



Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board

**Annual Activity Report
2016-17**

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REFERENCE PERIOD

**This report covers the period April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017,
the fiscal year of the Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board.**

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Chairperson's Message

As Chairperson of the Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board, I am pleased to submit the Annual Activity Report for 2016-17. This report is prepared in compliance with the Transparency and Accountability Act which categorizes the board as a Category Three government entity and requires the board to submit an annual report. The board is accountable for the preparation of this report and for the results reported.

On behalf of the members of the Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board, I would like to re-affirm our commitment to working with all stakeholders in order to provide strategic advice to the Minister of Service NL on the application of the Buildings Accessibility Act and its associated regulations.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cecilia Carroll', written in a cursive style.

Cecilia Carroll
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 “Act”). The board consists of a chairperson, representatives of persons with disabilities, one representative of the department (other than the Director of Engineering and Inspection Services), and those other members that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint. This public body serves solely in an advisory capacity.

Mandate

The mandate of the board is to report to, and advise the Minister of Service NL, on the application of the Act and its associated regulations, and on other matters related to the Act and regulations that may be assigned to the board by the Minister.

Primary Clients

Generally speaking, the board’s clients are those who benefit from improvements resulting from the board’s advice. The board’s sole direct client is the Minister of Service NL, to whom the board provides advice. More broadly, however, the board’s clients are the general public, particularly those with disabilities and those representing the interests of persons with disabilities.

Revenues and Expenditures

The Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board has no revenues. The Board is funded through the operating budget of the Government Services Branch of Service NL. The Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board is not required to submit audited financial statements.

Activities

Objective: By March 31, 2017, the Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board will have fulfilled all the requirements under the Buildings Accessibility Act by advising on matters pertaining to accessibility in buildings, associated entrances, parking spaces, walkways and other facilities, as per its mandate.

Measure: Requirements of the Act fulfilled, as per its mandate.

Indicators:

- Meetings held, as required.
- Advice provided to Minister on the application of the Act and the regulations.
- Other activities undertaken, as assigned by the Minister.

Results Achieved

The Chair of the Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board met with the Assistant Deputy Minister, Government Services on two occasions during 2016-17 to discuss the status and progress on the Board's recommendations that were made to Service NL during the 2015-16 fiscal year. These recommendations related to proposed changes to the Buildings Accessibility Regulations and Designated Mobility Impaired Parking Regulations which would enhance accessibility, provide general safety improvements, clarify wording of legislation and regulations and increase fines for illegal parking in designated mobility impaired parking spaces. Service NL continues to work on these recommendations.

The board will report on the above objective, measure and indicators in 2017-18.