

## Statement of Commitment

The Municipality of the District of Barrington acknowledges that there are accessibility barriers and is committed to ensuring equal access and participation for all residents and visitors to our municipality, regardless of their abilities.

An Accessibility Advisory Committee has been formed to prepare an Accessibility Plan and will focus on identifying, preventing and eliminating accessibility barriers to municipal programs, services and infrastructure. During the development of the plan, citizens will be informed of the progress and will be invited to provide input.

The Municipality supports the goals of the Nova Scotia Accessibility Act and will strive to ensure that its policies, practices and procedures are consistent with the following core principles to create an inclusive environment that is considerate and accommodating to all.

**Dignity** – Goods and services are provided in a manner that is respectful to persons with a disability and does not diminish the person’s importance.

**Independence** – Accommodating a person’s disability means respecting their right to do for themselves and to choose the way they wish to receive goods and services.

**Integration** – Wherever possible, services will be provided in a manner that enables people with disabilities to fully benefit from the same services, in the same place and in the same or similar way as other customers. This may require alternative formats and flexible approaches. It means inclusiveness and full participation. This is a fundamental human right.

**Equal Opportunity** – Service is provided to persons with disabilities in a way that their opportunity to access goods and services is equal to that given to others.

