

Goods and Services

Our Commitment

We will ensure that residents and visitors of all ages and abilities have equal access to goods and services delivered by the Municipality of Barrington **and we will strive to ensure that there are policies, procedures and tools to promote the accessible delivery of goods and services.**

Our Starting Point:

Overview

The following are some of the many services the municipality provides to the public:

- Maintaining Trails
- Providing emergency services such as fire
- Providing public sewer services
- Maintaining municipal playgrounds, sports fields, parks and buildings
- Providing snow removal from sidewalks, parking lots, etc.
- Improvements to beaches, ramps, etc.

Achievements to Date:

- Sidewalks in Barrington Passage and Woods Harbour areas
- Parking and boardwalks at North East Point and Daniel's Head beaches
- Barrington Library – accessible building
- Grant approval to make the municipal office more accessible
- Some local businesses are taking initiative to become more inclusive (grocery stores open certain hours for quite-time/reduced lighting for PWD's, etc.)
- Plans for renovations to the municipal building
- **Plans for a new Recreation Centre**

Barriers:

- Lacking automatic door openers/not functioning properly/direction the door opens
- Doorways too narrow (individuals hurting their knuckles on the door jambs while navigating through the doorway)
- Inadequate ramps especially for specialized wheelchairs
- Washrooms not fully accessible especially for specialized wheelchairs
- Lack of disability parking spaces at the Barrington Library
- Lack of housing options
- Communication barriers

Policies:

- No individual shall be denied service due to a disability/because of individual abilities.
- Commitment to make every municipal space accessible to all

Actions:

- To identify and remove or circumvent barriers
- To discuss plans and how to implement them to achieve those goals
- To record progress and evaluate successes and problems
- make the swimming pool accessible (This item will be moved to the “Built Environment” area of focus)
- work with SouWest Nova Transit to provide more wheelchair accessible vehicles to provide access to services
- Are the trails maintained in a condition for individuals to self-propel their wheelchairs on them
- Consult with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and Society of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Nova Scotians
- Continue to develop/access entryways to beaches and parks
- Purchase more accessible recreational equipment

Top Priorities:

- Arrange goals by priority and by the likelihood of success
- Promote disability-related programs and supports to the community (general updates to community and specific information provided upon request)

Other Priorities