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Kory Earle appointed to the Canadian Accessibility Standards Development Organization

Winnipeg, MB, August 16, 2019 – People First of Canada (PFC) is proud to announce that our president, Kory Earle, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Canadian Accessibility Standards Development Organization (CASDO).

As part of the Accessible Canada Act, which received Royal Assent over the summer, CASDO will be a departmental corporation within the Department of Employment and Social Development. The board of directors will be responsible for setting the strategic direction of the new organization and advising the Chief Executive Officer on matters relating to CASDO's mandate.

"I'm very excited and honoured to be part of this board and the work we will be doing to make our country more accessible and inclusive," said Earle. "It's important to have the voice and experience of people with intellectual disabilities represented on this board."

The majority of board members of CASDO are people with disabilities, and they will represent the diversity of disabilities faced by Canadians. They will have numerous responsibilities including encouraging all relevant stakeholders and parties to develop and review accessibility standards and research into accessibility standards.

"This will be Canada's first-ever standards development organization exclusively dedicated to accessibility issues and being led by people with disabilities," said Shelley Fletcher, executive director of PFC. "Kory has a lot of knowledge and skills that he has developed through his work with PFC. He also has a lot of personal life experiences that will be very informative to this board," Fletcher said.

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People First of Canada is the national voice of people who have been labelled with an intellectual disability. The vision of People First is to see all citizens living equally in the community. For further information contact Shelley Fletcher, Executive Director for People First of Canada Phone: 204-784-7362 or by Email: sfletcher@peoplefirstofcanada.ca Find out more at www.peoplefirstofcanada.ca