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Warden

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The Honourable Brad Johns
Attorney General and Minister of Justice
1690 Hollis Street
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Halifax, NS
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Via Email: JUSTMIN@novascotia.ca

Re: Accessibility Act / Accessibility Plan

Dear Minister Johns,

Further to the letter received from the Office of the Minister, Attorney General/Justice on January 19, 2021, the Municipality of the County of Richmond is pleased to share that we have embarked on a collaborative accessibility planning process in partnership with the Village of St. Peter's. Early in 2021, we formed a joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) which has proven to be an energetic group that includes municipal and village staff, elected officials, people representing organizations who represent people with disabilities, and most importantly, people with disabilities who provide invaluable first voice experience to our discussions.

We've established a framework and plan of action to meet the requirements of the Accessibility Act to develop Accessibility Plans for both the municipality and the Village. To this end, we've retained the services of a consultant group (Intelligent Futures/Level Playing Field) which began work with our AAC at the beginning of January 2022.

The municipality and our AAC is excited by the progress and the path forward as we plan to make our County more accessible for all citizens. However, we find ourselves faced once again with the prospect of stifled community engagement and pressurized timelines due to the resurgence of COVID-19 in our province.



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The development of our plans will be negatively impacted by this reality, so we're encouraging government to consider providing a second extension to ensure that we are able to do justice to the planning process, to engage citizens with disabilities appropriately, and to help us ensure that the taxpayers funds that we are expending during this process are well-spent.

The Municipality of the County of Richmond remains fully committed to making our county, and our province, accessible by 2030. We greatly value the province's commitment to this important work, and your continued support as we work towards this shared goal.

Sincerely,

Warden Amanda Mombourquette
Municipality of the County of Richmond

cc: Richmond County Council
MLA Trevor Boudreau
Minister John Lohr