

Richmond VisitAbility Task Force

PHASE II STRATEGY MEETING NOTES

August 22, 2014

Attendance: Alan Hill, Dena Kae Beno, Ella Huang and Tom Parker

Purpose of Meeting: To brainstorm “Deliverables” for Phase 2

Background Info:

- 1% of building project in Richmond is for single family homes
- Existing design for “Convertible Townhouses”, e.g. Yamamoto Architecture development
- BC is proposing a “Unified Building Code”, which poses a good opportunity to heighten public awareness of VisitAbility

Proposed Deliverables:

- A Demo Project, perhaps “VisitAble Home” Demo Project
- Public Awareness Project, perhaps Access Awareness Forum in June 2015
- Inputs to BC Unified Building Code

VisitAble Home Demo Project Info

References: (1) SAFERhome Standards Society's BARGE Project

Contact: Patrick Simpson, Executive Director

<http://www.saferhomesociety.com/index.php/projects/the-barge>

(2) BCIT's AFRESH Home Project

Contact: Jennie Moore, Director of Sustainable Development and Environmental Stewardship

<http://commons.bcit.ca/afresh/>

Public Awareness Project Info

(1) Access Awareness Forum

(2) Access Awareness Tool Kit

Points of Discussions – a contract position to conduct the project (subject to CCDS approval); articles and advertisements on Real Estate Magazine; Testimonials from consumers

Unified Building Code

There can be significant Social Outcomes associated with a “Unified Building Code” where visitable features may be legislated in private homes. We need a long term plan for achieving higher standard of Building Code, and Richmond VisitAbility Task Force may start the ball rolling.