

Accessibility Standards Advisory Board

September 13, 2022 Meeting Summary Report

Attendance

Debbie Ryan (Chair), Dr. Shawna Matthews (Vice-Chair), Juanita Ford, Les Gilholme, Joshua Menchions, Jeffrey Normore, Camille Rose, Trisha Rose, Terri Jean Murray (DPO), Karen Davis (DPO), Brittany Moulard (DPO), Phil Strong (DPO), Hon. John Abbott (Minister), Tracy English (Assistant Deputy Minister)

Introduction

The draft documents were shared with the Board members prior to the meeting for their reference, which included the terms of reference, the meeting agenda and the Accessibility Act PowerPoint.

Minister Abbott welcomed members and reaffirmed that they have the full support of the Disability Policy Office (DPO) and the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development (CSSD). The Minister encouraged the Board to do their work as efficiently and timely as possible, with the secretariat support of DPO. Board shared their perspectives and expertise with the Minister, CSSD executives and DPO staff. Members were looking forward to learn and collaborate with the Minister. Raised discussion points included:

- How the CSA standards and National Building Code may interact with accessibility standards development
- Importance of applying cross disability focus

Accessibility Act Orientation

DPO staff presented to the Board an overview of the [Accessibility Act NL](#) and other jurisdictions across Canada; accessibility standards development and the mandate and the responsibilities of the Board. The Board's work includes identifying priority areas and timelines for the development of standards. The economic and financial implications of standards were flagged for more discussion when determining timelines for implementation.

Action Items

1. Draft documents will be circulated for Board members to review and provide input:
 - Terms of Reference
 - Activity Plan outline
 - Accessibility Plan template
 - Jurisdictional information on standard development
2. Setting up discussion between CSA standards representatives and board for a future Board meeting
3. Next meeting will tentatively be held in late fall. Dates are pending on members' availability.