chs.ca/info/publicaffairs/pdf/CHSPositionOnAlarmsNotification.pdf>

THE CANADIAN HEARING SOCIETY  
LA SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE L'OUÏE



The Canadian Hearing Society's London Office is at 181 Wellington Street.

<http://www.chs.ca/offices/london/index.html>

## Accessible Housing by Design – Ramps

From CMHC (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation)

This is a must-read for anyone interested in building a ramp. In this booklet you will find out about the different strategies of ramp design, how steep should the ramp be, should there be a handrail, do you need a building permit and so on ... If you would like to receive a free copy of this booklet, please contact me.

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## 2008 Ontario Paralympic Winter Championship Collingwood, Ontario



Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>

<http://www.collingwood.ca/opwc>

(If you would like to have your name removed from this newsletter list, please call me at 852-3822.)

## The Old & the New



Not accessible, but *fantastic*...totally updated inside...this is a beauty. This link:

<http://www.royallepagemc.ca/28246/146911/146911.swf>

will take you to a slide show of a beautiful London house.

## Accessible Houses Website

There is a list of Available, Accessible houses, mainly throughout SW Ontario, on my website:

<http://www.accessiblehouses.ca>



## Dominion Lending Centres, Great Lakes

...is a new Mortgage Brokerage started by the owners of Royal LePage Triland. The licensed Mortgage Experts shop the banks and institutions to always get you the best mortgage, best rates, and expert unbiased advice. The rates from Dominion Lending Centres, Great Lakes are always lower than the banks' posted rates. All loan applications and pre-approvals can be done in person or over the phone. They will find you the best mortgage, at the best rate and terms. Buyers have absolutely no fee to be paid for these services!

**Happy Holidays!**

