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Good Morning Mayors, Marcy Lalande (CWAAC) -Colwood Host City, Fellow Resident Volunteers.

I try to keep up as much as I can and with a new portal in place on the Accessible Canada website, it will be much easier moving forward.

Language and Communication is one of the areas that I feel requires the most attention and education in municipal offices, municipal documents, and public participation at municipal council and committee meetings. It also happens to be the area in which I do the most research.

CWAAC currently does not allow for public participation at its meetings and I would like to suggest that CWAAC amend the Terms of Reference and open the door.

I look forward to hearing from the Mayors whose municipalities make up CWAAC. Seven Mayors and their Council and Senior Staff have only two choices, one of them will keep the most glaring of all barriers regarding Accessibility Advisory Committees. Let's open up 2026 with the removal of this barrier.

Thank you for reading,
Patsy Hamilton

Following is the link:

<https://accessible.canada.ca/creating-accessibility-standards/can-asc-312025-plain-language>