

## Disability Consultations

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### Disability Consultations

The Minister responsible for Persons with Disabilities has planned a series of cross-country meetings to collect information on disability issues leading to new legislation. The cities and dates are now available (see below). For the exact time and locations, go to this web page and scroll down. <http://www.esdc.gc.ca/en/consultations/disability/legislation/index.page> I encourage you to attend if you can.

If you cannot attend any of the meetings, you can still submit your thoughts by mail, email or phone.

The National ME/FM Action Network has prepared a submission to the consultation process. You can read it [here](#) . Please remember that we are writing this from a national organization level. You might wish to make some of the same points, but you need to express them from your perspective.

Here are some questions to consider.

#### **For individuals:**

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Do you feel a sense of community belonging? What would give you a stronger sense of community belonging?

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What has been your experience accessing health care?

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What has been your experience accessing disability income benefits (LTD, CPP-D, DTC, provincial disability benefits, etc)?

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What has your experience been in accessing other accommodations – at work, school, community etc.?

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Are the benefits adequate?

### **For groups/organizations/professionals:**

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What has been the experiences of your members/clients on the questions above?

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What changes would make life easier for your members/clients?

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What would help you serve your members/clients better ?

Remember – the purpose of legislation is to help people with disabilities, so you should be able to draw a connection between what is being suggested for the legislation and what would help you or others with disabilities.

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**Note:** The federal government is more interested in matters that fall within federal jurisdiction than matters that fall within provincial jurisdiction. You should not have to be a constitutional expert to know what to say. If you have a point to make, say it, and let the government sort out who is responsible. Or contact us and we will suggest how to make this point with the federal government.

*Margaret*

Margaret Parlor  
President  
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### **Public Hearings:**

**Date**

**Province/ Territory**

**City**

Thursday, September 22nd

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Yukon

Whitehorse

Saturday, September 24th

Nunavut

Iqaluit

Monday, September 26th

Northwest Territories

Yellowknife

Wednesday, September 28th

Saskatchewan

Regina

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Monday, October 3rd

Manitoba

Winnipeg

Friday, October 7th

Alberta

Edmonton

Tuesday, October 11th

Ontario

Thunder Bay

Thursday, October 13th

Alberta

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Calgary

Thursday, October 20th

New Brunswick

Moncton

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Newfoundland

St. John's

Monday, November 7th

British Columbia

Victoria

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Thursday, November 10th

Quebec

Québec City

Wednesday, November 16th

Quebec

Montreal

Saturday, November 26th

British Columbia

Vancouver

Wednesday, November 30th

Ontario

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Ottawa

Thursday, December 8th

Prince Edward Island

Charlottetown

Friday, December 9th

Nova Scotia

Halifax

Wednesday, February 8th

Ontario

Toronto