

Recommendations for Measuring Up Task Force

The following recommendations are gathered from:

Measuring Up Transportation Survey

Measuring Up Business Survey

Measuring Up Committee further analysis of barriers

Recommendations: Transportation

1. Support RDN recommendations for expanding regular bus service and Handi Dart service.
2. Develop funding budget to continue revamping of bus stops to allow for wheelchairs and compatible curbing.
3. Continue with audible chirp installations at all traffic light intersections.
4. Continue to increase number of bus stops with benches and covers.
5. Remove obstacles to wheelchairs on sidewalks.
6. Continue and increase funding for taxi saver coupons.
7. Support Braille schedule wrappers at bus stops.

Recommendations: General

8. Continue funding for www.accessnanaimo.ca website and the accesscomplaints@accessnanaimo.ca website and the special complaints telephone number (250-774-7706) and continue to advertise both on a regular basis.
9. Develop a formal committee who would monitor the complaints site and hotline and meet regularly to act as liaison with various municipal planning, bylaw and engineering departments, business owners, and commercial and residential builders and architects to discuss the specialized needs of persons with a disability.
10. This committee to investigate ways to incorporate “barrier-free” building guidelines as part of the future standard for building practices in the province.
11. To develop a barrier-free designation for businesses. Participating businesses would be able to display a decal representing the degree of compatibility and be listed on the accessnanaimo website, as well as a listing on the Chamber of Commerce website.

12. To educate employers on the advantage of hiring persons with a disability by means of forums and job fairs connecting employers with prospective employees. Assist prospective employers of persons with a disability to find government programs that may aid them.
13. This committee to investigate establishing a workshop setting to provide employment for persons with a disability and to approach the business community to outsource some of their jobs to the workshop.
14. Committee members to meet regularly to continue discussions and dialogue for recommendations for change, and to bring in special guests to further this.
15. To establish an on-line and hard copy newsletter to be written and published by persons with a disability regarding issues facing persons with a disability with updates on community events, sports etc. for persons with a disability and to be supported by advertising to permit an on-going business.
16. To establish a business where an assessment would be done of a business or park, complete with photos/video and then posted on-line. The value would be to the customer to be identified as accessible and this would be available to persons with a disability, tourists, paralympians etc.