



Accessibility Advisory Committee Strategic Goals & Priorities

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Long-Term Goals:

“Enhance the dignity, choices and quality of life of residents living with a disability.”

“Create a welcoming and accessible environment for both residents of and visitors to Williams Lake.”

Priorities:

- Inform, educate and create awareness of disability issues in the community, including:
 1. Mobility;
 2. Agility;
 3. Hearing;
 4. Seeing;
 5. Speaking; and
 6. Mental;

as identified in the WHO (World Health Organization) classifications.

- Collaborate with the business community on ways they can help make Williams Lake more accessible for those with disabilities.
- Work with City departments and local organizations to increase awareness of disability issues in the community and increase an understanding of such in all parts of community endeavours and well-being.

Tasks:

- Annual ‘Accessibility Award of Merit’.
- Review of municipal on-street disabled parking map and snow and ice policy.
- Development / collection of informational ads and articles on disability issues.
- Annual report to City Council.

Projects:

- Introduction of the "Come on In" program to the City to aid accessibility in the downtown core.
 - Develop and work with the School District, TRU and Construction Association to complete a visitable and/or accessible house in Williams Lake.
 - Develop a list of local hotels/ motels identifying accessible features and amenities offered at each location.
 - Develop an information library of brochures, and information/ links to websites, documents and local organizations for persons with disabilities and businesses/residents to access.
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**This document is intended to be a living document, reviewed and updated annually, to guide the Accessibility Advisory Committee in meeting their mandate of working to remove the physical and social barriers which impede the full participation of persons with disabilities in all aspects of community life.*