

International Day of Persons with Disabilities:

A message from the Municipality of the County of Kings

Every December 3, governments, non-governmental organizations, community groups and individuals pay special recognition to the invaluable contributions made by persons living with disabilities to our economy, governance and cultural heritage; and shed light on unique barriers and challenges faced by this community. Importantly, to safeguard the rights and dignity of persons living with disabilities, December 3 is intended to increase actions to eliminate systemic and social barriers that affect the disabled community.

This year, International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) is being observed under the theme “leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world.” The 2021 IDPD theme is a call to action for advocacy and implementation of policies and framework to ensure the effective participation of persons with disabilities into society and to ensure good quality life for everyone, despite the increased challenges that came about due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thirty percent of Nova Scotians who are 15 years and older live with at least one disability. This is 7.7% percent higher than the 22.3% national average. According to a 2017 Statistics Canada survey on Canadians with disabilities, 229, 430 persons in Nova Scotia are living with a disability. At the local government level, the Municipality of the County of Kings is fast-tracking policies, improving physical infrastructure, accessible transportation and recreation to protect to dignity and human rights of all residents and visitors.

To learn more about International Day of Persons with Disabilities and how you can help protect the dignity and human rights of persons with disabilities, visit Government of Canada resources at www.canada.ca and Government of Nova Scotia information at www.novascotia.ca. To learn more about the work of the Municipality to ensure our community of communities in the Kings Region is open and accessible to all, visit: <https://www.countyofkings.ca/government/jaac.aspx>

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