Provincial VisitAble Housing Resource List

British Columbia

	Professionals Housing professionals who have knowledge, skills and/or experience in VisitAble Housing. **_If available, provide the contact information._** (e.g. homebuilders, architects, contractors, designers, realtors, accessibility consultants)
1	**Brad McCannell** **Affiliation:** Founder and president of Canadian Barrier Free Design Inc. (CBFD) **Region:** Vancouver, British Columbia **Contact Information:** (604) 838-6927 info@barrierfreedesign.ca **Involvement in VisitAbility/Universal Design:** In 1990, Brad formed Canadian Barrier Free Design Inc. (CBFD) to fill the gap between the application of the building code and the real needs of the community of persons with disabilities. He has extensive experience in developing the entire accessible environment including retrofitting existing facilities, new construction planning, employee training as well as developing tools for human resource management as it relates to people with disabilities. He is the Access Consultant on several large British Columbia projects including the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project, the re-development of the Vancouver International Airport, and the Skytrain rapid transit system.
2	**Taizo Yamamoto** **Affiliation:** Yamamoto Architecture Inc. http://yamamotoarchitecture.com/ **Region:** Vancouver, British Columbia **Contact Information:** (604) 731-1127 TYARCH@SHAW.CA **Involvement in VisitAbility/Universal Design:** The company built convertible town houses in Richmond, which have special design to allow for accommodation of future elevator in a town house setting.
3	**Tom Parker** **Affiliation:** Richmond Centre for Disability, accessibility consultant, long time involvement with CMHC Research Division **Region:** Vancouver, British Columbia **Contact Information:** (778) 317-5545 toppaf@shaw.ca **Involvement in VisitAbility/Universal Design:** Tom worked for 11 years as the Senior Researcher with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's Research Division in Ottawa with focus on housing needs and solutions for persons with disabilities and seniors. Currently he is appointed to the City of Richmond's Advisory Design Panel, representing the Richmond Centre for Disability. He had been on a number of national and provincial Building Code and barrier-free design committees.

	Organizations & Programs Government, non-government organizations, private businesses, and/or their programs that has information or expertise about VisitAble Housing. ***If available, provide the contact information.***
1	**Richmond VisitAbility Task Force** **Affiliation:** Part of the CCDS VisitAbility Project, Task Force Coordinator – Richmond Centre for Disability **Region:** Richmond & Metro Vancouver, British Columbia **Contact Information:** http://www.accessrichmond.ca/VisitAbilityWeb/index.asp **Involvement in VisitAbility/Universal Design:** Starting November 2013, the Task Force was established with a goal to incorporate multi-stakeholder perspectives to the task force and promote visitAble housing to offer basic home access to everyone
2	**Home Adaptations for Independence (HAFI) program** **Affiliation:** BC Housing **Region:** British Columbia **Contact Information:** http://www.bchousing.org/Options/Home_Renovations **Involvement in VisitAbility/Universal Design:** The Home Adaptations for Independence (HAFI) program provides financial assistance to help eligible low-income seniors and people with disabilities in British Columbia to continue to live in the comfort of their home.
3	**Accessible Housing BC** **Affiliation:** Spinal Cord Injury BC **Region:** British Columbia **Contact Information:** http://sci-bc.ca/resource-centre/accessible-housing-bc/ InfoLine 1 800 689 2477 **Involvement in VisitAbility/Universal Design:** Accessible Housing BC is a free housing listing service designed to help you rent, buy or sell housing with accessible features in British Columbia.

	Policies & Legislation Provincial or municipal policies and legislation directly or indirectly pertaining to VisitAble Housing (e.g., building code, bylaws, standards, accessibility guide)
1	**Name of Policy/Legislation:** 2014 Building By-Law (Vancouver) **Adopted:** 2013 **Features:** The City wants all new single-family, townhouse and laneway homes to meet minimum accessibility standards. **Building by-law:** http://former.vancouver.ca/ctyclerk/cclerk/20130924/documents/rr1.pdf
2	**Name of Policy/Legislation:** Amendments to Zoning By-Law (Richmond, British Columbia) **Adopted:** June 2012 **Features:** This amendment harmonized the City of Richmond's Basic Universal Housing Features requirement in the bylaw to the new Provincial Adaptable Housing Standards in the BC Building Code (2012) **Zoning by-law:** http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/Universal_Housing_CNCL_0709201233343.pdf
3	**Name of Policy/Legislation:** Amendments to Zoning By-Law (Richmond, British Columbia) **Adopted:** April 2011 **Features:** This amendment harmonized the City of Richmond's Basic Universal Housing Features requirement in the bylaw to the new Provincial Adaptable Housing Standards in the BC Building Code (2010) **Zoning by-law:** http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/BasicUniversalHousing_PLN_05031130346.pdf
4	**Name of Policy/Legislation:** New Adaptable Housing Standards in the BC Building Code **Adopted:** 2010 **Features:** The standards are a combination of existing accessibility requirements in the BC Building Code and the highlighted Code requirements **Building by-law:** http://www.housing.gov.bc.ca/building/code/access_summary.htm
5	**Name of Policy/Legislation:** Amendments to Zoning By-Law (Saanich, British Columbia) **Adopted:** November 2003 **Features:** This Amendment requires that most newly-constructed apartment buildings and seniors' congregate care facilities be built to include Basic Adaptable Housing standards. **Zoning By-law:** (Mandatory) http://www.saanich.ca/business/adaptable/pdf/mand_bldg.pdf (Voluntary) http://www.saanich.ca/business/adaptable/pdf/vol_guidelines.pdf

	Publications and Resources Publications and resources that contain information about VisitAble Housing. *If electronic copies are available, provide the link or where to obtain the resource.* (e.g. books, handbooks, guides, checklists, news articles, articles in newsletters and magazines)
1	**Vancouver VisitAbility Policy Presentation (2014)** http://visitablehousingcanada.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Vancouver-VisitAble-Housing-Policy.pdf
2	**BC Building Access Handbook (2014)** (Building Requirements for Persons with Disabilities from British Columbia Building Code 2012 including Illustrations and Commentary) http://www.housing.gov.bc.ca/pub/Building%20Access%20Handbook%202014.pdf
3	**BC Housing Designs Guidelines and Construction Standards (2014)** (Provide standards and technical guidelines for the design and construction of new building, conversions, and renovation projects considering the building functional quality, long-term operational efficiency and sustainability in the social housing sector.) http://www.bchousing.org/resources/Partner_Resources/Construction_Standards_Procurement/Design_Construction_Standards/BCH_Design_Guidelines_and_Construction_Standards.pdf
4	**Sorry No Vacancy Housing Survey (2014)** (This study, conducted by Spinal Cord Injury BC, was designed to find out exactly what the problems are, from people who need accessible housing and those who are assisting them.) http://sci-bc-database.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/SCI-BC-Housing-Survey-Report.pdf
5	**City of Richmond Official Community Plan (2014)** (The City of Richmond OCP has a chapter on Accessible Housing, some terminology and their long term plan on accessible housing.) http://www.richmond.ca/__shared/assets/OCP_9000_neighbourhoods34167.pdf
6	**City of North Vancouver's Adaptable Design Guidelines (2013)** (The 3 levels of the Adaptable Design Guidelines are in addition to the Barrier-Free requirements of the current Building Code.) http://www.cnv.org/~/media/5FE279810DFC4D50868044A0D3051119.pdf
7	**Prince George Visitable Housing Project Summary Report (2011)** http://visitablehousingcanada.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Visitable_Housing_Summary_report1.pdf
8	**City Of Prince George Visitable Housing Project (2011)** (The Prince George Visitable Housing Voluntary Design Guidelines suggest design features that would provide better home access, first storey circulation, and first storey amenities accessibility in single family and two-family homes beyond that is required by the BC Building Code. Use of the guidelines is voluntary.) http://princegeorge.ca/citybusiness/longrangeplanning/studies/VHP/Documents/Appendix%20D%20HANDOUT.pdf http://www.fcm.ca/Documents/case-studies/ACT/Visitable_Housing_In_Prince_George_CS_EN.pdf
9	**Visitable Housing – Housing Solution for Healthier Futures (2009)** http://www.measureupthenorth.com/UserFiles/File/Workshops/Michael%20Kennedy%20-%20Visitable%20Housing.pdf

	Websites & Social Media
	Websites, social media, and/or other online resources that contain information about VisitAble Housing. *If available, provide the link or web address.* (e.g. website of an organization, Facebook, Tweeter, online magazine, online newsletter)
1	**Siple House** Location: North Vancouver, British Columbia (a custom built single family home) http://www.dev.ihcdstore.org/?q=node/168
2	**Afresh Home** Location: Burnaby, British Columbia (AFRESH Home is a housing demonstration project located on BCIT's Burnaby Campus that showcases some of the most innovative yet practical ideas in sustainable housing today.) http://commons.bcit.ca/afresh/

	Others
	Any other resources related to VisitAble Housing
1	**Press Release (2-12-2015)** The Province of British Columbia has introduced a new Building Act to establish more consistent building requirements throughout B.C. http://udi.bc.ca/news-central/news/building-act-modernized-efficiency-productivity-innovation