



Help Us Make Victoria More Accessible – Apply to be Part of New Accessibility Advisory Committee

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VICTORIA, BC – Want to help make Victoria more accessible? The City of Victoria is looking for people with accessibility challenges or lived experience to serve on its new Accessibility Advisory Committee for a one-year term.

Take the opportunity to make recommendations to Council on a range of initiatives to make Victoria a more accessible and inclusive community.

The new Accessibility Advisory Committee will be comprised of up to nine voting members of the public appointed by Council and will meet once every three months. Membership to the Committee will be limited to people with accessibility challenges or lived experience with developmental, pain-related, flexibility, mobility, mental-health-related, seeing, hearing, dexterity, learning and memory challenges.

Candidates with accessibility challenges or lived experience may also represent a broad range of under-served and equity seeking groups such as, but not limited to: Indigenous Peoples, faith-based groups, LGBTQ, newcomers, new Canadians, persons living in poverty, people of diverse ethnic or cultural origin, seniors, women and youth.

In 2015, the Accessibility Working Group was established to support the development of a Framework for accessibility and inclusion in the City of Victoria. With the Accessibility Framework now adopted, the City is transitioning to a new Accessibility Advisory Committee, which can include up to two returning members of the Accessibility Working Group to ensure continuity and knowledge transfer.

Close to 19,000 Victoria citizens live with one or more disabilities. This means approximately one in five people over the age of 15 are impacted by the level of accessibility in Victoria. The City of Victoria is committed to making itself a more inclusive community through its Accessibility Framework.

The deadline to apply to serve on the Accessibility Advisory Committee is **Wednesday, November 25, 2020**. For more information, visit: victoria.ca/committees.

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