



social planning & research council of british columbia
4445 Norfolk Street, Burnaby, BC, V5G 0A7
T: 604-718-7733, 1-888-718-7794
www.sparc.bc.ca

May 04, 2022

Dear Mayor and Council;

RE: Please Join Us in Celebrating Access Awareness Day on June 4, 2022

The year 2022 would mark the 25th annual Access Awareness Day celebrated by British Columbians! Access Awareness Day provides an opportunity for communities to come together to celebrate their successes and show what it means to be truly accessible and inclusive for everyone. Access Awareness Day also falls within National AccessAbility Week which is celebrated from May 29th to June 4th, 2022. National AccessAbility Week is designed to celebrate and recognize the contributions that individuals living with disabilities make in their communities every day.

The theme for this year's Access Awareness Day is "Accessibility Is Inclusion". We have 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.

Enclosed is a copy of our Access Awareness Day poster for this year. We recognize that many communities no longer have a practice of passing proclamations and therefore welcome your participation in other ways. For example, you may wish to access our small grant funding of \$500 to host an Accessibility Event in your community to highlight some of the ways your community is working to make accessibility a reality.

Please reflect on different ways your community can join the conversation. We appreciate your efforts in creating an accessible and inclusive community where everyone can share their talents, experiences, and abilities in real and meaningful ways.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with you and others in your community to show that by investing in accessibility and believing in the community the possibilities are limitless.

Thank you for the role that you play every day in making this vision a reality!

Sincerely,

Lorraine Copas
Executive Director, SPARC BC



SPARC BC acknowledges that our office is located on the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən̓q̓əmiṇəm and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples. They have been custodians of this land for thousands of years and we would like to pay our respect to the Elders and Knowledge keepers both past and present. We are grateful for the opportunity to be on this shared territory.