

SAINT JOHN ABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A VOICE FOR AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY



WHO WE ARE

- SJAAC is a committee designated to represent all people with disabilities, remove barriers and to create a more inclusive Saint John
- Saint John Ability Advisory Executives:
 - ❖ Wanda Berrette - Chair
 - ❖ Marisa Misner - Vice Chair and Treasurer
 - ❖ Greg Cutler - City Liaison
 - ❖ Cathy Patterson - Secretary

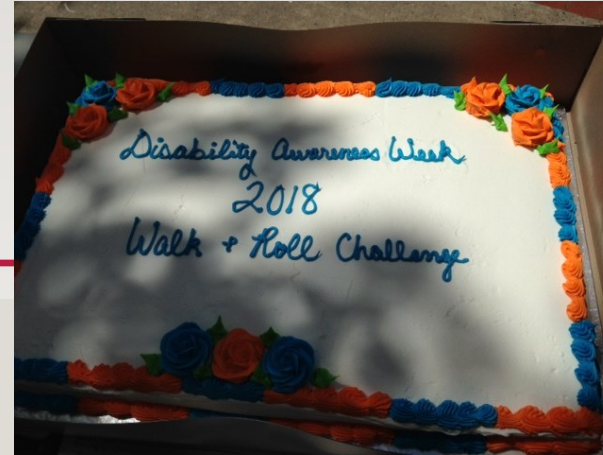


WHAT WE DO

- We exist to help make the City of Saint John a more inclusive place to live, work and play.
- We take a leadership role in providing:
 - ❖ Information sharing
 - ❖ Awareness
 - ❖ Advice
 - ❖ Support
 - ❖ Empowerment (stakeholders)

DAW 2018

- A full week of activities. Highlights included:
 - Opening Ceremonies
 - Town Hall
 - Employment Services Open House
 - Walk 'N Roll Challenge
 - YMCA Open House Tour



SUCSESSES

- Some road and sidewalk improvements note
- City transit system
- Greater Saint John Field House Project
- Increased collaboration with stakeholders (i.e.: City of Saint John Departments)
- Disability Awareness Week 2018



OPPORTUNITIES

- Pedestrian safety
- Transit system
- Built Environment
- Greater Awareness



MOVING FORWARD

- Prioritize accessibility when implementing budgets and plans
- Propose ABC's and city staff consult with SJAAC before doing projects and to keep the lines of communication open
- SJAAC collaboration on MoveSJ, PAC and Living SJ etc
- Encourage and invite members of council to participate in our events and efforts
- Accessibility Legislation