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Subject: Upcoming information bulletin: The Accessibility Strategy – Phase 1 (July 19, 2022)

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please find below an information bulletin for The Accessibility Strategy – Phase 1.

With the passage of this item at today's Council meeting, the information bulletin will be issued today. There will be corresponding social media posts pointing the public toward the report.

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

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A more accessible Vancouver: First phase of Accessibility Strategy approved

City of Vancouver
Information bulletin
July 19, 2022

In its continued efforts to build a more inclusive and accessible city for persons with disabilities, Council has approved phase one of Vancouver's first Accessibility Strategy. More than one in five Vancouver residents live with a lifelong disability, and most people will experience some form of disability in their lifetime.

[Transforming Attitudes, Embedding Change](#) [LINK] is a call for action to build inclusive and accessible communities for all.

Phase one of the strategy identified 8 focus areas for the City and corresponding department action items. It strives to create a Vancouver in which residents with a disability have equitable access to City services and a voice in civic matters by establishing and maintaining inclusive services, programs and infrastructure and identifying, removing and preventing barriers.

To ensure people with disabilities guided the strategy, the City worked with the Accessibility Task Force and consulted representatives of Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee (PDAC) and Seniors Advisory Committee (SAC). The City also engaged community partners, including the Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of BC (AMSSA), Citizens for Accessible Neighbourhoods, Community Living BC, Developmental Disabilities Association, MOSAIC, Wavefront Centre for Communication Accessibility and residents.

Phase two of the Accessibility Strategy will include:

- Broad community engagement;
- Creating and establishing an Accessibility Committee; and,
- Developing an ongoing monitoring and evaluation structure, which will include a public feedback process.

[Read the Council report \[LINK\]](#) and learn about the City's 8 focus areas. [Read the plain language report \[LINK\]](#) here.

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