



MUNICIPALITY *of the*  
COUNTY *of* KINGS

**Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers**

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## 14. Adjournment

Accommodations are available for this meeting: please submit your request at [www.countyofkings.ca/accommodationsrequest](http://www.countyofkings.ca/accommodationsrequest)

### **Land Acknowledgement**

The Municipality of the County of Kings is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral, unceded, and current territory of the Mi'kmaq Peoples. The Municipality of the County of Kings is a neighbour to Annapolis Valley First Nation and Glooscap First Nation, as well as a diverse urban and rural Indigenous population. We are all treaty people and commit to upholding the Peace and Friendship Treaties and working towards reconciliation in all areas of the Municipality.

**JOINT ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

<p><b>Meeting, Date and Time</b></p>	<p>A meeting of the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC) was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, on Microsoft Teams at 6:00 pm</p>
<p><b>Attending</b></p> <p><b>JAAC Members</b></p>	<p>Mary Fox – Citizen Member (Chair)          Crystal McCormack – Citizen Member: Central          Jordan Waterbury – Citizen Member: East          Andy Nette – Commissioner, Village of Port Williams          Doug McLean – Commissioner, Village of Kings Square          Alan Price, Citizen Member (West)          Ryan Hutt, Citizen Member          Doug Ralph-Citizen Member          Amanda Baker – Citizen Member          Councillor Bob Best</p>
<p><b>Municipal Staff</b></p> <p><b>Village &amp; KTA Staff</b></p> <p><b>Regrets</b></p> <p><b>Absent</b></p> <p><b>Presenting Guests</b></p>	<p>Katie MacArthur – Accessibility Coordinator          Terry Brown – Manager of Inspection &amp; Enforcement Division</p> <p>Lindsay Ahearn, Village of Greenwood          Amy Spurrell, Village of Kingston</p> <p>Clare Rivard, Commissioner, Village of Canning</p> <p>Suman Jha Muller – Citizen Member          Quentin Hill-Commissioner, Village of New Minas          John DeCoste – Commissioner, Village of Aylesford</p> <p>Linda Jensen, Regional HUB Manager (Western), NS Department of Opportunities and Social Development – Disability Support Program          Jessica MacNeil, Team Lead, Local Area Coordination</p>

<p><b>Members of the Public</b></p>	<p>Western Region, Disability Support Program Naomi MacDonald, Local Area Coordinator</p> <p>None</p>
<p><b>1. Call to Order</b></p>	<p>Mary Fox, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.</p>
<p><b>2. Land Acknowledgement</b></p>	<p>Mary Fox, Chair, read the Land Acknowledgement</p>
<p><b>3. Roll Call</b></p>	<p>Roll call was taken by the Accessibility Coordinator</p>
<p><b>4. Amendments to the Agenda</b></p>	<p>There were no amendments to the agenda</p>
<p><b>5. Approval of the Agenda</b></p>	<p><b>On motion of Councillor McLean and Mr. Hutt, that the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee approve the March 11, 2026 agenda.</b></p> <p><b>The question was called on the motion. Motion carried.</b></p>
<p><b>6. Disclosure of Conflict-of-Interest Issues</b></p>	<p>There were no conflict-of-interest issues disclosed.</p>
<p><b>7. Approval of Minutes</b> a. Jan 14, 2026</p>	<p><b>On motion of Mr. Price and Mr. Hutt, that the minutes of the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on January 14, 2026, be approved as circulated.</b></p> <p><b>The question was called on the motion. Motion carried.</b></p>
<p><b>8. Business Arising from the Minutes</b></p>	<p>There was no business arising from the minutes.</p>

<p><b>9. Business</b></p>	
<p><b>a. Presentation – Linda Jensen, Regional HUB Manager (Western), NS Department of Opportunities and Social Development – Disability Support Program</b></p>	<p>Ms. Jensen shared the origin of the Human Rights Remedy, “the Remedy” the solution to a Human Rights court case brought against the province of Nova Scotia by persons with disabilities. The Remedy includes closing institutions, the right to assistance without delay, and a right to live in their community of choice. In the Western region there are seven institutions that are to be closed. NS Department of Opportunities and Social Development – Disability Support Program hired multiple roles including Local Area Coordinators and Intensive Planning and Support Coordinators.</p> <p>Jessica MacNeil, Team Lead, Local Area Coordination Western Region, Disability Support Program shared the role of the Local Area Coordinators who support persons with disabilities in community to connect with supports and services in the community.</p> <p>Naomi MacDonald, Local Area Coordinator, shared her experiences working with persons with disabilities in the community.</p> <p>Members asked questions around housing, lack of service organizations or gaps in programming, funding support for persons with disabilities,</p>
<p><b>b. Draft Recommendations for an Accessibility Standard in Information and Communication &amp; Public Transportation –</b></p>	<p>Ms. MacArthur reviewed the draft recommendations for an Accessibility Standard in Information and Communication &amp; Public Transportation. Committee members shared their feedback including ideas around internet connectivity/internet access, financial implications, the use of AI in interpretation, bus passes for alternative transportation (ie. Kings Point to Point),</p>

<b>Opportunities for feedback.</b>	and the differences between city and rural transportation.
<b>c. Other updates</b>	Ms. MacArthur shared updates on the Mel Hebb Hourglass Awards, a provincial Seniors Care Grant and the possibility of supporting further accessibility training at NSCC.
<b>10. Other Business</b>	None.
<b>11. Roundtable</b>	Mr. Brown introduced Councillor Bob Best to the committee.
<b>12. Correspondence</b>	There was no new correspondence.
<b>13. Public Comments</b>	None.
<b>14. Date of Next Meeting</b>	The next meeting of the JAAC will be held on June 10, 2026 at 6 PM in Council Chambers at the Municipal Complex.
<b>15. Adjournment</b>	<b>There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.</b>

Approved by: Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee



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# Accessible Canada – National AccessAbility Week Funding – 2027 to 2029

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This funding opportunity will support projects that promote the implementation of the *Accessible Canada Act* and its regulations through National AccessAbility Week (NAAW) activities delivered in 2027, 2028 and in 2029, that highlight the contributions of persons with disabilities, raise awareness, and promote accessibility and inclusion in communities and workplaces across Canada.

**Funding amount:** Up to \$3.6M in grant funding, over three years with projects receiving:

- up to \$180,000 over three years for scalable NAAW projects; **or**
- up to \$360,000 over three years for scalable NAAW projects that have regional or national scope and partnerships with diverse groups from within the disability community

**Application period:** Organizations can apply during the 2026 National AccessAbility Week and will have until July 28, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

**Who can apply:** [Eligible organizations](#) can apply for up to \$180,000 or up to \$360,000 for projects that increase awareness through NAAW activities

**Check your eligibility:** Applying for funding takes time and effort. To help determine if your organization may be eligible for the NAAW 2026 Call for Proposals (CFP), please answer a few short questions.

Start questionnaire

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## How to apply

- ① What this program offers  
Describes the funding program and its objectives.
- ② Who can apply.  
Describes the eligibility criteria for an applicant and how the application is assessed.
- ③ Prepare to apply.  
Information you need to provide for each question in the application and a list of supporting information to include with it.
- ④ Apply.  
Overview of how to apply and what happens after you apply.

## Information sessions

Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) will hold virtual information sessions to provide an overview of this application process for organizations interested in applying for funding.

Please select the date and language of your choice to register online for an information session. If you require an accommodation to participate, please send an email to [EDSC.AC.NAAW-SNA.CA.ESDC@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca](mailto:EDSC.AC.NAAW-SNA.CA.ESDC@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca), 10 business days prior to the information sessions. All information sessions

will be accessible with sign language interpretation and Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) captioning. The dates for the sessions are as follows:

- [June 17, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. EDT \(French session\)](#)
- [June 18, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. EDT \(English session\)](#)
- [July 8, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. EDT \(French session\)](#)
- [July 9, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. EDT \(English session\)](#)

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## Help and contact information

### Related links

- [NAAW overview](#)
- [Eligibility & ineligibility](#)
- [Steps for the application process](#)

### FAQs

- [What are grants and contributions?](#)

### General information

- Enquiries will be answered before July 24, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. EDT
- **Email:** [EDSC.AC.NAAW-SNA.CA.ESDC@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca](mailto:EDSC.AC.NAAW-SNA.CA.ESDC@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca)

### Accessibility and disability help

- If you need help or accommodations to complete the application, please contact us by July 28, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) EDT
- **Email:** [EDSC.AC.NAAW-SNA.CA.ESDC@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca](mailto:EDSC.AC.NAAW-SNA.CA.ESDC@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca)

## **Technical help**

Contact us here for technical help related to the Grants and Contributions Online Services (GCOS).

**Email:** [NA-GCOS-SELSC-GD@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca](mailto:NA-GCOS-SELSC-GD@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca)

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