

Update on the VisitAbility Project

Key Project Activities until End of Project (September 2014 – March 2016)

- Working with task forces
- Working with supporting organizations
- Online campaign
- Webinar on policy development
- Awards of Excellence
- Updating provincial resource list
- Resource development
- Media campaign
- Project evaluation and reporting

A. Task Forces

- Phase II: September 2014 – September 2015

B. Supporting Organizations

- Supporting Organizations may help the Project by offering one or more of the following:
 - Including the project logo or information in their organization's website, newsletter, or bulletin
 - Connecting the Project Team with stakeholders who can potentially assist with project activities
 - Disseminating VisitAbility information and resources within their members
 - Inviting the Project Team to outreach opportunities (e.g. conferences, events, newsletter, media appearances)
 - Co-hosting a public event
 - Sharing relevant information, resources, and advice with the Project Team. The list of potential support organizations have been developed.
- The list of supporting organizations will be available at the VisitAbility website.

C. Online Campaign

- As of September 3, 102 people participated in the Online Campaign at the VisitAbility Project.

D. Webinar on Policy Development for VisitAble Housing

- Three panelists from the following jurisdictions:
 - Jason Watt, Building Policy Engineer, City of Vancouver
 - Dwayne Rewniak, Director, Land Development, Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation
 - Clayton Trevillyan, Permit Specialist, Planning & Development Services, City of Tucson, Arizona
- The webinar will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014.

E. Awards of Excellence

- The CCDS Project Team formed the Steering Committee for the Awards of Excellence initiative.

- The tentative timeline for the initiative is as follows:

	2014							2015			
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4
Establish Steering Committee											
Initial Planning											
Establish Jury Committee											
Receive submissions											
Review nominees											
Announce winners											

F. Provincial Resource List

- The CCDS Project Team will update the provincial resource list at the VisitAbility website.
- Provincial resources include relevant policies, businesses, professionals, tools; and material.

G. Resource Development

- The CCDS Project Team will continue develop useful resources and material.
- The resources developed so far include (all these resources are available at the VisitAbility website):
 - Factsheet on VisitAble housing
 - Factsheet on costs to build VisitAble homes
 - Promotional video on VisitAble homes
 - Brochure on VisitAble housing
 - Report on policy review, environmental scan, and literature review on VisitAble housing
 - Report on the case study on the Bridgwater Project
 - Display banner
 - Bookmarker
 - Pens and sticky notes
 - Webinar on construction issues related to VisitAble homes
- Updating Promotional Video – The CCDS Project Team is updating the video on VisitAble housing. We will include more images of affordable VisitAble homes and outside views of VisitAble homes in the Bridgwater neighbourhood.

H. Project Evaluation and Reporting

- The CCDS Project Team will conduct mid-term feedback survey with the task force coordinators and the Advisory Committee members.
- Near the end of the project, we will conduct final evaluation with task force members, Advisory Committee members, and other stakeholders.