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Hi, can this item below, please be included as correspondence on the agenda for next Thursday's Advisory committee meeting. Just so they aware of it.

Thanks,

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Morning, In my role as the Council member on the Advisory committee on Accessibility and Inclusion, I thought I would forward this new addition of a **fully Accessible stage at the Knox Performance centre downtown at 1448 5th ave.**

First of it's kind in Prince George and it will featured in a news story on CKPG-TV later today. The Knox Performance centre at Trinity United Church host a number of live show thru the year with the new season kicking off in September of this year.

Below, is some info from the story that reporter Cherly Jahn did on CKPG TV. A positive step on the Accessibility and Inclusion journey in our city!

So we now have the the first as far as I know, the only fully artist accessible stage in the city. So with some help from the B.C. Tourism Council, B.C. Arts Council, Prince George Community Foundation, and the folks at Trinity United, we bought a platform lift.

That means the artists can go on to the lift, or anyone who needs access to the stage ,and just go on to the lift, hit a button up and they go off onto the stage and vice versa, and it's portable. So if we needed one side or the other needed in the front or in theory, if we wanted to take it somewhere else, we could also do that.

So that was stage one of our accessibility project. The second stage is to add a hearing assist device to it different than some of the other ones in town. Ours is going to be digital, so we'll be able to do multiple

channels. So if you want to hear something, say and just words but descriptive of a play, then we'll be able to do that on a different channel than what you hear from the stage.

Again, a portable system works with digital devices as well, not just specific hearing aids, but you know, you can connect to it by an app on your phone if you want to ear wear earbuds because you're hearing is not that way that you need permanent hearing assist, but you can use a little extra or you're in denial of the fact that you should have permanent ones.