



Government Services

Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board

**Annual Activity Report
2009-10**

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REFERENCE PERIOD

**This report covers the period April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010,
the fiscal year of the Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board.**

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Minister's Message

In compliance with the *Transparency and Accountability Act* (the *Act*) I am pleased to provide you with the 2009-10 Annual Activity Report for the Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board. The *Act* categorizes the Board as a Category three government entity and requires the submission of an annual report.

The Buildings and Accessibility Advisory Board was vacant in 2009-10. Thus, there is no progress to report for this fiscal year. It is expected that appointments to the Board will be made in Fall 2010.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin O'Brien". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and "O".

Kevin O'Brien
Minister

Government Entity Overview

Mandate

The Building Accessibility Advisory Board is established under Section 18 of the *Buildings Accessibility Act*. Its mandate is to report to and advise the Minister of the Department of Government Services on the application of the *Buildings Accessibility Act* and regulations, and on all other matters related to the *Act* and regulations that may be assigned to the Board by the Minister.

The Board is appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and consists of a chairperson, representatives of persons with disabilities, one representative of the department, other than the director appointed to administer the legislation, and those other members that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may appoint. The members of the Board are appointed for a period of 2 years, and are eligible for reappointment.

Vision

The vision of the Department of Government Services is “Newfoundlanders and Labradorians living and working in a healthy and safe environment with access to an open, fair, and responsive regulatory system.”

The Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board supports the Department’s vision by working to ensure the fair and equitable application of its mandate as outlined in the legislation (i.e. providing advice to the Minister.)

Values

The work environment of the Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board is focused on improving accessibility to public buildings for all citizens in the province, particularly those with physical disabilities. The Board shares the values articulated by the Department of Government Services:

Accountability: Each person accepts responsibility for their actions and follows through on requests and commitments.

Integrity: Each person engages in ethical behavior exercising proper use of authority and responsibility.

Respect: Each person accepts differences and exercises courtesy in their encounters with others.

Mission

By 2011, the Department of Government Services will have improved citizen protection in the areas of public health and safety, worker health and safety and consumer interests. *For more information, see the Department’s 2008-11 Strategic Plan, at <http://www.gs.gov.nl.ca/publications>.*

The Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board contributes to the Department’s mission by

working to support accessibility in public buildings pursuant to its mandate.

Primary Clients

The Board's only direct client is the Minister of Government Services, to whom the Board provides advice. More broadly, however, clients are the general public, particularly those with physical disabilities, and those representing their interests, who avail of any improvements brought about due to the Board's advice.

Revenues and Expenditures

The Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board was inactive in the 2009-10 fiscal year and therefore had no revenues or expenditures. The Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board is not required to submit audited financial statements.

Outcome of Objectives

The following objective represents the focus of the Buildings Accessibility Advisory Board in each of the years of its Plan and includes performance measurement information to assist the entity and the public in monitoring and evaluating success.

Objective

By March 31, 2009, 2010 and 2011, the Board will have fulfilled all the requirements under the Act by addressing matters pertaining to buildings accessibility, as per its mandate.

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

Indicators (as per yearly priorities):

- Educational activities undertaken;
- Meetings held;
- Recommendations delivered to Minister; and
- Other activities undertaken as assigned by the Minister.

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