

Accessible British Columbia Act Compliance

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Legislative Background

The Accessible British Columbia Act (ABCA) received royal assent on June 17, 2021, enabling the government to:

- establish a provincial accessibility committee;
- develop accessibility standards;
- recognize “AccessAblity” week;
- build the government’s feedback tool;
- develop the government’s accessibility plan; and
- develop regulations for “accessible organizations”

Legislative Direction

Compliance requires “accessible organizations” to have:

Compliance Means

1. an accessible committee;
updated terms of reference



2. an accessible plan; and
endorsed plan



3. a tool to receive feedback on accessibility.
tool established



Community Context: Health and Activity Limitations

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of District residents experienced a health and activity limitation (HAL) that affected their ability to participate in activities of daily living



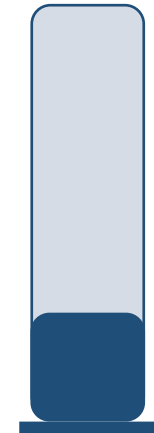
11,375 individuals out of a total population of 42,473



Almost **75%** of all individuals with HALs are **50 years and older**

Approximately, **25%** of the population aged 15 and over participating in the labour force are persons with HALs

Of these, approximately, **two thirds** are self employed, work from home, or work in West Vancouver, and approximately **one third** work elsewhere in the region



77% of working individuals travel to work in a vehicle as a passenger or driver, with only **13%** relying on the use of public transit

Identifying and Removing Barriers to Accessibility

North Shore Advisory Committee on Disabilities

- 5 roundtable meetings;
- understand perspectives from community experts on disabilities;
- identified current barriers and priority areas of focus; and
- identified and refined opportunities for actions to remove and prevent future barriers.

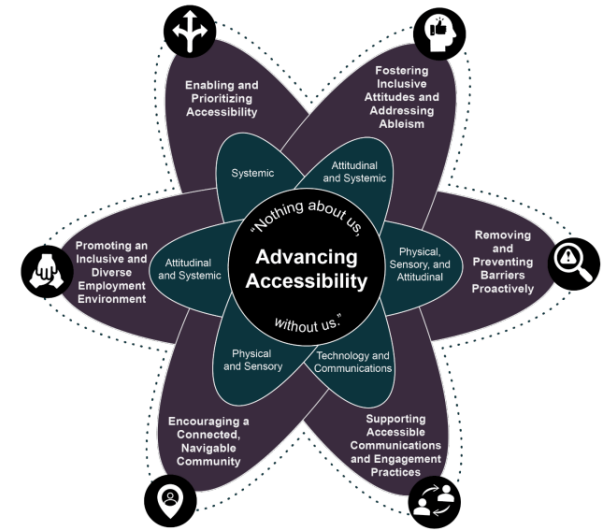
Interdivisional Staff Group

- 3 organizations across 10 departments;
- 5 cross-departmental workshops covering Corporate Services, Outdoor Spaces, Community Facilities, Police, & Library;
- identified successes and challenges in identifying, removing, and preventing barriers; and
- informed opportunities for action.

Accessibility Plan: Action Plan Framework

Barriers the plan aims to prevent:

1. Attitudinal;
2. Physical;
3. Information/Communications;
4. Systemic;
5. Technological; and
6. Sensory.



Accessibility areas the plan advances through actions:

1. Foster Inclusive Attitudes and Address Ableism;
2. Remove and Prevent Barriers Proactively;
3. Support Accessible Communications and Engagement Practices;
4. Encourage a Connected, Navigable Community;
5. Promote an Inclusive and Diverse Employment Environment; and
6. Enable and Prioritize Accessibility.

Implementation & Next Steps

- Convene and Operationalize Interdivisional Staff Group
 - integrate an implementation approach of:



- Update every three years to:
 - reflect progress;
 - evolving community needs; and
 - integrate future legislative requirements (i.e., pending provincial accessibility standards).

Thank You!
Questions?