

CAREFREE SOCIETY

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Carefree Service



- **Acknowledgements**
- **History, Context**
- **Transportation – Health & Social Service – Non-Profit Sectors**
- **Accessible BC Act, Proclamations, Practices**



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Purposes:

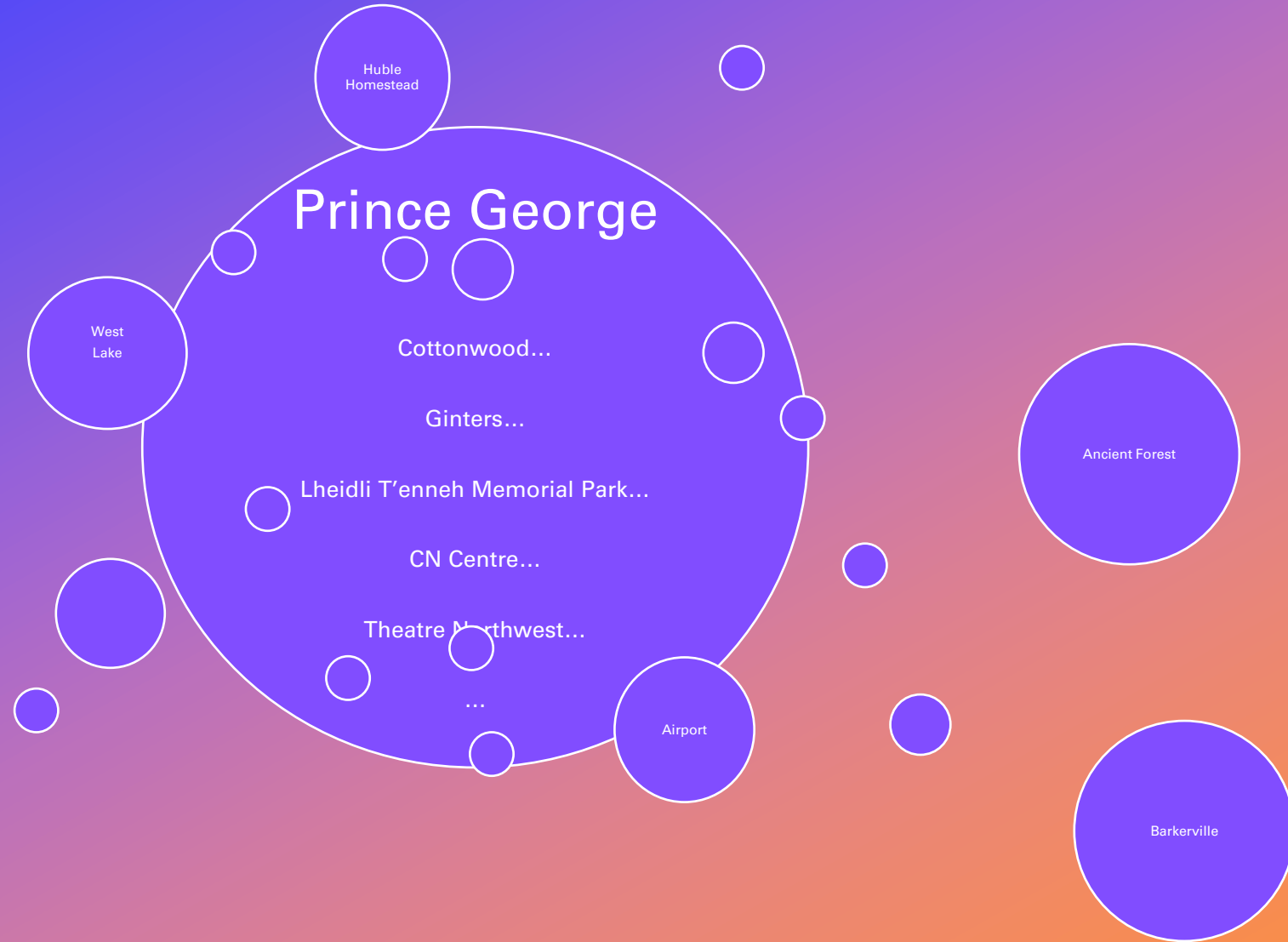
- Support in principle
- Ideas, partnership
- Financial support

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Accessible & Inclusive Transportation

*Embedding people in the
process*

- In and around Prince George service:
 - On-demand.
 - Destinations based on demand.
 - No duplication: after hours, peak hours, no certain pick up time.
 - Potential for scheduling specific destinations (vs. on-demand).
 - Scheduled group events.
 - People-first approach
 - Specialized service & supports
 - Regional:
 - Ancient Forest / Chun T'oh Whudujut Park (Scheduled)
 - Barkerville (Scheduled)
 - Alternative regional destinations.
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Data & Rationale

- Prince George & area: 20k to 25k of population includes people with abilities & mobility challenges.
 - Room for serving gaps.
 - People isolated from or ineligible for specialized services.
 - Destinations with uncertain pickup times.
- Periphery: Portion of 13k population.
 - Expressed need, wanting to access services.
- Needs: Ability, affordability, location, destinations

Benefits of the Carefree Service

- Access to nature... benefits
- Reduce isolation
- Social inclusion
- Reduce anxiety and depression
- Reduce confusion
- Reduce stigma

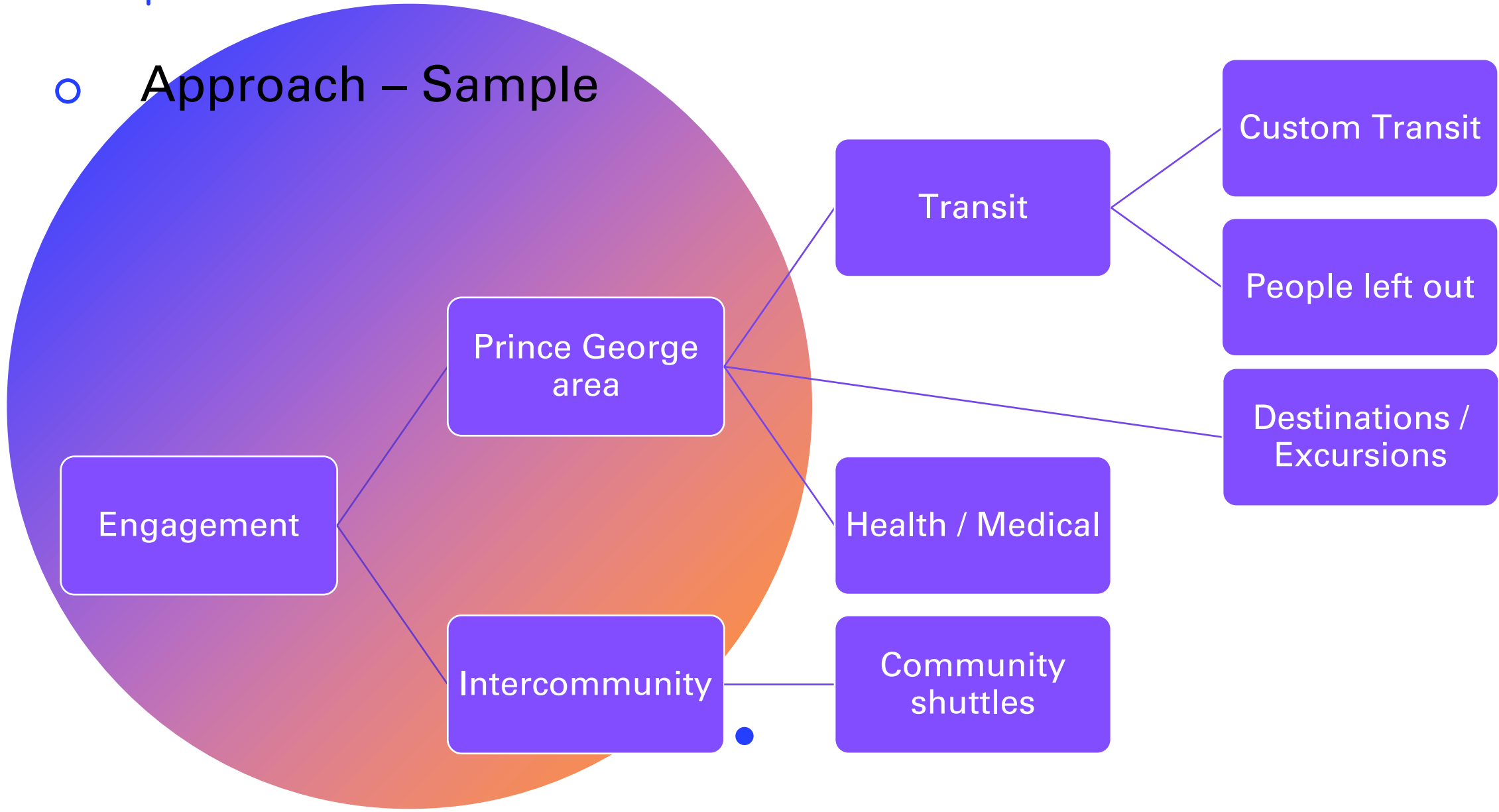


Accessible BC Act as a framework for best practice...

- Identify, remove and prevent barriers to accessibility
 - Implement a universal design approach...
 - Embed people in the process.
 - Easier to adapt and respond (with capacity) at community level
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○ Approach – Sample



Additional Remarks

- Planning advancing
 - Organization set up to deliver
 - Ongoing Community Outreach:
 - Gathering input on all aspects of service,
 - Identifying riders...
 - Develop, deliver and improve services:
 - Partner arrangements
 - Support program
 - Training
 - Keep removing barriers through:
 - Capacity
 - Ways on learning & putting into practice
 - Separate accountabilities by jurisdiction while making services seamless.
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Questions