

## **The Nation Municipality**

## Statement of commitment towards accessibility

The Nation Municipality is committed to ensuring equal access and participation for people with disabilities. We are committed to treating people with disabilities in a way that allows them to maintain their dignity and independence.

We believe in integration, and we are committed to meeting the needs of people with disabilities in a timely manner. In the past few years, our dedicated team has taken several initiatives to ensure an effective transition towards becoming a fully accessible workplace and service provider. In 2020, our satellite office in the Village of Fournier was renovated, and automatic doors, ramps and accessible showers and bathrooms were installed. Another significant initiative was taken in 2021, when The Municipality's website was fully redesigned in compliance with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 Level AA. Also, we are proud to announce that The Nation's Sports Complex opened in February 2023 and was conceived in accordance with AODA standards.

## Our goals

Our main goal for the next 5 years is to continue to upgrade our facilities to make them accessible for all but also to ensure the maintenance of our current accessible installations, and this include regular inspections of the installations and the establishment of replacement plans as needed.

More specifically, in the next upcoming years, the Advisory Committee for Accessibility (ACA) will be focusing its energy on our arena located in St-Isidore and our parks. The Recreation Department is currently working on future renovation plans for the arena, which will potentially include an accessible viewing section for spectators. The ACA also considers that the community could benefit greatly from the construction of walking paths that are accessible for wheelchairs in each of our parks.

The Nation Municipality values the importance of offering fully accessible resources for all residents, employees, and visitors. To ensure that we reach this goal, the municipality will stay up to date on AODA standards and requirements, and this plan will be reviewed and adjusted at least once every five years.

Our Statement of Commitment and our Multi-Year Accessibility Plan are publicly posted at Accessibility - The Nation (nationmun.ca)

For more information about The Nation Municipality initiatives for accessibility, please contact the Clerk's office at 613-764-5444 or at <a href="mailto:admin@nationmun.ca">admin@nationmun.ca</a>.



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