



Office of the Mayor
CITY OF VANCOUVER
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Proclamation

"INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES"

- WHEREAS** The City of Vancouver is dedicated to treating everyone fairly and working toward equity;
- AND WHEREAS** Every person in Vancouver deserves the right to reach their full potential without facing unfair treatment because of their gender, sexual orientation, disability, race, colour, national or ethnic origin, and should always be able to live with dignity, respect, and peace;
- AND WHEREAS** The United Nations declared December 3rd as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in 1992 and the theme for 2023 is "United in action to rescue and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals for, with and by persons with disabilities";
- AND WHEREAS** The City of Vancouver is thankful to the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee members who have guided us in making Vancouver more accessible and inclusive while breaking down barriers for people with disabilities;
- AND WHEREAS** Vancouver City Council unanimously approved Phase One of Vancouver's first Accessibility Strategy, "Transforming Attitudes, Embedding Change" on July 19th, 2022;
- AND WHEREAS** The City of Vancouver is grateful to the Accessibility Task Force for their guidance and support in the development of this Strategy;
- AND WHEREAS** The City of Vancouver will work with our newly formed Accessibility Committee to oversee the implementation of the Accessibility Strategy, "Transforming Attitudes, Embedding Change";
- AND WHEREAS** Through the implementation of this Strategy, the City of Vancouver will work together to ensure our communities are open and accessible, allowing people with disabilities to have equal access and a say in civic matters, and the Strategy is a call to action to make sure people with disabilities are a priority and feel valued, respected, and welcomed in City policies, procedures, programs, and service:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Sim, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, on behalf of Vancouver City Council DO HEREBY PROCLAIM December 3rd, 2023, as

"INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES"

in the City of Vancouver.

Ken Sim
MAYOR

