

HALIFAX

Accessible Halifax 2018-2020

WHERE WE ARE GOING?

November-21-17

WHAT WE KNOW

- Act was passed by Legislature – April 28, 2017
- Given Royal Assent into law – September 19, 2017
- Goal established – Accessible Nova Scotia by 2030
- Established an Accessibility Directorate
- Established an Accessibility Advisory Board
- Approved expert panels to advise on standards
- Established that every public sector body will make available an accessibility plan within one year of coming into force.

AREAS of Standards

- The delivery of goods and services
- Information & communication
- Public transportation and infrastructure
- Employment
- The built environment
- Education
- A prescribed activity or undertaking.

THE HRM PLAN

- Have business units in a position to select accessibility initiatives and activities for budgeting in September 2018.
- Produce Plan for submission to the public and the Province in spring of 2019 once the budget is approved by Council.

HOW WE GET TO THE PLAN

- Best practice research
- Public engagement
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- 311 information
- Meet with agencies
- On line survey & paper survey
- Prepare summary of ideas
- Prepare a framework and reporting model
- Collect accessibility activities already completed
- Business units select new activities for budgeting

HOW CAN THE COMMITTEE ASSIST

- Making suggestions of activities
- Assist in getting word out to agencies and individuals about the public consultations
- Meet with HRM business units if approached
- Attend community engagement sessions

THANK YOU

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