

## **LIBERAL WOMENS' COMMISSION**

### **Initiatives for Women with Disabilities**

**WHEREAS** women with disabilities remain severely disadvantaged in educational achievement, with only 10% holding post-secondary education, compared to 20% of women without disabilities; and

**WHEREAS** women with disabilities earn considerably less than men with disabilities (\$18,000 vs. \$26,000) and face numerous and varied obstacles in seeking and retaining employment; and

**WHEREAS** many women with disabilities are also disadvantaged through the traditional division of labour in the home, where women are responsible for the majority of unpaid work including childcare;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the new initiatives to promote Accessibility for all Nova Scotians address the unique challenges of girls and women with disabilities in achieving their full educational potential, economic equality and political participation.

Sources:

- Gender and Income Statistics for Persons with Disabilities: A Statistical Report 2013-14. Disabled Persons Commission. Halifax, 2014.
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