

Accessibility in the City of Nanaimo

March 14, 2016

Regular Committee of the Whole
2016-MAR-14
Presentation - John Van Horne



Planning

- Official Community Plan.
- Apply requirements of the British Columbia Building Code (BCBC).
- Existing buildings undergoing a change of use.
- Development Parking Regulations Bylaw.
- Zoning Bylaw.



Parking/Bylaw Enforcement

- Marked stalls in off-street parking areas.
- Designated spaces reserved on street where parking restrictions in place.
- Elevator service at parkades.
- Multiple handicap stalls, wheelchair access to sidewalks.
- No penalty for overtime parking (must display valid placard).



Engineering

- Ongoing programs
 - Touch sensitive traffic signal buttons.
 - Audible signals at signalized intersections.
- Investigating future opportunities
 - Smoother sidewalk joints to reduce jarring of scooters and motorized wheelchairs.
 - Scoring to reduce grades provide positive guidance for visually impaired.



Information Technology

- Work with Human Resources on accommodation requests (often a technology component).
- Website redesign underway.
 - Web Content Accessibility Guidelines “AA” level or better.
 - Public Web Map should achieve this level as well.



Human Resources

- Respond to accommodation requests from existing employees.
- Lift at City Hall.
- Specific testing accommodation requests.

A decorative graphic at the top of the slide consisting of several overlapping, wavy lines in various shades of blue, creating a sense of movement and depth.

Parks, Recreation & Environment

- Specialized programming options.
- Inclusive programming options.
- Lifts into hot tubs; accessible saunas and steam rooms.
- Hand railings in change rooms and on pool decks.
- Water wheelchairs – no rental fee.
- Free admission for aides.