



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

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Date: February 9, 2016

From: Councillors Loveday and Isitt

Subject: Support for a Barrier-Free BC

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**Recommendation:**

That Council adopt the following resolution and direct staff to forward a copy to the Premier of 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 Federal Government of Canada is working toward the goal of enacting a Canadians with Disabilities Act which will require goods, services and facilities which come under their jurisdiction to be accessible to all persons with disabilities;

AND WHEREAS a Canadians with Disabilities Act will only apply to goods, services and facilities made available through Federal Ministries and federally funded programs with no ability to apply a similar requirement on goods, services or facilities made available through provincial governments or provincially regulated businesses;

AND WHEREAS the Government of British Columbia launched a non-mandatory; non-legislated initiative entitled "Accessibility 2024" on June 16 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;

AND WHEREAS our organization endorses the thirteen principles upon which a British Columbians with Disabilities Act should be based as we believe it is important to achieve a barrier-free province for all persons with disabilities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Victoria formally supports the Barrier-Free BC movement that is calling upon BC's Legislative Assembly to enact a strong and effective British Columbians with Disabilities Act.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Loveday".

Councillor Loveday

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Isitt".

Councillor Isitt

Attachment: Principles for a Barrier-Free BC