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Government of Canada improves accessibility for Canadians with disabilities in St-Charles

NICKEL BELT-GREATER SUDBURY - Today, Marc Serré, Member of Parliament for Nickel Belt on behalf of the Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Accessibility, announced that the Municipality of St-Charles has received financial support in the amount of \$13,780 through the small projects component of the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF).

This support will allow the creation of the Accessible Website project that will improve accessibility for Canadians with disabilities. The project will include the revamp of the entire municipal website to make it fully accessible, which will enable everyone to receive pertinent information for daily activities and services offered by the Municipality of St.-Charles.

Having an accessible site can have positive ripple effects as more people can obtain information about tourism and businesses in the area. As more people can navigate the site and receive information it can potentially support growth in those two key areas which are important factors in growing St.-Charles' economy and vitality.

With programs such as the EAF, the Government of Canada is breaking down the barriers that prevent persons with disabilities from fully participating in all aspects of Canadian society, ensuring that everyone has equal access and equal opportunity.

Providing support to help persons with disabilities access their communities and workplaces is a key part of the Government's plan to create a more inclusive and accessible Canada. By tabling the proposed Accessible Canada Act in 2018, the Government is taking concrete steps towards the realization of a barrier-free Canada where all Canadians have the same rights and opportunities to contribute to society.

Quotes

“Canada is at its best and all of society benefits when everyone is included. Investing in the Enabling Accessibility Fund is one of the ways our Government is ensuring persons with disabilities in Canada have opportunities to participate in society on an equal basis. Through this funding and through partnerships with communities like the Municipality of St-Charles, we are building a more inclusive and accessible Canada.”

– The Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Accessibility



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“Today’s announcement is another example of what our Government is doing to help Canadians with disabilities gain access and contribute to their workplaces and communities. This funding will make the Municipality of St-Charles’s website more accessible so that everyone can keep up with what is happening in the area in terms of tourism, business growth and what services and programs are offered. This initiative will have a positive effect on the residents and visitors of St.-Charles!”

– Marc Serré, Member of Parliament for Nickel Belt

“We are fortunate and thankful for the funding received under the Enabling Accessibility Fund, which will benefit our community immensely. This funding will help us to revamp our website to make it fully accessible and enable our residents and ratepayers to access and receive information on our municipal services and activities. We strive in getting our community engaged, and our new website will assist us in engaging even more with our residents and ratepayers.”

– Denis Turcot, Chief Administrative Officer for the Municipality of St.-Charles

Quick Facts

- Today’s announcement falls under the small projects component. Additional recipients of funding under this component, as well as recipients of funding under the other two components of this program, which are the mid-sized projects component and the youth innovation projects component, will be announced in coming months.
- Since 2015, the Government of Canada has supported over 2,000 accessibility projects through the Enabling Accessibility Fund. These projects have helped several thousand Canadians by improving their access to their communities’ programs, services and employment opportunities.
- Eligible organizations can submit funding applications through periodic calls for proposals.
- In 2018-19, EAF’s grants and contributions annual budget grew to \$20.65 million as Budget 2017 provided an additional \$77 million over ten years. These funds have expanded the activities of the program and support more small and mid-sized projects, including youth-driven project proposals, to improve accessibility in Canadian communities and workplaces.

Associated Link

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