



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Accessibility Plan

Presentation to Board of Directors

June 26, 2024



Outline

- Introductions
- Accessible BC Act
- Project objectives and process
- Public engagement
- Review draft Accessibility Plan actions
- Discussion



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Accessible BC Act



- Passed into law June 2021.
- Goal is to remove barriers for British Columbians with disabilities in civic and social life.
- The Act requires certain entities, including municipalities, to prepare and publish Accessibility Plans.

Guiding Principles for Plans:

- Self-determination
- Universal Design
- Inclusion
- Adaptability
- Diversity
- Collaboration



Goals

One Accessibility Plan with a series of recommendations that:



Reflects the needs and priorities of community members and endorsed by the Accessibility Advisory Committee.



Is specific to the municipality while being aligned with the region and its commitments.



Meets Accessible BC Act obligations and best practices.



Provides a pragmatic and principled path to improve accessibility.



Methodology

- Public consultations (survey)
- Three engagements with the Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Document review
- Staff roundtables
- Best practices
- Opportunity identification and analysis



Public Survey Results Overview

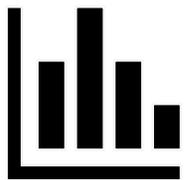


Number of respondents: 108

Respondents with disabilities: 27

Respondents close to someone with a disability: 32

Almost half of responses came from people ages 31-54



Major themes:

- Municipal facilities and infrastructure (municipal buildings)
- Outdoor spaces (parks and pathways)
- Attitudes and perceptions (customer service at municipal facilities)
- Transportation infrastructure (sidewalks and parking)



Draft Plan

Commitments in:

- Services (including emergency services)
- Employment
- Information and Communications
- Transportation
- Buildings, Infrastructure, and Public Spaces
- Procurement
- Increasing Awareness and Reducing Attitudinal Barriers *

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