



Air Borealis_ ATPRR Progress report 2024

Air Borealis is committed to fulfilling our obligations towards customers, colleagues, society, and the environment. We aim to innovate and offer a transportation that is more accessible.

Below is our progress report that follows our initial plan presented in June 2023. The progress report is based on the 5 objectives we identified in our initial plan.

General

Air Borealis has worked with our passengers and employees to form our accessibility plan. We have started an exchange of ideas and created an advisory committee consisting of the people who know our accessibility challenges and victories the best - our staff and passengers.

Air Borealis designated official responsible for the accessibility plan and to receive feedback is Philip Earle, Vice President Business Development.

The Air Borealis Accessibility plan is designed to adhere to the guiding principles of the Accessible Canada Act, to use these principles to create a barrier free environment for employees and travelers, and lead industry through this important focus.

Our plan is built on these principles:

- all persons must be treated with dignity regardless of their disabilities.
- all persons must have the same opportunity to make for themselves the lives that they are able and wish to have regardless of their disabilities.
- all persons must have barrier-free access to full and equal participation in society, regardless of their disabilities.
- all persons must have meaningful options and be free to make their own choices, with support if they desire, regardless of their disabilities.
- laws, policies, programs, services and structures must take into account the disabilities of persons, the different ways that persons interact with their environments and the multiple and intersecting forms of marginalization and discrimination faced by persons.
- persons with disabilities must be involved in the development and design of laws, policies, programs, services and structures.

Feedback

In order to continually improve our accessibility practises and services your feedback is important to us. We want to hear from you anonymously or not, our customer service representative will be able to collect the feedback information within these communication channels. Acknowledgement will be

received in the same manner as received; please note we cannot acknowledge receipt of anonymous feedback.

- By email:

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- By Mail:

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- By Phone:

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Air Borealis is committed to arranging the availability of our communication piece in the formats listed below. Air Borealis will provide, in a timely manner, these alternate formats.

- Audio into Print
- Print into Audio
- Large Print
- Braille (please allow 45 days)
- Electronic format that is compatible with adaptive technology

Consultation:

- Air Borealis is now involved on the CTA accessibility committee.
- Air Borealis designate sits on the PAL Equity, diversity and Inclusion committee which was created in June 2023 along with our board members who are updated annually on our progress.
- Part of local airport accessible committees.
- Our customer service is requesting feedback from our passengers. Post travel call backs are done to evaluate their experience.

Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

- A new phone system was put in place for call backs from our reservation center, and we are moving towards obtaining a chat box within our website.
- Accessibility email was created, which includes different departments.
- Continuously reviewing our current technologies.
- In the process of redesigning our website to include post travel survey capability to be sent to all our passengers. Along with the possibility of audio reference within our website.

Procuring Goods and Services and Facilities

- Purchased new mobility devices, wider wheelchairs, and new straight back chairs at Base.
- Straight back chairs procured for Nain and Hopedale, Labrador. Air Borealis is committed to ensuring availability at alternate stations when notified in advance.

Design and Delivery of Programs, Training and Services

- Accessibility Audit program created to ensure equipment and training of our employees and ground handlers are qualified.
- Developing accessibility training for those who design or procure technology solutions. July 2023 Sensitivity training courses shared by Air Canada, this training is mandatory to all our front line and onboard crew members.
- Loading of equipment, we are reviewing with a local company for the possibility to obtain a designed box to better secure the medical equipment we load on our aircraft example for personal wheelchairs.

Task Chart: Update

Action	Accountable Team	Target Date
Continue consultations with passengers, employees and partners. Update: Meetings attended with CTA	Accessibility Committee ("AC")	Ongoing

Ensure our hiring process has reduced any barriers faced by people with disabilities.	AC / Human Resources	Ongoing
Where appropriate, encourage employees to identify as persons with disability. Update: Human resources has sent a confidential survey to all employees.	AC / Human Resources	Ongoing
Set clear guidelines for managers on their roles and responsibilities for supporting employees and passengers with disabilities. Update: Managers would make any accommodations required.	AC / Human Resources / Station Teams	Ongoing
Keep our website current content on accessibility and people with disabilities. Update: Initial and feedback process plan is published on our website. Addition of audio reference within our website	AC / Marketing	Initial plan and feedback process Completed June 2023 Sept 2024
Develop an accessibility training session for employees that are building or procuring the information technology. Update: Training is complete and available for stations' new hires. Now part of the initial training.	AC / IT Department	Completed
Consulting with persons with disabilities or agencies that represent persons with disabilities prior to procuring new programs to ensure accessibility has been	AC / IT Department	Ongoing

<p>factored into design and development.</p> <p>Update: Consultation with CTA and our own passengers, and with associations</p>		
<p>Creating a training program for our procurement teams to ensure that accessibility standards are considered during procurement processes.</p> <p>Update: Stores department maintenance items AC committee would be involved for any new access items that we would require.</p>	AC / Procurement teams	TBD
<p>Collect feedback from people with disabilities, both inside and outside of the department to learn about the barriers they face.</p> <p>Update: CTA consultation that we are part of.</p> <p>Our customer service department is requesting feedback from our passengers. Post travel call backs to evaluate their experience. Part of new website survey for feedback for all pax.</p>	Accessibility Committee	Ongoing
<p>Continual consultation with person with disabilities to review our service offering.</p> <p>Update: CTA consultation that we are part of.</p> <p>Our SAC requesting feedback to our passenger. Post travel call backs to evaluate their experience. Part of new website survey for feedback for all pax.</p>	Accessibility Committee	Ongoing

<p>Ensure that passengers and staff have access to equipment, tools, training material and support that will promote seamless interaction.</p> <p>Update: Has access or under request if needed.</p>	AC / All Departments	Ongoing
<p>Continued and focused training with all passenger facing staff. Utilize internal, industry and 'other' training programs.</p> <p>Update: Research for systems that can provide sign language program or APP Noise canceling software. Airport announcements: boarding times online, white boards to be written on if no FIDS Audible announcements.</p>	AC / Operations and Customer Service Teams	Ongoing
<p>Development of standardized checklists to ensure product roll-out and service delivery account for accessibility requirements</p>	AC / Operations and Customer Service Teams	TBD
<p>Work to build an inclusive and diverse workforce that's respectful of all.</p> <p>Update: Committee was created in June 2023</p>	Everyone	Ongoing
<p>Design and implement (or procure) a protective case/framework to allow for safe transport of mobility devices, adding additional measures to protecting them damage.</p> <p>Update: Due to cost limitations to create this device, we should receive update. Item created to</p>	AC / Ground Operations / Procurement teams	TBD

place wheelchair inside a protective case to avoid damage while loaded on the aircraft.		
Create a team to ensure appropriate methods of communication exist in each airport station including the most remote	AC / Stations Supervisors Email accessibility created. Idea came from this committee for whiteboards in airport with no fids.	TBD