



**Council Member Motion
For the Council Meeting of February 11, 2016**

Date: February 9, 2016

From: Councillors Loveday and Isitt

Subject: AVICC Resolution: Legislation and Action for a Barrier-Free BC

Recommendation:

That Council forward the following resolution to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) for consideration at the 2016 annual meeting of the association, and that the resolution also be sent to AVICC member local governments encouraging favourable consideration and resolutions of support:

Resolution: Legislation and Action for a Barrier-Free BC

WHEREAS British Columbians with disabilities encounter a variety of physical, sensory and technological barriers as well as ones related to communication, education, employment, attitudes and many others on a daily basis;

AND WHEREAS The Government of British Columbia launched a non-mandatory, non-legislated initiative entitled "Accessibility 2024" in 2014 with the goal of making BC the most progressive province in Canada for people with disabilities by the year 2024;

AND WHEREAS both the Province of Ontario and the Province of Manitoba have enacted disability legislation with the Province of Nova Scotia working toward the introduction and enactment of disability legislation in 2016;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities believes it is important to achieve a barrier-free province for all persons with disabilities and calls upon BC's Legislative Assembly to enact a strong and effective British Columbians with Disabilities Act.

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Loveday

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Councillor Isitt