

OVERVIEW OF BURNABY ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BACKGROUND

The Burnaby Access Advisory Committee (BAAC) was established in 1988 to provide advice and direction to the City of Burnaby on accessibility and inclusion issues. The Committee is comprised of Burnaby residents, supported by City staff that coordinate meetings and facilitate the Committee's work program. Some citizen members are also members of organizations representing people with disabilities.

MANDATE

- To make the City more inclusive for all citizens, especially persons with disabilities, by addressing the physical, social and attitudinal barriers which impede their full participation in all aspects of community life;
- To provide staff with advice about the development of City policies and programs to ensure that the needs of persons with disabilities and other citizens with access requirements are considered;
- To assist staff in identifying priority accessibility improvements to City facilities, through deliberation on disbursements from an annual civic Access Improvement Fund;
- To organize annual Access Awareness Day observance in Burnaby; and
- To organize annual United Nations International Day of Disability observance in Burnaby.

For more information, or to find out how you can join, please email socialplanning@burnaby.ca or call 604-294-7421.