

Twelve Nova Scotians will serve as the first members of the province's Accessibility Advisory Board.

The board is responsible for developing, and recommending to the Justice Minister, a strategy and implementation plan that will serve as a roadmap to achieving accessibility by 2030. The board will also advise government on the development of accessibility standards.

Members of the Accessibility Advisory Board

Douglas Foster will serve as board chair. He is a licenced Professional Planner with over 35 years' experience working in municipal, rural, and community development. He previously served as Director of Planning and Development for the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Rosalind Penfound will serve as board vice-chair. Ms. Penfound is the Vice President, Organizational Development, with the Nova Scotia Community College. She previously served as a Deputy Minister for the province, where she worked on files including diversity and inclusion, employment equity, and post-secondary disability supports.

Alexander Peeler is an advocate for accessibility in Nova Scotia. He plays an active role in multiple organizations, including Muscular Dystrophy Canada and South Shore for a Cure.

Amy Parsons works as an Educational Interpreter Consultant with the Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority (APSEA). She advises APSEA leadership on education policy and mentors a team of ASL interpreters who work in public schools in the Atlantic Provinces.

Anne Sinclair has over 30 years of experience in the architectural field, with an expertise in accessibility and universal design. She is a recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Design Award.

Barry Abbott works with the Disabled Individuals Alliance, and the Canadian Council of the Blind, Nova Scotia Access and Awareness Chapter. He previously worked at Saint Mary's University as a disability counsellor and has chaired Nova Scotia's national Access Awareness Week Committee.

Cynthia Bruce is a part-time instructor of Disability Studies at Acadia University. She was the first person to receive a PhD from Acadia. Her PhD in Education Studies (Inclusive Education) focused on post-secondary disability access.

David Caswell is a practising pharmacist and business owner. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the East Hants and Districts Chamber of Commerce.

Irene Campbell-Taylor is a retired clinical neuroscientist with over 40 years' experience working with persons with disabilities. She previously served as Senior Clinical Manager at the Children and Youth Division, Surrey Place Centre for Persons with Developmental Disabilities.

Kevin Russell is a seasoned property management professional who serves as a member of Affordable Housing Association Nova Scotia's Affordability Housing working group. He has served on task teams to help find solutions to Nova Scotia's housing affordability challenges.

Marcellina Shwery-Stanley worked at Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation for over 25 years and previously served on the Minister's Advisory Panel on Accessibility Legislation in Nova Scotia. She is also a recipient of the distinguished Canadian Paraplegic Association of Nova Scotia's Excellence Award.

Warren (Gus) Reed is a former Associate Dean at Harvard University. He is a long-time advocate for accessibility in the province, and previously served on the Minister's Advisory Panel on Accessibility Legislation and the Bill 59 Community Alliance.