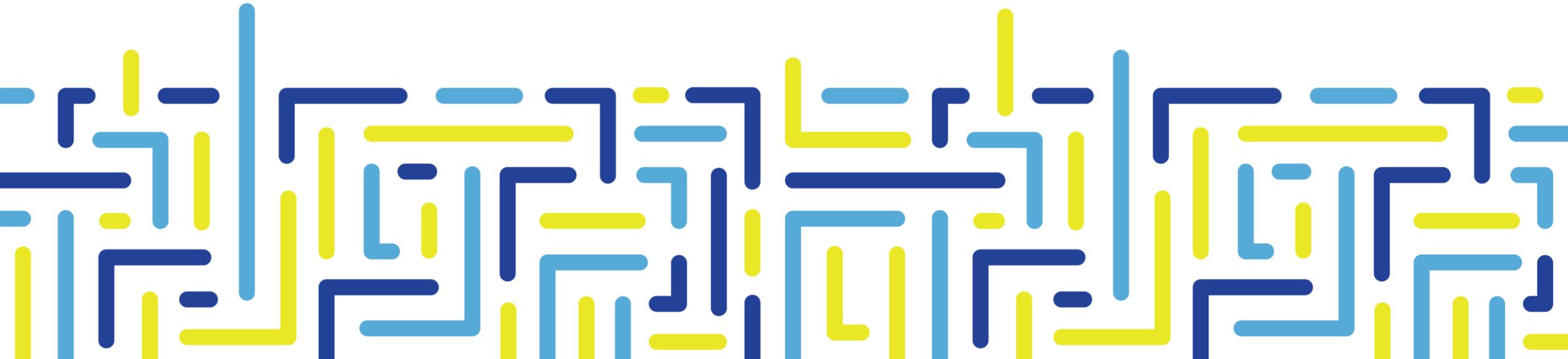




Accessibility Standards Canada

2022 Annual Public Meeting

Update on Standards Development



Fully Committed to “Nothing Without Us”

Everything we do at Accessibility Standards Canada follows the principle of “Nothing without us.” This means that people with disabilities from diverse disability communities and their allies **are involved in all stages** of our work, including:

- developing standards
- prioritizing research areas
- serving as members of technical committees
- serving as researchers and participants in our research projects



Roadmap to 2040

This plan guides our work. It contributes to the goal of achieving a Canada without barriers by 2040.

It has 2 work streams:

- Develop world-class standards for the short, medium, and long term
- Position us as a strong leader, partner, and influencer that works to promote a culture shift in Canada.



Importance of Accreditation

- ❑ In 2021, we became an accredited standards development organization. This allows us to develop National Standards of Canada and work on the global stage.
- ❑ We are working to:
 - make our standards development process the most accessible and inclusive in Canada and the world
 - create a culture shift with other standard development organizations



Inclusion, Diversity, and Accessibility

- ❑ The membership of our technical committees is diverse.

Members include:

- seniors, youth, and Indigenous peoples
- individuals who identify as visible minorities and/or 2SLGBTQI+

- ❑ Persons with disabilities make up 58% of members

- ❑ Women make up 52% of members

- ❑ This level of representation is the best in Canada—if not the world



Standards Under Development

- Model standard for the built environment
- Outdoor spaces
- Emergency egress
- Emergency measures
- Wayfinding and signage
- Plain language
- Employment
- Accessibility requirements for information and communication technology products and services



Co-branded Standards

- ❑ **Accessibility Standards Canada** and **CSA Group** are developing co-branded standards together
- ❑ Three ASC/CSA standards are expected to be completed in 2023:
 - Accessible Design for the Built Environment (B651)
 - Accessible Homes (B652) (with funding from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation)
 - Accessible Design for Automated Banking Machines and Self-Service Interactive Devices (B651.2)



Upcoming Standards for Public Review

Three of our own standards should be ready for public review

by March 31, 2023:

- Model Standard for the Built Environment
- Outdoor Spaces
- Plain Language.



Future Standards

- ❑ Our Board of Directors has approved 2 new areas for standard development:
 - acoustics for the built environment
 - accessible procurement

- ❑ We anticipate many more in the future

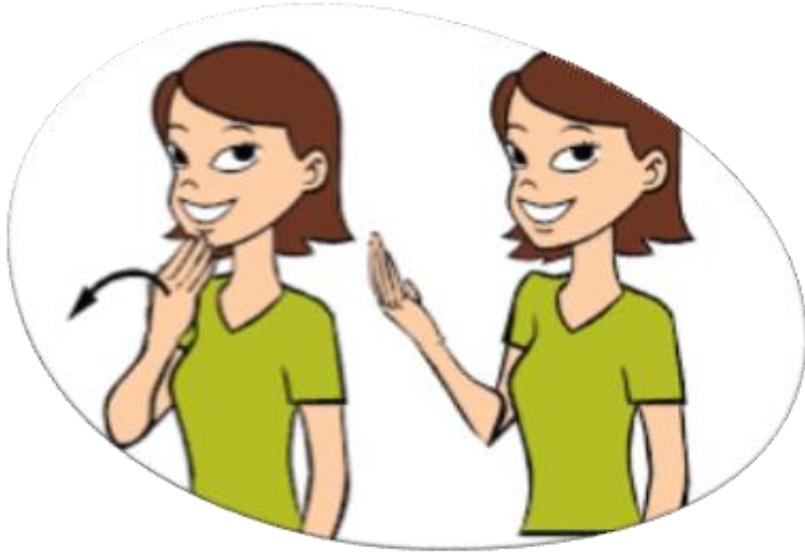


Nothing Without Us = World-Class

- ❑ We are building a reputation as a **world-class standards development organization** that focuses on diversity, inclusion, and accessibility
- ❑ This is only possible by adhering to the principle:

Nothing without us





Thank you!

Questions

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