



Richmond Centre for Disability

Maximizing Independence

NATIONAL ACCESSABILITY WEEK (NAAW) **A CELEBRATION AND MEDIA CONFERENCE**

JUNE 3, 2022, FRIDAY, 1 PM – 2 PM at RCD

AGENDA

12:30 PM Art Show & Social Gathering

1:00 PM Program Starts

- Welcome (MC: Ella Huang, RCD Executive Director)
- City of Richmond's Proclamation of National AccessAbility Week (Andy Hobbs, Acting Mayor, City of Richmond)
- Presentation of Appreciation Plaque to City of Richmond (Renee Leung, RCD Board Chair)



1:20 PM Inclusion Thru' Employment – RCD's Virtual Conference on May 31(Recap)

Inclusion Thru' Sports – Champions in Removing Barriers

- Wilson Tam (RCD Participant)
- Emily De Boer (RCD Board Member)
- Vince Miele (Accessibility Advocate)

1:45 PM Launch of RCD 2022 Fundraising Campaign – The Joy of Giving (Penny Chan, RCD Board Vice Chair)

- Arts Sale
- Thrift Store
- Ice-cream Fundraiser
- Great Canada Giving Challenge through CanadaHelps (June 2022)
- RCD's Got Talent Online Fundraising Concert (October 21, 2022)
- Together We Care Fundraising Dinner (December 2, 2022)

2:00 PM Event Ends

- Group Photo
- Refreshments

NAAW Backgrounder

Imagine a Canada where no one is left out, a Canada that does not just accommodate disability, but one that is disability inclusive from the start. That is the Canada we are creating – for EVERYONE!

May 29 to June 4, 2022 is National AccessAbility Week (NAAW). Purpose of this event is to:

- celebrate the valuable contributions and leaderships of Canadians with disabilities
- highlight the work of individuals, organizations and communities who are removing barriers
- reflect on our ongoing efforts to become a better, more accessible, more disability inclusive Canada

The theme for this year's National AccessAbility Week is ***“Inclusive from the Start”***.

This year also marks the 25th annual Access Awareness Day celebrated by British Columbians! The theme for this year's Access Awareness Day is “Accessibility Is Inclusion”. The Richmond Centre for Disability (RCD) has adopted this theme to draw attention to the fact that when we focus on addressing issues of accessibility in our communities, we are also creating opportunities to build true inclusion.

On May 31, RCD hosted a virtual conference – Inclusion Thru' Employment to kick start the celebration. On June 3, they will highlight Inclusion Thru' Sports to showcase champions who have successfully removed barriers in different sport arenas.

Celebrate National AccessAbility Week (NAAW)
Richmond Centre for Disability RCD

Create Opportunities to Build True Inclusion

Virtual Conference
Inclusion Thru Employment
“Can I Start Tomorrow?”

Tue. May 31, 2022, 11AM – 3PM
Zoom ID: 302 841 5008 Passcode: naaw2022

Everyone Welcome
Job Seekers, Employed Support Network, General Public
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PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: May 30, 2022



PROCLAMATION BY THE CITY OF RICHMOND: NATIONAL ACCESSABILITY WEEK (MAY 29 – JUNE 4, 2022) A CELEBRATION AND MEDIA CONFERENCE

[Richmond, B.C. May 30] – Join the Richmond Centre for Disability (RCD) for a celebration of the 2022 National AccessAbility Week (NAAW) and to acknowledge the proclamation of NAAW by the City of Richmond.

Date: Friday, June 3, 2022

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Location: 842-5300 No. 3 Road, Lansdowne Centre, Richmond

NAAW takes place from May 29 to June 4, 2022 and this year RCD aims to dedicate the week to accessibility and inclusion in our communities, with the theme “Inclusive from the Start.” Moreover, the week has been proclaimed as “National AccessAbility Week” in the City of Richmond, by Mayor Malcolm Brodie.

“The City of Richmond is proactively advancing accessibility and inclusion throughout all aspects of community life,” remarks Chairwoman of RCD Board of Directors, Renee Leung. “We are honoured to have Andy Hobbs, Acting Mayor of the City of Richmond, to come and share the excitement of this proclamation by acknowledging the work of RCD with a presentation, and also to celebrate the valuable contributions of Canadians with disabilities.”

Ella Huang, RCD Executive Director adds, “During this event, we wish to highlight and compliment the work of individuals with disabilities who work hard to remove barriers in order to pursue their dreams, and we will invite several of these individuals to speak about their achievements. We are also proud to present an Art Show with paintings donated to us by our members and volunteers which will showcase the talents of persons with disabilities.”

The event is open to everyone. Speakers include: Wilson Tam (RCD participant and Special Olympic Gold Medal Winner), Emily De Boer (RCD Board member and member of Athletics Canada High Performance Women Team), Vince Miele (RCD Board member and BC Provincial Wheelchair Curling Championship Team). There will also be introductions about RCD's various events during this year, plus an announcement of the Special Performing Artist of the Fundraising Gala in December!

About Richmond Centre for Disability (RCD):
RCD is a not-for-profit, disability-led and community-based organization, providing service to all communities on disability issues. Their mission is to create opportunities to empower people of all abilities to participate confidently with dignity in their community and achieve independence to their fullest capabilities. We offer a friendly environment to provide information, resources, training and support, as well as increase public awareness and promote universal accessibility”.

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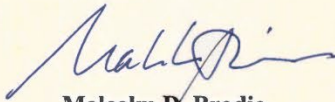
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** National AccessAbility Week is part of a nationwide effort to bring awareness to and advocate for accessibility and inclusion in Canada; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Richmond is committed to advancing accessibility and inclusion throughout all aspects of community life and to raise awareness of the critical need for accessibility and inclusion in our communities and workplaces; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Richmond acknowledges that people with disabilities still face barriers in these spaces, and understands that the effort to create a fully accessible society is ongoing; and
- WHEREAS,** National AccessAbility Week is an opportunity to celebrate the valuable contributions of Canadians with disabilities, and to recognize the efforts of individuals, communities, and workplaces that are actively working to remove barriers to accessibility and inclusion.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Malcolm D. Brodie, as MAYOR of the City of Richmond, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of May 29 – June 4, 2022, as,

“NATIONAL ACCESSABILITY WEEK”

in the City of Richmond



Malcolm D. Brodie
MAYOR