



CAN Human Rights Table

January 17, 2019

Guiffre Family Library | 3223 14 Street Southwest
Minutes of Meeting

Present

Greg McMeekin (Community Advocate)
Jacob McGregor (Community Advocate)
Angela Symon (Community Advocate)
Ermira Kusari (Cerebral Palsy Association in Alberta)
Katie Mitchell (University of Calgary)

Regrets

Sean Crump
Cam Stewart
Harold Russell
Harpreet Kaur
Wanda Shuaib
Karen Mueller
Kevin Lippold

	Item	Action
1.	Welcome and Introductions Participants introduced themselves	
2.	<u>Discussion topics</u> Gathering support for Bill C-81 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Bill is awaiting its second reading in Senate in February, 2019 - 3 table members are currently working with VAD (Voice of Albertans with Disabilities) to explore ways how we can provide support for the Bill and to ensure the changes are made. - Three letters will be sent to Calgary Senators requesting their support for the changes that have been proposed to be made to the Bill - CAN members will continue their efforts to meet personally with persons in Government to request their support for the changes and the Bill, as agreed in the November 2018 meeting. The template for the letter with changes compiled by the Human Rights table can be found in the CAN folder on Google Drive. Letter is attached to these meeting minutes as well. - If you manage to meet and discuss the Bill with someone in a decision-making or influencing position, please either update the list on Google Drive or contact Ermira with the name and position of the person contacted (Ermira will populate the list) - Alberta Accessibility Provincial Legislation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The table will continue to work towards its goal of hosting an event, open to the community, to discuss a potential Alberta legislation and discuss its necessity and importance. 	<p>Ermira</p> <p>All</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Currently, the table is exploring venue options, speakers, the setup of the event; if you have ideas that you would like to propose, please do so. The event is proposed to be held in April to ensure that we get the conversation going before the Provincial elections.- It was proposed that invitations be extended to media, the Mayor, and various politicians.- Ermira and Katie will be working on developing a plan for advertising and marketing the event. Please send any suggestions you may have to Ermira. <p>Advocate for Persons with Disabilities in Alberta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ermira met with the newly appointed advocate and invited Mr. Flores to the CAN Human Rights February meeting. Mr. Flores has accepted the invitation and will be joining the table to explore options on how we can best support each other (CAN and the Advocate) to move our goals forward. <p>Goals of the Human Rights table for 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Advocate and gather support for Bill C-81 and its changes.- Begin the community engagement conversations regarding an Alberta Provincial Accessibility Act.	
3.	Wrap-Up/Adjournment <u>Next meeting:</u> Date: February 21, 2019 Time: 11:00 – 1:00pm Location: Giuffre Family Library 3223 14 Street SW	