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OWN has been a long-time advocate for affordable housing. Over the years of listening to women, we have come to realize that accessibility is as important as affordability for many women. The same may be true for many men, but our concern has been for women's needs.

We need to make some radical changes to the way we design new buildings. Hence, our initiative to promote universal design.

We are partnering with the Association of Design Professionals for Accessibility to tap into their expertise.

Our intention is to promote universal design in construction of all new multi-unit residential buildings amongst architects, developers, urban planners, policy makers, and politicians at all levels of government. Our goal is to make changes to the provincial building code. To this end we are planning an event for the fall of 2016.

Association of Design Professionals for Accessibility (ADPA) is a not for profit, unfunded, non-partisan organization of professionals in all segments of the design industry. Member share a common interest to help make buildings and all things designed fully inclusive for all people, including people with disabilities, going above and beyond what the laws require.

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