

Nova Scotia Accessibility Advisory Board Meeting Summary

Thursday, September 27, 2018, 3:00 – 3:30 pm
via teleconference

Attendance

Board: Doug Foster (Chair), Rosalind Penfound (Vice-Chair), David Caswell, Amy Parsons, Gus Reed, Kevin Russell, Marcie Shwery-Stanley, Anne Sinclair

Staff: Gerry Post (Executive Director), Joshua Bates, Kathaleen Fitzgerald, Craig MacKinnon, Amy Middleton, Lashauna Smith

Regrets: Barry Abbott, Cynthia Bruce, Alex Peeler

1. Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission Ruling on Accessible Washrooms

- The board discussed Gus Reed's request that the board make a resolution in support of the recent Human Rights Tribunal finding [Reed, Marston, Vienneau, MacDonald and McKenna v. Province of Nova Scotia (Dept. of Environment)].
- **Motion**: Gus Reed moved that the Board Chair and Vice-Chair send a letter to the Minister of Justice expressing the Board's support of the decision of the human rights tribunal, and the Board's view that this is an opportunity to advance accessibility in Nova Scotia, offering the Board's support to government in implementing this decision, and offering to meet with the Minister to discuss further. Motion seconded, and carried unanimously.
- **Action**: Doug Foster and Rosalind Penfound will write and send a letter to the Minister, as outlined.

2. Other Business

- Board members discussed the desire to have a board retreat this fall.
- **Action**: Accessibility Directorate staff will be in touch with potential dates and locations.

3. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned.