

## Accessibility Notes for the Website DOLPHIN.CA

DOLPHIN.CA creates a user experience that is accessible for all individuals, including those with visual, mobility, and intellectual disabilities. The website layout is clear and the language is not complex.

DOLPHIN.CA used accessibility as a guiding principle in development, allowing for full accessibility at the root, instead of functionality added on top of an existing design.

Purposeful accessibility in the website structure allows for true accessibility and for the website to easily meet all AODA Information and Communication standards.

- AODA Information and Communication standards are based on the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 Level AA standard. DOLPHIN.CA meets all the criteria for this level and goes beyond to meet many of the criteria in Level AAA.

DOLPHIN.CA uses cascading style sheets (CSS) for website layout and structure. No tables or frames were used.

- The user can turn off cascading style sheets and still view the website in its entirety and correct order.

Users using screen reading technology like "JAWS" can access the website content in the preferred sequential order: "navigation, sub navigation, content, footer text" using the "z-index" property. Screen reading technology will also be able to access a "skip to content" link as the first feature read. This allows readers to circumvent the navigation and get right to the page content. This feature is not visible for sighted individuals.

All images are properly labeled with "alt text" providing descriptions when appropriate. Images that are for design or visual appeal only carry an empty alt text label. This allows users using screen reading technology to access relevant content only without getting slowed down by purely aesthetic elements.

Users are able to change text size without compromising the layout of the website.

All content is written in the accessible "Arial 14pt" font

DOLPHIN.CA provides adequate contrast between text and its background so that it can be read by people with moderately low vision.

## **What is in WCAG 2.0**

WCAG 2.0 is a stable, referenceable technical standard. It has 12 guidelines that are organized under 4 principles: perceivable, operable, understandable, and robust. For each guideline, there are testable success criteria, which are at three levels: A, AA, and AAA.

For a complete description of guidelines and success criteria visit <http://www.w3.org/TR/UNDERSTANDING-WCAG20/>