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The Barrier Free Canada – Canada Sans Barrières

June 2019 Newsletter

*Second quarter*

**Dear Friend,,**

**Thank you for your continued support. It is with your efforts that Barrier Free Canada is able to continue to encourage others to speak up, speak out, and engage each other in meaningful discussions.**

**2019 continues to be a very busy time for BFC-CSB. This month's newsletter summarizes this very busy quarter. The second quarter began with a press release, sharing Bill C81's passing in the House of Commons and the addition of two new Board members to the BFC-CSB team!**

**BFC-CSB would like to share a sincere Thank You to; Frances Moffat, the faculty of inclusive design at Seneca College, Professor Donna Saccutelli of Seneca College, and Jessica Cooper for their monumental contribution to the development of our website. Thanks also to Charlene Young, BFC-CSB Director, and Albert Ruel of the Canadian Council of the Blind for their continuing assistance in moving our BFC4Change Facebook group forward.**

## ***Summary of Activities***

### **April,**

- **April 2<sup>nd</sup> - On Donna Jodhan's weekly Accessible Media Inc (AMI), show,, Donna discussed the proposed Canadian Transportation Regulations for persons with disabilities.**
- **April 9<sup>th</sup> - Donna Jodhan shared the efforts that BFC-CSB team made that were instrumental in making Bill C-81 campaign for a barrier free Canada successful.**
- **April 16 – We learned of the cancellation of BFC - CSB's appearance before the Senate standing Committee.**  
**April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Donna Jodhan identified the lack of equal access to apply for positions on the various post ACA committees.**
- **April 30 - Donna Jodhan appeared on an Ottawa radio show hosted by Kim KilPatrick and Shelly Morris. Donna discussed Bill C81 and her hopes for its future.**
- **At the end of April BFC-CSB received a request from the Rick Hanson Foundation proposing collaboration with BFC-CSB.**

### **May, 2019**

- **May 1 - BFC-CSB received an invitation to attend a meeting with FALA to discuss the possibility of forming a non charitable organizations coalition.**
- **May 1 - BFC made an appearance to the senate standing committee.**
- **May 8 – BFC-CSB met with Fala in Ottawa to discuss whether joining a non-profit coalition was - feasible.**
- **May 9 and 10 - Robin East BFC-CSB Executive attended a two day summit in Ottawa, hosted by Minister Qualtrough.**

- **Robin attended a half-day conference, facilitated by FALA.**
- **May 23, BFC-CSB was asked by the Canadian Press to comment on our expectations for the passage of Bill C81.**
- **May 30 - BFC-CSB issued a press release regarding Bill C81 being passed in the House of Commons, it was then posted to our website and circulated to our contact lists.**
- **May 26 - June 1, Access Ability Week, BFC-CSB participated in the Rick Hanson Foundation campaign “Everyone Everywhere”.**
- **May 13<sup>th</sup> - We nominated two new board members, Brenda Edel of Saskatchewan and Kevin Boutet of Manitoba.**

## **June, 2019**

- **June 21 - Bill C81 received Royal Assent and it is now law! This means that the act to ensure a barrier free Canada will now eliminate and prevent barriers and ensure greater opportunities for persons with disabilities.**
- **Louise Gillis BFC-CSB Director, attended the Royal Assent celebration reception on behalf of Barrier Free Canada.**

### ***Summary of News Items Posted to Our Website***

**The following is a list of news items that have been posted to our website from April to June, 2019.**

## **April**

### **1. Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology**

**Which was the first Meeting to Study Bill C-81**

**April 3, 2019**

<https://wp.me/p5UIAU-iP>

**2. Individual Supporters**

<https://wp.me/p5UIAU-iN>

**3. The Barrier free Canada - Canada Sans Barriers March 2019 Newsletter**

<https://wp.me/p5UIAU-iB>

**4. Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology**

**Which was the Second Meeting to Study Bill C-81**

<https://wp.me/p5UIAU-iZ>

**5. BFC-CSB Speaking Notes for Presentation to the Senate Standing  
Committee April 11, 2019**

<https://wp.me/p5UIAU-j3>

**6. Latest News on Board Director of Barrier Free Canada - Canada sans  
Barrières Charlene Young**

<https://wp.me/p5UIAU-j6>

**7. The Canadian Human Rights Commission's 2018 Annual Report to Parliament: Speak Out**

<https://wp.me/p5UIAU-j9>

**8. Barrier Free Canada - Canada sans Barrières Asked To Appear via Video Link to the Senate Standing Committee on May 1st 2019 at 5:15 PM**

<https://wp.me/p5UIAU-je>

**May**

- 1. Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology  
May 1, 2019**

<https://wp.me/p5UIAU-jl>

- 2. Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology**

**Clause by Clause Amendments May 2, 2019**

<https://wp.me/p5UIAU-jn>

- 3) Canadian Accessible Election Tele-TownHall**

**Accessibility and Inclusion During the 2019 Canadian Federal Election June 6th 2019**

<https://wp.me/p5UIAU-jr>

**4. Open Letter on the Need to Swiftly Pass All Senate Amendments to Bill C-81 - Accessible Canada Act**

**To: All Members of Parliament - Date: May 16, 2019**

<https://wp.me/p5UIAU-jv>

**5. Closing Remarks for the Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Accessibility at the Building an Inclusive Canada: A National Disability Summit Ottawa, Ontario May**

**9, 2019**

<https://wp.me/p5UIAU-jz>

**6. Bill C-81: Adoption Amendments and Third Reading in the Senate**

<https://wp.me/p5UIAU-jH>

**7. A Decade to Remember. Minister Qualtrough Champions Into Law Bill C-81 - The "Accessible Canada Act"**

<https://wp.me/p5UIAU-jS>

**8. . My Canada Includes Me (Video)**

<https://wp.me/p5UIAU-jW>

## ***Social Media Initiatives***

**The BFC Advocating for Change Facebook page continues to have ongoing active chatter. We have a total of 274 members. We continue to post relevant news articles and to invite comments from the group. We have been continuing to use Twitter for both BFC4Change and @barrierfreeca to tweet and retweet relevant messages. Our Facebook page has over 800 likes and our [www.barrierfreecanada.org](http://www.barrierfreecanada.org) page has over 3,000 shares.**

**We also have over 2,200 followers of our twitter account @barrierfreeca.**

## ***Contact Us:***

**If you are a person with a desire to stay abreast of what is happening in the disability world, we invite you to connect with us in one of the following media links we have created.**

**Email: [info@barrierfreecanada.org](mailto:info@barrierfreecanada.org)**

**Webpage: [www.barrierfreecanada.org](http://www.barrierfreecanada.org)**

**Twitter @barrierfreeca**

**Facebook at <https://m.facebook.com/barrierfreeca>**

**Our BFC Advocating For Change group on twitter: @bfc4change**

## **Provincial Highlights**

## **BRITISH COLUMBIA**

<http://barrierfreebc.org/>

## **ALBERTA**

[https://www.alberta.ca/building-codes-accessibility.aspx?utm\\_source=redirector](https://www.alberta.ca/building-codes-accessibility.aspx?utm_source=redirector)

## **SASKATCHEWAN**

[www.barrierfreesaskatchewan.org](http://www.barrierfreesaskatchewan.org)

## **MANITOBA**

<http://www.barrierfreemb.com/>

## **ONTARIO**

[https://www.tmimd.com/aoda/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIk7OLurqX4wIVB9IkCh1-gOEEAAYASAAEgIrrvD\\_BwE](https://www.tmimd.com/aoda/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIk7OLurqX4wIVB9IkCh1-gOEEAAYASAAEgIrrvD_BwE)

## **QUEBEC**

<https://www.rbq.gouv.qc.ca/en/you-are/citizen/disabled-person/the-rbq-and-the-disabled-persons.html>

## **NEW BRUNSWICK**



[https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services\\_renderer.201407.Accessible\\_Services\\_-\\_Public\\_Libraries.html](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/services/services_renderer.201407.Accessible_Services_-_Public_Libraries.html)

## **NOVA SCOTIA**

<https://siteimprove.com/en-ca/accessibility/nova-scotia-accessibility-act/>

## **NEWFOUNDLAND**

### **Global Disability Week news:**

<https://globalnews.ca/video/4235576/new-brunswick-disability-awareness-week-hears-stories-of-both-progress-and-continued-ignorance>

## **Article of Interest Submissions:**

**The following articles have been posted to the Barrier Free Canada webpage and we would like to invite you to share with us articles that you find that are disability related that promote positive movement forward in our goals for a fully inclusive society.**

### **1.) Promoting Lifelong Learning Skills for a Barrier-free Canada**

<https://wp.me/p5UIAU-kl>

<http://barrierfreecanada.org/promoting-lifelong-learning-skills-for-a-barrier-free-canada/>

**Photo Alt: Image. Three people sit together at a table learning. One of them smiles into the camera.**

**2.) The Experiences of Blind Canadians in the Federal Public Service**  
<http://barrierfreecanada.org/the-experiences-of-blind-canadians-in-the-federal-public-service/>

**3.) Three Simple Questions: Digital Accessibility in 21st Century Canada**  
<http://barrierfreecanada.org/three-simple-questions-digital-accessibility-in-21st-century-canada/>

**4.) Accessibility Advocacy Report**  
<http://barrierfreecanada.org/accessibility-advocacy-report/>

**Barrier Free Canada Executive:**

<b>Donna Jodhan</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Ontario</b>
<b>Robin East</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Saskatchewan</b>
<b>Anthony Tibbs</b>	<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>	<b>Quebec</b>
<b>Charlene Young</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>Saskatchewan</b>
<b>Louise Gillis</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>Nova Scotia</b>
<b>Brenda Edel</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>Saskatchewan</b>
<b>Kevin Boutet</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>Manitoba</b>

**Respectfully submitted by**

**Brenda Edel and Charlene Young**