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DEPARTMENT OF FAMILIES

ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE SECRETARIAT

**Important Notice to
Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers**

**Accessibility for Manitobans Act:
Compliance with Updating Accessibility Plans
for 2022 and 2023**

As you know, [The Accessibility for Manitobans Act \(AMA\)](#) was enacted in 2013 and is currently in force. Small municipalities were required to prepare accessibility plans by December 2017, update these documents every 24 months, and make them publically available.

If your municipality has not updated its accessibility plan for years **2022 and 2023**, the attached guide provides practical advice, and you can copy and paste sections from the guide that apply to your community. By updating the plans, municipal officials can celebrate achievements in the removal of barriers, reflect on accessibility goals and actions, prepare to comply with forthcoming accessibility standards (e.g., [the accessible employment standard](#)) and be accountable for current and future endeavours.

We recognize that COVID 19 has placed a significant strain on many organizations and this can affect resources earmarked to achieve compliance. This is why we hope to make the process of updating accessibility plans meaningful and easy.

In order to comply with this requirement, please send your municipality's updated plan to accessibilitycompliance@gov.mb.ca by Thursday, March 31, 2022.

Almost one in four Manitobans over the age of 15 (or approximately 234,000 people) have a disability. The Manitoba government is committed to working with business and community organizations to ensure all Manitobans have the opportunity to access goods and services, employment and activities of daily living. Please consider subscribing to [Accessibility News](#) to stay informed about new regulations and free tools to assist with compliance. This spring, the Manitoba Accessibility Fund will also provide grants for project-based accessibility initiatives. Please visit [The Accessibility for Manitobans Act | Province of Manitoba \(accessibilitymb.ca\)](#) for more information.

If you have any questions or concerns, or require assistance to update your municipality's plan, do not hesitate to call (204) 792-0263 or email accessibilitycompliance@gov.mb.ca

This communication is available in alternate formats, upon request.