



PROCLAMATION
Access Awareness Week
May 31 to June 6, 2026

WHEREAS, the week of May 31 - June 6, 2026 is recognized as Access Awareness Week; and

Access Awareness Week aims to celebrate achievements made both by and for persons with disabilities in the areas of accessibility, transportation, housing, employment, recreation, education and communication; and

This is the 40th year that this public awareness initiative has taken place in Nova Scotia; and

The theme for 2026 Access Awareness Week is *Disability Justice: Stronger Together. First Voice Leading Collective Action*; and

Accessibility barriers are many and interconnected, removing and preventing them is challenging and complex; and

The foundation of Nova Scotia's Accessibility Act is to provide, support, and protect the rights of persons with disabilities to full inclusion and accessibility by the identification, prevention and removal of accessibility barriers; and

Access Awareness Week promotes the inclusion of all Nova Scotians with disabilities as full citizens within our communities; and

Through public awareness, community partnerships and education, this campaign aims to foster an environment of equal participation for persons with disabilities within the Municipality of Shelburne;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Warden Penny Smith, on behalf of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne, do hereby proclaim May 31 to June 6, 2026 as "Access Awareness Week".

Date

Warden Penny Smith