



Request for Volunteers for Accessibility Advisory Committee

The Village of Ashcroft is requesting volunteers to participate in the Accessibility Advisory Committee, to help guide the creation of the Village of Ashcroft's Accessibility Plan.

As required in the Accessible British Columbia Regulation under the *Accessible BC Act*, all local governments in BC must develop an Accessibility Advisory Plan and create a tool for the public to provide feedback on accessibility by September 1, 2023.

The committee will be tasked with providing advice to Council on the development of an accessibility plan to identify, remove and prevent barriers to individuals who are interacting with or in the Village of Ashcroft. The principles of inclusion, adaptability, diversity, collaboration, self-determination, and universal design must be considered in conjunction with the development and review of the accessibility plan. The plan must be adopted by September 1, 2023.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee will consist of a minimum of 5 members to a maximum of 7 members, who will be appointed by Council based on their experience and credentials, and to the extent possible, include representation as follows:

- (a) at least half of members to be persons with disabilities, or individuals who support, or are from organizations that support, persons with disabilities;
- (b) members that reflect the diversity of persons with disabilities in British Columbia;
- (c) at least one Indigenous Person;
- (d) members that reflect the diversity of persons in British Columbia; and
- (e) one member of Council; and
- (f) one staff member.

The deadline to apply to the Committee is May 12, 2023. Members of the public who wish to join the Committee may complete the online fillable PDF application form found on our website www.ashcroftbc.ca or alternately pick up an application at the Village Office at 601 Bancroft Street.

If you require further information, please email: ea@ashcroftbc.ca

Accessibility Plan Timeline

1. Create Accessibility Advisory Committee (current phase)

- This Committee will advise the Village of Ashcroft on what to include in the draft Accessibility Plan and actions to be taken.

2. Seek community feedback

- Feedback from stakeholders and members of the public will help inform the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Village of Ashcroft on accessibility in the Village of Ashcroft's physical and digital spaces and help guide the creation of an Accessibility Plan.

3. Draft Accessibility Plan

- A draft of the Accessibility Plan will be created once public consultation opportunities have closed, beginning in summer of 2023.

4. Adopt Accessibility Plan and implement public feedback tool

- The Village of Ashcroft Council will be required to adopt the Accessibility Plan by September 1, 2023. At this point, a permanent tool to receive public feedback on accessibility will be fully implemented.