

Accessibility Standards Advisory Board December 11, 2023 Virtual Meeting Summary Report

Attendance: Debbie Ryan (Chair), Juanita Ford, Joshua Menchions, Trisha Rose, Jeffrey Normore, Camille Rose, Terri Jean Murray (DPO), Karen Davis (DPO), Kate Dawe (DPO)

Regrets: Les Gilholme

Introduction

The Board Chair welcomed members to the meeting. Documents provided for review in advance of meeting including September 11, 2023, Board Meeting Summary Report.

Board Updates

- Accessible Customer Service Standard Development Committee:
 - Expression of interest for applications was distributed, resulting in high number of interested applicants. The review and selection process is near completion. An announcement regarding the Committee's membership is expected to be released before the new year.
- Accessibility Plan:
 - DPO is continuing to support Agencies, Boards and Commissions, as well as Municipalities, to complete accessibility plans. CSSD's Disability Policy Office is drafting the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Accessibility Plan in consultation with all government departments and representatives from the Network of Disability Organizations. Accessibility Plans must be made public by December 31, 2023.

Coalition of Persons with Disabilities Presentation

Chair introduced presenters from Coalition of Persons with Disabilities NL, Nancy Reid and Trevor Freeborn. They presented an overview of their programs and services, as well as an overview of their latest disability awareness campaign. The presentation was entitled Educate, Influence, Involve.

Board In Session

- Discussions were held related to a recent Board resignation and the process to recruit a new Board Member and the appointment of a new Vice Chair.

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- Discussions were held regarding recent amendments to the Building's Accessibility Act. Further discussion was held regarding possible solutions to address Board concerns.
- Board is requesting to meet four full days instead of two full days and half days. The Board intends to seek approval for this change.

Action Items

- The next virtual meeting to be scheduled for March 2024.