



Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board

Annual Activity
Report
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REFERENCE PERIOD

This report covers the period of April 1, 2024 through to March 31, 2025.

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Chairperson's Message

As Chairperson of the Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board (the Board), I am pleased to submit the Annual Activity Report for 2024-2025.

This report is prepared in compliance with the **Transparency and Accountability Act**, which requires the Board to prepare a yearly report as a Category 3 Government entity. The Board is accountable for the preparation of this report and for the results.

On behalf of the members of the Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board, I want to reaffirm our commitment to working with stakeholders to provide strategic advice to the Minister of Government Modernization and Service Delivery on the application of the **Buildings Accessibility Act** and its associated regulations.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dennis Gill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Dennis Gill
Chairperson

Overview

The Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board is appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council under the authority of Section 18 of the **Buildings Accessibility Act**.

The Board consists of a Chairperson, representatives of persons with disabilities, one representative of the Department of Government Modernization and Service Delivery (other than the Director of Engineering and Inspection Services), and those other members whom the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint. This public body, which is funded by the Department of Government Modernization and Service Delivery, serves solely in an advisory capacity.

Members of the Board include:

- Dennis Gill, Chairperson
- Brittany Mouland, Vice-Chairperson
- Emily Fouchard
- Robert Menchenton
- Randy Sooley
- Rose Wilson
- K. Gail Boland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Government Modernization and Service Delivery

The current membership is appointed from August 1, 2023 to August 1, 2025.

Vision

The Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board seeks to ensure the fair and equitable application of its mandate as outlined in legislation.

Mandate

The mandate of the Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board is to report to and advise the Minister of Government Modernization and Service Delivery on the application of the **Buildings Accessibility Act** and its associated regulations, and on other matters related to the legislation that may be assigned to the Board by the Minister.

Highlights and Partnerships

The Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board engages with various stakeholders and groups, as needed. Actions and recommendations of the Board benefit the residents of Newfoundland and Labrador, particularly those with disabilities and those representing the interests of persons with disabilities.

Report on Performance

This Report outlines the Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board's activities from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025, including the objectives achieved as outlined in the 2023-2026 Activity Plan.

Objective:

By March 31, 2024, 2025 and 2026, the Board will have advised the responsible Minister on matters pertaining to accessibility in buildings, associated entrances, parking spaces, grounds, walkways and other facilities, as per its mandate.

Indicators:

- Meetings held, as required.
 - Result: During the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board met on June 6, 2024. During this meeting, the Board had a postmortem session discussing changes that were made to the **Buildings Accessibility Act** in 2023.
- Advice provided to Minister on the application of the Act and regulations.
 - Result Achieved: Further discussions on the **Buildings Accessibility Act** and its associated regulations.
- Other activities undertaken, as assigned by the Minister.
 - Result Achieved: No other activities were assigned by the Minister.

Opportunities and Challenges

The Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board will avail of every opportunity to advise the Minister on ways to improve accessibility throughout the province.

With the proclamation of **An Act to Amend the Buildings Accessibility Act**, the Board has the opportunity to further enhance accessibility outcomes in the built environment.

The Board will strive to consider gender-based analysis+ factors in carrying out its duties. The Board recognizes that gender-based analysis+ includes many identity factors and how they interact with one another. These factors include but are not limited to sex, gender, language, race, ethnicity, culture and disability.

Financial Statements

The Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board is not required to submit audited financial statements.

