

PDD Safety Standards Consultation Team - Quotes

John te Linde (Chair) Retired Manager of Social Policy and Planning, City of Calgary

The committee extends its thanks to the disability community, which actively engaged in the consultation and contributed to the development of this report. The good faith work of those involved genuinely listening to and respecting the community is appreciated. This was clearly demonstrated with government's quick response in repealing the PDD Safety Standards Regulation in its entirety earlier this year. I believe there is a renewed, collaborative relationship between the disability community and government.

Michael Cooper, Community Member and Advocate

Community members - from individuals and their families to service providers and municipal officials - embraced the engagement and their advocacy made the process and the results a success.

Ann Nicol, Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Council of Disability Services

It was a pleasure to take part in a meaningful process to look at how we help to support the safety of people with developmental disabilities who are receiving services to live full, inclusive and dignified lives in their communities. On behalf of the Alberta Council of Disability Services, I appreciate the collaborative approach the government has taken during this consultation. It set an example for future consultations, and government's on-going relationship with the disability community.

Tammy Poirier, Member of Disability Action Hall

I really enjoyed my time as a member of the team. My voice was heard and I was proud to represent individuals with disabilities on the committee. Thank you to Minister Sabir for asking me to do this.

Jennifer Stewart, Member of the Disability Action Hall

It was a wonderful experience to connect and engage with members of the community across the province. We shared ideas that helped shape the talks about what makes our homes safe. I am glad to know that our voices are being heard and our views about safety and inclusion are being listened to.

Marie Renaud, MLA St. Albert

I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity to be part of such a unique and talented group of men and women tasked with consulting our community regarding the safety of persons with disabilities. The people with disabilities, their families, friends and supporters who participated in this collaborative consultation, clearly communicated to us that inclusion was the key to safety. I believe our work captured the essence of what we heard from the many people we engaged, across Alberta. Collaborative consultation was an inspiring process, thank you to all who participated and so freely gave their time, experience and ideas.

Cam Tait, Journalist, Member of the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities

I truly believe that this consultation was an important step towards improving the lives of persons with disabilities in our communities. I look forward to our continuing work to educate our communities about full participation of all Albertans with disabilities and addressing safety in our homes as a shared concern of everyone. Together, we have important and continuing roles to play in providing supports and services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

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Bruce Uditsky, M.Ed., Chief Executive Officer Inclusion Alberta

The Report most importantly recognizes that individuals with developmental disabilities are far more likely to have safer lives if they have the security of a home of their own and are supported to lead meaningful and inclusive lives in community.