



TECHNOLOGY FOR LIVING 2021 AGM WELCOME MESSAGE

As Premier of the Province of British Columbia and Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility, we are pleased to extend greetings to everyone participating in Technology for Living's Annual General Meeting.

Technology for Living was founded by people with disabilities to increase independence and reduce systemic barriers. Through the Technology for Independent Living Program, you provide critical voice-activated technology and environmental controls to support people with disabilities at home. Additionally, the Provincial Respiratory Outreach Program provides support to people who require assisted ventilation. These services have had a tremendous impact on members by reducing vulnerabilities and facilitating independence while promoting safety, activity, inclusion, mental wellness, and access to economic opportunities. The pandemic has only reinforced the need for safe and reliable health supports, and we thank you for the work you do to make people's lives better.

Our government aims to remove all types of barriers that exclude, discriminate against, or hinder people with disabilities, while also adhering to our commitment to the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* and the principle of "nothing about us without us." Earlier this year, following consultations with people with disabilities, advocates, business owners, Indigenous peoples, stakeholders and the public, the *Accessible British Columbia Act* was passed. We are proud to be implementing a law that will improve the lives of British Columbians with disabilities and create a more inclusive society for all.

Your many years of service have been much appreciated, and we wish you all the best for an inspiring and productive AGM.

HONOURABLE JOHN HORGAN
PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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