

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBILITY

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Mayor and Council City of Prince George 1100 Patricia Boulevard Prince George, BC V2L 4V9

RE: Access Awareness Day

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Advisory Committee on Accessibility supports the identification, removal, and prevention of physical and social barriers that impede the full participation of all citizens in every aspect of community life in the City of Prince George. In previous years, the committee supported events and activities in the community to promote Access Awareness Day including information booths and opportunities to try mobility devices in a controlled setting.

The theme for 2022's Access Awareness Day is "Accessibility is Inclusion." The City of Prince George has already begun to envelop inclusivity through its Age-Friendly Strategy. The Committee encourages the City to continue to seek avenues to promote community-wide inclusivity including consideration of things such as additional accessible housing, ensuring accessible infrastructure, and continuing to review and evaluate internal procedures and policies to ensure universal accessibility.

The committee is undertaking planning for an event to promote Access Awareness Day in <u>2023</u> and in advance of that event will be inviting Mayor and Council to join the committee and participate in a variety of activities. Council and the community at large are encouraged to participate in events taking place in Prince George in 2022 including Red Shirt Day at the University of Northern British Columbia on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Thank you for your ongoing support of accessibility in Prince George and we look forward to celebrating the municipality's increasing inclusivity and universal accessibility with you.

Sincerely,

The Advisory Committee on Accessibility