



**Town Hall on Accessibility  
November 21, 2023**

**Facility Design & Construction (FD&C)**

Overview

- Capital Project Budget is approved by Regional Council annually.
- FD&C is responsible to deliver building related projects based on the Capital Budget.
- Multiply clients/stakeholders including the Accessible Advisory Committee through our monthly meeting.

**Successes – 2023 Accessibility Projects**

- Kiwanis Grahams Grove Park facility
- Halifax Commons Pool facility, including hearing loop at the front desk. Targeting Rick Hansen Foundation (RHF) Accessibility Certified Gold.
- Dartmouth North Community Centre Renovations, including new universal washrooms.
- Keshen Goodman Library Renovation is underway.
- Horizon Centre washroom renovation to universal washrooms underway.
- Beechville Lakeside Timberlea Community Centre to be tendered this year, targeting RHF Accessibility Certified Gold.
- Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency Headquarters & Fire Station 1 to be tendered this year, targeting RHF Accessibility Certified Gold.
- Design services for new Eastern Shore Lifestyle Centre in Sheet Harbour to be awarded this year, targeting RHF Accessibility Certified Gold.
- Adult Change tables included as appropriate in public facilities-
- Accessibility audits at over 35 facilities to date.
- Working with the Office of the Municipal Clerk to ensure polling stations are accessible.
- Working with the Government of NS, member of the Technical Committee on Accessibility to develop standards to audit current conditions.

## **Challenges**

- Renovating existing buildings to meet CSA B651-23 standards due to physical limitation of the building.
- With should large building inventory, accessible audits are planned over the next 3 years at HRM owned facilities.
- Capacity to deliver of HRM's Project Management staff
- Lack of construction-industry staff
- Availability and delivery of components