

**Richmond VisitAbility Task Force**  
**12 - 3 p.m. September 24, 2014 Meeting**  
**Executive Airport Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre**

## **MEETING NOTES**

1. Update of VisitAbility Project by CCDS Project Team

Update document has been posted on Richmond VisitAbility Task Force website at:  
<http://www.accessrichmond.ca/VisitAbilityWeb/MeetingInfo.asp>

Key Project Activities for Phase 2:

- ▶ 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

2. What other Task Forces are doing?

Edmonton

- Through university students to raise awareness of the Project
- A lot of presentation, conferences, forums
- Chair-leader days – invite politicians to use wheelchair to experience the significance of having visitable homes

Kitchener Waterloo

- Partnering up with the local media
- Influencing the Real Estate Listings
- Hosting Trade show and Design Contests with University of Waterloo students
- Organizing field trips and tours for politicians

Winnipeg

- Creating a Visitability University Courses curriculum
- Developing their Visitable Housing Standards

3. Collaboration between Task Forces and CCDS Project Team

- CCDS is planning to open the Coordinators' meeting to all task force members who will be better informed of project progress
- The Coordinators' meeting is held roughly every 2 months
- CCDS Project Team wanted to work closely with Task Force members through the following:
  - Website
  - Provincial Resources to support organizations and professional

4. Presentation on Housing Adaptations for Independence (HAFI) by Karen Sandhu from BC Housing.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available on Richmond VisitAbility Task Force website at: <http://www.accessrichmond.ca/VisitAbilityWeb/Presentations.asp>

5. Discussion on VisitAbility Task Force Phase II Plan and Deliverables

- (a) Implement visitability initiative through City's Re-zoning process and coupled with the introduction of visitability components in social housing: a joint effort to utilize the policy tools – Official Community Plan (OCP) and Affordable Housing Strategy

**Action:** To work closely with City of Richmond's Re-zoning and Affordable Housing Team to design a way to launch the VisitAbility Initiative.

- (b) June Access Awareness Event – a public event to highlight access awareness, with focus on visitability

**Action:** Form a planning committee to take on the planning and entire task force to host the public event.

- (c) Understand the perspectives on visitability of builders and developers, especially those who are supportive of accessible designs

**Action:**

- Identify a list of developers who are community champions in accessible designs
- Gather best practices about visitability
- Local Award of Excellence (??)

6. Tabled for Discussion in next meeting

- ▶ Real Estate Listing – how to make visitability or accessibility more attractive?
- ▶ Working with UBCM – Provincial Building Code

7. Next Task Force Meeting

- October 21, 2014, Tuesday at RCD – Join CCDS Webinar on “Policy Development for VisitAbility Housing”, all are welcome; or join on your own (Viet Vu of RCD has registered for the webinar, and will set up the computer for all attendees to watch together)
- November 18, 2014 Tuesday at Executive Board Room of the Executive Airport Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre

In Attendance:

Aileen McCormack	Richmond Senior Advisory Committee
Alan Hill	City of Richmond, Diversity Services
De Whalen	Richmond Poverty Response Committee
Dena Kae Beno	Affordable Housing Coordinator, City of Richmond
Ella Huang	Richmond VisitAbility Task Force Coordinator
Frances Clark	Board Secretary, Richmond Centre for Disability
George Pope	Community Living BC, Richmond Council
Jamee Justason	Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver
John Hopkins	City of Richmond, Planning & Development
Joyce Rautenberg	Affordable Housing Planner, City of Richmond
Perry Hoogveld	Realtor, Re/Max
Sarah Ho	Community Living BC, Richmond Council
Tom Parker	Accessibility Specialist, Richmond Centre for Disability
Viet Vu	IT Support, Richmond Centre for Disability
Youn-young Park	CCDS Project Team
Allen Mankewich	CCDS Project Team
Karen Sandhu	Presenter, HAFI Program, BC Housing
Edmark Lim	Note taker
Ashley Penheiro	Assistant to France Clark