

INFORMATION NOTE

Title:	Ramps Up Working Group
Date Prepared:	March 12, 2021
Report To:	Inclusion Advisory Committee
Councillor and Role:	Councillor Deanne Stapleton
Ward:	N/A

Issue: St. John's City Council along with the Inclusion Advisory Committee and Downtown St. John's are seeking support from the Engineering and Inspections Division with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to form a Ramps Up Working Group tasked with discussing creative solutions to the unique accessibility barriers that exist in the downtown core.

Discussion – Background and Current Status: Downtown St. John's is the historic core of the City, adding economic value and providing entertainment and tourism opportunities for City residents and visitors. This history brings with it, barriers to inclusion, such as steps into shops, narrow buildings, and lack of accessible washrooms. The Ramps Up Working Group hopes to support businesses as they find creative solutions to ensuring downtown St. John's is accessible to all. The success of the Ramps Up Working Group can only be realized with input and guidance from a member of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador Engineering and Inspections Division, to ensure safety and compliance with Provincial Accessibility requirements. As a result, the City of St. John's, Inclusion Advisory Committee and Downtown St. John's are sending the attached request to the Director of Engineering and Inspection Services.

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications: N/A
2. Partners or Other Stakeholders:
 - a. Inclusion Advisory Committee
 - b. Downtown St. John's
 - c. Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans:
 - a. Connected City; supporting a city where people feel connected, have a sense of belonging, and are actively engaged in community life.
4. Legal or Policy Implications: N/A

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5. Privacy Implications: N/A
6. Engagement and Communications Considerations: N/A
7. Human Resource Implications: N/A
8. Procurement Implications: N/A
9. Information Technology Implications: N/A
10. Other Implications: N/A

Conclusion/Next Steps: To await response from Government NL

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Attachments:

Ramps Up Letter

Report Approval Details

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