



Quarterly Newsletter – December 2023

Dear stakeholders,

As we near the end of yet another year, we are pleased to share with you the last Quarterly Newsletter of 2023. We hope you have enjoyed reading them so far. This edition will focus on our progress over the last months, as well as shed light on some of our priorities for 2024.

We look forward to the New Year and to continuing our valuable collaboration with you.

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International Day of Persons with Disabilities

This Sunday, December 3, will mark International Day of Persons with Disabilities. This event has been celebrated annually around the world since 1992.

This year again, we are celebrating the contributions of persons with disabilities in our communities with our very own social media campaign. With the theme: “What accessibility means for...”, we are inviting our followers to share their thoughts on what accessibility means to them. We encourage you to do the same! You can view the posts that were made this week on any of our social media platforms ([Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#)). On December 3rd, we will publish one final post to highlight the comments and reflections captured throughout the week.

Happy International Day of Persons with Disabilities!

There is still time! Public review of the draft standard on emergency measures

A reminder that our [draft standard on emergency measures](#) is still open for public review. This standard provides broad guidance for accessible emergency measures in many circumstances.

You can review it and provide feedback until December 13, 2023, using:

- [the online form](#), or
- [the PDF form](#).

Your feedback is essential. Contribute today to help advance accessibility in Canada!

Two new reports published

The past year has been a busy one at Accessibility Standards Canada. Our dedicated team is working hard to achieve the results. To know more, you can read our two most recent reports online:

1. [2022 to 2023 Departmental Results Report](#) – describes everything we accomplished in the last year.
2. [2023 to 2027 Departmental Sustainable Development Strategy](#) – demonstrates how our organization intends to support the goals laid out in the Government of Canada's [Federal Sustainable Development Strategy](#).

Coming soon: 2023 Accessibility Progress Report

Later this month, we will publish our first report to showcase the progress we are making toward our [Accessibility Plan](#). Stay tuned!

Looking forward: 2024 priorities

As you know, we have a critical mandate to help achieve a barrier-free Canada by 2040. In 2023, we made great progress toward this goal. We set the stage for what 2024 to 2025 will bring, including:

- The publication of our first two finalized standards;
- Two more opportunities for Canadians to provide feedback on draft standards;
- The creation of two new technical committees; and
- One standard developed in partnership with the International Code Council.

We are not waiting until 2040. We have made a commitment to place inclusion, lived experience, and collaboration at the heart of everything we do. This is what will help to create change now, for you, for all of us.

Happy Holidays!

We take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a joyful and warm holiday season. All the best for the New Year!

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