



Advocates call for universal design housing in “Catalogue” program

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Toronto. The Accessible Housing Network has called on Federal Minister of Housing Sean Fraser to mandate that all new housing built in the new "Catalogue" program, and all housing built under the National Building Code, be required to be Universal Design (accessible for people of all ages and abilities).

The Federal Housing Advocate Marie-Josée Houle has written to the minister making the same urgent recommendation.

“We receive requests for help from people desperately needing accessible housing, but we have nowhere to refer them”, says Kate Chung, co-founder of the Network. “Just today, we heard from a man with MS who is being evicted because the landlord is selling his home. There are people crawling on the floor because their wheelchairs will not fit through their door.”

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Accessible Housing Network supports recommendations of the Federal Housing Advocate

https://www.accessiblehousingnetwork.org/files/ugd/bf8caa_9301474a8b164954809a672453f4d8ba.pdf

Accessible Housing Network letter to Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities

https://www.accessiblehousingnetwork.org/files/ugd/bf8caa_3c85b9180dbf42deb42c7c503928dd88.pdf

Federal Housing Advocate's Open letter, Universal design and accessible housing

<https://www.housingchrc.ca/en/open-letter-universal-design-and-accessible-housing>

Government of Canada Housing Design Catalogue

Request for proposals <https://housing-infrastructure.canada.ca/housing-logement/design-catalogue-conception/index-eng.html>