

## **Provincial Autism Action Plan Community Advisory Committee Frequently Asked Questions**

- What is the Autism Action Plan?
  - The Autism Action Plan is an historic commitment, made by our provincial government, to work with Autism Nova Scotia in establishing inclusive policy across all government departments to create equity for neurodiverse people throughout Nova Scotia. The goal of this policy work will be to create an effective, affordable, sustainable, and integrated service framework. This framework will support individuals at every stage of life—children, teens, and adults.
- Who can apply for the Community Advisory Committee (Autism Nova Scotia Advisory Committee)?
  - Applications for Committee Members will be open to Autistic Individuals, caregivers and certain related professionals across Nova Scotia.
  - Current Autism Nova Scotia staff are not eligible to apply.
- What does the Advisory Committee do?
  - The Committee will meet 4 – 5 times between July 2024 and March 2025 to review and provide feedback on the research, information gathered and final report draft.
- What is the time commitment for members?
  - Time commitment would be 4-5 hours around each meeting.
- Where will meetings be held?
  - Meetings will be virtual via Zoom, with one or two meetings in person.
- I have special needs and will need accommodations to attend meetings – will these be made available?
  - The meetings will be accessible/necessary accommodations will be provided to allow everyone to participate fully.
- Will I get paid as a member of the committee?
  - There will be an honorarium provided to members.
- How will members be selected once the applications are reviewed?
  - Once applications are received, they will be reviewed by the Project Team who will then select the top 20 - 25 applicants.
  - The top 20 - 25 applicants will then be reviewed by a selection committee who will select/finalize 10 Committee Members.