

February 16, 2021

Mr. David Brockerville  
Director of Engineering and Inspection Services  
Engineering and Inspections Division  
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Dear Mr. David Brockerville:

The City of St. John's Inclusion Advisory Committee (IAC) is comprised of a diverse group of community inclusion experts and provides information and advice to City Council on matters of accessibility and inclusion as they relate to City of St. John's programs, policies, and services.

St. John's City Council along with the Inclusion Advisory Committee and Downtown St. John's are seeking support from your Department to form a Ramps Up Working Group tasked with discussing creative solutions to the unique accessibility barriers that exist in the downtown core. We are requesting that an appropriate Service NL staff collaborate with City staff, Inclusion Advisory Committee members and Downtown St. John's to find creative solutions to accessibility in the downtown area while at the same time meeting accessibility regulations.

As you know, 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. We feel that the success of the Ramps Up Working Group can only be realized with input and guidance from a member of your team to ensure safety and compliance with Provincial Accessibility requirements.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our request and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



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Danny Breen  
Mayor, City of St. John's

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Co-Chair, I.A.C

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Scott Cluney  
Executive Director -  
Downtown St. John's

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