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RE: AASHE STARS Letter of Affirmation

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter serves as affirmation that the Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) meets the criteria for an innovation credit for AASHE STARS 2.2. This report is pertaining to Accessibility at NSCC and the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™ (RHFAC) Program.

As a designated RHFAC Professional, trained by the Rick Hansen Foundation at NSCC, I can confirm that NSCC is committed to providing meaningful access at all our campuses across the province and is paving the way for accessibility and inclusion in Nova Scotia. I personally certified our Irvy campus which received RHF Certification status on June 4th, 2019. While conducting the rating I was able to award many innovation points for innovative building features such as tv monitors for posting information and additional lockdown stations for emergency and medical assistance. I consistently work alongside senior management in the development of project plans to identify and remove barriers in order to improve access at our campuses. My work involves review and mark-up of construction drawings for new construction and renovations to ensure compliance with accessibility codes and standards.

The Nova Scotia Community College is a leader in accessibility by certifying one of only three RHF Accessibility Certified buildings in the province and the only institution in Atlantic Canada to offer the RHF Accessibility Assessor training course. Through certification of our first building and implementation of accessibility standards to all our buildings, we have set the stage for long-term success.

Sincerely,



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