Jessica Bell, NDP MPP (University-Rosedale) signs Accessible Housing Pledge

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24% of Ontarians have disabilities, suffer discrimination in housing. Call for action

Toronto - MPP Jessica Bell, running for re-election in University-Rosedale riding, has signed the Accessible Housing Pledge. She says “The NDP support the call for new housing to be accessible for people of all abilities.”

The pledge has also been signed by Green Party leader Mike Schreiner, NDP Critic for Accessibility MPP Joel Harden, and several other NDP and Green Party candidates.

The Accessible Housing Network (AHN) invites Ontario voters to urge candidates in their ridings to sign the Accessible Housing Pledge, which can be printed from the AHN website.

“The need for accessible housing is a crisis. The simple solution is for the Ontario Building Code to require that all new housing be universal design,” states Accessible Housing Network co-chair Kate Chung. “There will be huge healthcare savings if people are not needlessly stuck in acute care hospitals or forced into long-term care. The cost of building a new apartment is the same whether accessible or not - if it is planned from the design stage. It is renovations to conventional housing which are expensive.”
NDP MPP Jessica Bell with AHN volunteers, Kate Chung and Cassandra Ryan. (Photo courtesy Jessica Bell campaign)

Candidate’s Pledge: Accessible Housing 2022

I pledge that if I am elected as a Member of the Provincial Parliament of Ontario, I will:

Ensure that the Government of Ontario implements fully the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its associated Protocol;

Actively work to change the Ontario Building Code (OBC) to require that 100% of units in every new multi-unit residential building be built according to universal design* principles (UD), so anyone of any age or ability can live there.
The **Accessible Housing Network (AHN)** is a non-partisan network working to support the human rights of persons with disabilities to end the extreme lack of accessible housing.

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