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## Manitoba Possible and Province Launch Online Process for Accessible Parking Permits

A paperless way to apply for, renew, and replace parking tags.

(Winnipeg, MB – August 25, 2021) The Parking Permit Program, administered by Manitoba Possible (formerly the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities) on behalf of the Manitoba Infrastructure, has launched a new, online process for applying, renewing, and replacing the permits that allow Manitobans to park in accessible spots around the province.

The program, which provides both temporary and permanent permits to Manitobans who have difficulty walking more than 50 metres without the use of a mobility aid, has been serving thousands of Manitobans out of its main service centre at 1857 Notre Dame for over a decade.

Manitobans applying for an accessible parking permit are required to get a referral from a healthcare practitioner, who can guide them through the new online process that is available via the Manitoba Possible Parking Permit Program webpage. Healthcare practitioners will be directed to a fillable online application hosted on DocuSign, a secure signing service. The application process will connect applicants, their healthcare practitioner, and Manitoba Possible in a secure, verified digital process. For the first time, applicants will be able to pay for applications, renewals, and replacements online. Individuals who may need a parking permit must contact their healthcare provider to begin the application.

"Manitoba Possible is thrilled to be keeping up with the times and launching a simplified way for Manitobans and healthcare providers to be able to apply and renew accessible parking permits online. This will be a simple and efficient process that will eliminate the need to drive to our office to renew or apply for a permit if one chooses so." Director, Provincial Services (Adults), Monique Constant, shared.

Applications will remain in printable formats available on the <u>Parking Permit Program webpage</u> for Manitobans who may require paper applications or those who do not have an email address or a credit card. Service center locations, such as Manitoba Possible regional offices, Manitoba Public Insurance locations and municipal offices throughout the province, will be able to print applications for those who do not have access to technology.

Manitoba Infrastructure Minister Ron Shuler shared, "The Parking Permit Program helps many Manitobans every year and will now be more accessible thanks to the easy-to-use innovative online system developed by Manitoba Possible," said Schuler. "And a reminder to all motorists that you must respect the designated parking areas set aside for permit holders."

Healthcare providers and citizens interested in learning more about the accessible Parking Permit Program, eligibility and the newly launched online process can visit **manitobapossible.ca/parking-permits**. Manitobans who may need assistance or accommodations in completing the application, renewal or replacement may contact the Parking Permit Program at:

1857 Notre Dame Avenue Winnipeg, MB R3E 3E7

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Manitoba Possible was originally founded in 1950. Today, Manitoba Possible includes a head office and two locations in Winnipeg, as well as six regional offices throughout Manitoba, providing a diverse spectrum of programs and services

emphasizing choice and self-determination for thousands of children, youth and adults with disabilities and in the Deaf community throughout the province.

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