C.J.S.D. Incorporated Feedback Process

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C.J.S.D. Incorporated welcomes your feedback on any accessibility barriers that you may have encountered in dealing with C.J.S.D. Incorporated or your feedback on the manner in which C.J.S.D. Incorporated is implementing its Accessibility Plan.

The <u>Accessible Canada Act</u> (ACA) defines a barrier as:

"...anything physical, architectural, technological or attitudinal, anything that is based on information or communications or anything that is the result of a policy or practice – that hinders the full and equal participation in society of persons with an impairment, including a physical, mental, intellectual, cognitive, learning, communication or sensory impairment or a functional limitation."

The individual at C.J.S.D. Incorporated responsible for receiving feedback is the Accessibility Coordinator.

Feedback can either be general or specific, but providing more details such as the date, the name of the webpage, or activity involved, may make it easier for us to understand your concerns.

Feedback can be sent by

Mail

Accessibility Coordinator
C.J.S.D. Incorporated
87 Hill Street N, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7A 5V6

Telephone

1-807-346-2600 from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

Email

accessible@dougallmedia.com

Anonymous Feedback

Individuals providing feedback can provide personal information and contact information, but are not required to. If you wish to submit feedback anonymously, mail may be the best method to do so. That way C.J.S.D. Incorporated will not see any of your contact information, such as a phone number or email address.

Acknowledgement of Feedback

Automatic acknowledgement of receipt will be sent for feedback received by email. Feedback provided through telephone involves direct interaction with a C.J.S.D. Incorporated employee and therefore, the employee will acknowledge receipt of the feedback. For feedback received by mail, if contact information is provided, an acknowledgement letter will be mailed to the address provided.

Employee Feedback

C.J.S.D. Incorporated employees will have the option to access a separate webform which will be linked directly on the C.J.S.D. Incorporated intranet site. This will ensure that employee feedback is received and dealt with by the appropriate subject matter experts. Employees can remain anonymous by using the employee webform, which will not identify an employee unless they choose to submit personal information. Where an employee requests follow-up, this process will also ensure that the fewest number of individuals have access to the employee's feedback to maintain the highest level of confidentiality as possible.

Feedback from other sources

C.J.S.D. Incorporated communicates with their customers, clients, and general public, in order to better understand their perspectives. It also engages with people through various social media channels and valuable feedback on the accessibility of C.J.S.D. Incorporated may also be provided through these channels. As such, in order to take this valuable feedback into consideration, C.J.S.D. Incorporated staff will acknowledge feedback and create records of any relevant feedback received through these channels. This will ensure that this feedback is triaged and treated in a manner consistent with feedback received through traditional channels.

How feedback will be used

Feedback will help C.J.S.D. Incorporated continuously improve our accessibility efforts. Some feedback may not require a direct response or immediate follow-up, and some may highlight issues that need to be addressed right away. However, all feedback received will help C.J.S.D. Incorporated develop its future accessibility plans and it will help us know how we are progressing towards our accessibility goals. The feedback we receive will be taken into consideration when we write our accessibility progress reports, published in the years between accessibility plans.

Distribution

Section 5 of the ACA highlights the following areas of focus for the removal and prevention of barriers:

- Employment
- The built environment
- Information and communication technologies (ICT)
- Communication, other than ICT
- The procurement of goods, services and facilities
- The design and delivery of programs and services; and
- Transportation

In addition to the Accessibility coordinator who is responsible for receiving and overseeing all feedback related to the ACA, C.J.S.D. Incorporated has identified executives (department heads) who will be responsible for taking concrete actions to identify, remove and prevent barriers under each of the above areas. Each department head will provide action items for C.J.S.D. Incorporated 's Accessibility Plan and they will be responsible for executing the action plans. These department heads will also be responsible for managing feedback, including any follow-up required, and will take this feedback into consideration in C.J.S.D. Incorporated 's activities in this area. They will also need to report back on their progress, under their specific area of responsibility for C.J.S.D. Incorporated 's progress reports.

When feedback is received through the various channels, a copy of the feedback will be provided to the department head so that they can address the feedback in the appropriate manner.

Department Leads

Employment: Human Resources Coordinator

Built Environment: Director of Engineering & Maintenance

Information and Communication Technologies: Director of Information and Technology

Communications, other than ICTs:

Social Media Communications: Director of Radio Programming

Newswatch portals: Newswatch Publisher

Procurement of goods, services and facilities: Controller

Design and delivery of programs and services: C.J.S.D. Incorporated is an independent

regulator and does not design or deliver government programs and services. See

"Communications, other than ICTs" for communications relating to our regulatory processes.

Transportation: C.J.S.D. Incorporated does not offer

transportation services.

Retention

All feedback received will be converted into a suitable digital format and will be stored in C.J.S.D. Incorporated 's document management system. A filing system has been created specifically to manage feedback related to the ACA. The system has been programmed so that all records stored will be automatically retained for the required seven-year period. Feedback (except that submitted anonymously) will be sorted by source, that is, whether it was received from an employee or from an external stakeholder. The feedback will then be further categorized by the relevant areas under section 5 of the ACA. C.J.S.D. Incorporated employees will also document feedback using C.J.S.D. Incorporated 's internal document management platform. These steps will allow for easier reporting at the end of each reporting cycle.

Alternative Formats

You can request an alternative format of this feedback process description in print, large print, audio format or an electronic format that is compatible with adaptive technology by sending an email to accessible@dougallmedia.com.