

National AccessAbility Week - May 28 to June 3

Each year, starting on the last Sunday in May, Canadians celebrate National AccessAbility Week; this year from May 28 to June 3. Established in 2017, National Accessibility Week celebrates and highlights some of the important initiatives aimed at creating an accessible Canada. The week is an opportunity to celebrate Canadians with disabilities and raise awareness of the critical need for accessibility and inclusion in our communities and workplaces. The City of Parksville is pleased to mark National Accessibility Week, dedicated to the celebration and inclusion of people of all abilities.

National AccessAbility Week is an opportunity to:

- Celebrate the valuable contributions and leadership of Canadians with disabilities
- Highlight the work of people, organizations and communities that are removing barriers
- Reflect on ongoing efforts to become a better, more accessible, more inclusive Canada

To recognize National AccessAbility Week, the City of Parksville's Accessibility Advisory Committee has launched a new section on the City's engagement platform, <u>Let's Talk Parksville</u>, with information about the purpose of the committee and the need for an accessibility plan, a first step in identifying how we can improve accessibility going forward. This site is also an opportunity to ask questions and share ideas and where you can let us know about an accessibility challenge or barrier you may have encountered.

Your input will help us develop our accessibility plan. The community can participate by reporting barriers on Let's Talk Parksville, or by emailing accessibility@parksville.ca.

Resources:

<u>Government of Canada</u> <u>Rick Hansen Foundation</u> Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work

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