

Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako PRESS RELEASE

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Bulkley-Nechako Joint Accessibility Plan Approved

Burns Lake, B.C. – The Bulkley-Nechako Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee is pleased to announce that it has approved the first version of its Accessibility Plan. The Plan is available for download on the <u>Accessibility Committee webpage here</u>.

The Bulkley-Nechako Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee is a committee of volunteers with lived experience of disability or with experience in a disability-serving role. The mandate of the Committee is:

- To advise all participating Councils and Boards in the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako of the need to establish, develop and maintain equitable policies, services and facilities for persons with disabilities, including, but not limited to: transportation; housing; employment; education; and recreation.

- To provide an opportunity for public input on accessibility issues affecting people with disabilities.

- To identify barriers to services and facilities encountered by people with disabilities, and partner with local councils and agencies to address them.

- To promote initiatives that foster active living, and the full participation of people with disabilities in their communities.

The Accessibility Plan will be provided to all Partner Organizations to guide the work they are doing to improve access to their services and infrastructure.

"We are very proud of what the Committee has accomplished so far. We look forward to the ongoing work of ensuring all residents can equally participate and access services in our communities." – Judy Greenaway, Chair, Bulkley-Nechako Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee

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