Accessibility protocols can be done

A couple of shout outs are in order. The first one may be controversial as it goes to Air Canada. We have all experienced airline travel with its tradition of poor customer service, long delays, long lines, and baggage that ends up in "Where?" while you wait at a carrousel in Prince George. As a blind traveler, I appreciate the efforts at Air Canada to assist me.

Firstly, I can take an "Attendant" with me paying only the taxes on the additional seat. Second, when arriving at the terminal, my "Attendant" and I are whisked through check in, moved swiftly to the security check. and, if timed perfectly, straight onto the plane for "priority boarding."

I need only provide my Canadian National Institute for the Blind ID number to book the seats. No additional doctor visits, documentation, or review by airline medical boards. Just my CNIB number and it's done. Perfect!

Next, a shout out goes to the village of Port Stanley Ont., a quiet fishing and sailing port with an emphasis on charm, hospitality with its tourism economy. Featuring a sprawling white sandy beach on the north shores of Lake Erie, this picturesque village is



a perfect weekend getaway with fabulous dining, accommodation packages at local B and B's and lazy afternoons shopping or laying about on the beach.

Take in the shows at The Port Stanley Festival Theatre. This small theatre has an accessibility policy for its patrons.

This document is a complete manifesto and shows the efforts even a small village can achieve to ensure inclusion. Here again, I provided my CNIB number to book and received two for one tickets to accommodate my "attendant."

At home I call my "Attendant" "Honey" as my "Attendant" is my lovely wife. She prefers "Honey" over "Attendant" believe you me!

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