

The Resilience recognition ceremony honoured two key leaders who have greatly improved policy and medical care for the multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS) community. Hosted by Rohini Peris, the awards celebrated the vital connection between national accessibility standards and specialized medicine.

Paul-Claude Bérubé, a lawyer and former president of Accessibility Standards Canada, was recognized for changing how the government views disability. He helped establish that barriers are not just physical, but also include the air we breathe. His work has successfully integrated environmental sensitivities into national human rights conversations, leading the way in creating new, specialized accessible housing standards for people with MCS.

Dr. Riina Bray, Medical Director of the Environmental Health Clinic at Women's College Hospital, was honoured for her dedicated patient care and clinical leadership. She runs one of Canada's few publicly funded environmental health clinics, providing essential care despite limited resources and a long three-year waitlist. In her acceptance speech, she said true health equity requires a shared commitment to clean air, water, and food, and she promised to keep fighting alongside advocates to prevent the suffering caused by environmental illness.