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For Immediate Release Kory Earle appointed to the Canadian Accessibility Standard Development Organization

People First Ontario Press Release

People First Ontario is an Advocacy group of People with Intellectual Disabilities as President of this organization I am honored to know Kory Earle, he is currently holding the Past President role on our Board. People First is honored that Kory has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Accessibility Standard Development Organization. People First of Ontario is extremely excited to have our past president elected to the board. This is an historic event that a person with an intellectual disability has been appointed to sit on the Board of the CASDO.

Kory Earle is the President of People First of Canada and holds a number of roles on local community committees. Kory has been an advocate for all people for many years, his focus has been for those who do not always have a voice.

Bill C-81, the Government of Canada's landmark accessibility legislation came into effect after royal assent from parliament on June 21, 2019. The CASDO will be a departmental corporation within the Department of Employment and Social Development. The board of directors are responsible for setting standards on the strategic direction of the new organization.

"I'm very excited to have this opportunity, to participate in the development of the standards that will help all Canadians for years to come, it is about working together that will help build a more inclusive Canada." Kory Earle

"I believe that everyone should have a voice, Kory is a role model for us all, he advocates for us to have our power to never back down in what you believe, his advocacy gives us the courage and power to be who we are and the strength to continue to tell our stories. He is a true role model for all of us never backs down in what he believes, giving us all something to fight for. "Jennifer Groul (People First President Northumberland) (People First of Ontario Central Representative.)

"I would like to congratulate my brother for what he has done and for what he has accomplished, he has and continues to do a great job, I wish him the very best for what ever is next. Again, congratulations to his appointment to the Board of the CASDO he will do an excellent job." Kyle Earle (President People First of Carleton Place and District.

"I congratulate Kory on this appointment, he has been an advocate for many years and I know that he will be a great advocate on CASDO board. Kory really knows the issues that people face who have a disability and I know that he will advocate for those issues. Kory has been an ambassador to people who have an intellectual disability throughout the world. I know he will do an awesome job in this new position." Stephanie Paul (President People First of Ontario.)

"Kory Earle is a great person he is an advocate for all people that have a struggle and is a voice for those who do not have a voice. He encourages everyone he meets to speak up and say what they need to say.

He recently was invited to the United Nation to talk about Health, Social Inclusion as well as Political Participation for people with Intellectual Disabilities. Kory is always there with a listening ear for all people that want to talk or get some help. He is certainly a person people can rely on to have their voices heard. It has been a pleasure working with Kory and I look forward to his future accomplishments." Alice-Anne Paterson Collinge (Independent Contractor People First of Ontario)

People First of Ontario is a provincial organization with a board of directors of people who have been labeled with an intellectual disability. The vision of People First is to be seen a people first. We strive for equality for all. For more information please contact Stephanie Paul at 705-775-4992 or email stephpaul.peoplefirst@gamil.com or Alice-Anne Paterson Collinge at 613-256-4952 or email: patercoll@xplornet.ca