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**To:** Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

**From:** Trish Reed, Accessibility and Communication Specialist

**Meeting Date:** November 2, 2016

**Subject:** Report AAC16-059  
Consulting with Canadians on Accessibility Legislation  
Questionnaire

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## **Purpose**

A report to establish a sub-committee to complete the Consulting with Canadians on accessibility legislation questionnaire.

## **Recommendations**

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendation outlined in Report AAC16-059 dated November 2, 2016 of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist as follows:

- a) That Report AAC16-059 of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist be received for information;
- b) That the AAC establish a sub-committee to complete the Consulting with Canadians on accessibility legislation questionnaire;
- c) That a minimum of four AAC members volunteer to sit on the new sub-committee;
- d) That the new sub-committee report back to the AAC in January 2017.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

## Background

The Government of Canada is committed to developing new planned accessibility legislation to promote equality of opportunity and increase the inclusion and participation of Canadians who have disabilities or functional limitations.

The Government of Canada is seeking ideas through the [Consulting with Canadians on accessibility legislation online questionnaire](#) (as well as in person) to inform the development of this planned new legislation, including:

- feedback on the overall goal and approach;
- whom it should cover;
- what accessibility issues and barriers it should address;
- how it could be monitored and enforced;
- when or how often it should be reviewed;
- how and when to report to Canadians on its implementation; and
- how to raise accessibility awareness more generally and support organizations in improving accessibility.

An AAC sub-committee established to complete the online questionnaire could provide focused insight on the above topics. Sub-committee questionnaire answers would be approved by the AAC before the submission deadline in February 2017.

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