

## AG Meeting - Rick Hansen - April 6 - FW: File No. 612993

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To: Papadopoulos, Nikki OHCS:EX <Nikki.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: March 25, 2021 4:05:51 PM PDT

Yes Andrew and BCH

I think Andrew's team could lead on materials and include BCH info

Thanks,  
Cheryl

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**To:** May, Cheryl OHCS:EX

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Cheryl – please advise on attendees and materials. Should Andrew attend this with you?

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Nikki

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**To:** Horner, Shannon E OHCS:EX <Shannon.Horner@gov.bc.ca>, Papadopoulos, Nikki OHCS:EX <Nikki.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca>, Thomson, John OHCS:EX <John.Thomson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Alexander, Jessica OHCS:EX <Jessica.Alexander@gov.bc.ca>, May, Zachary OHCS:EX <Zachary.May@gov.bc.ca>, Pape-Salmon, Andrew OHCS:EX <Andrew.PapeSalmon@gov.bc.ca>, Laboucane, Shannon OHCS:EX <Shannon.Laboucane@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 25, 2021 5:34:25 PM PDT  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

Thanks, all. Yes, we can lead the BN. Shannon Laboucane will be assigned the e-app. I have also copied John Thomson from HPB to confirm this arrangement suits him, as I am proposing to have BSSB staff reach out directly to BC Housing for any support we need.

Jun'ichi Jensen  
Director, Building Policy (Acting)  
Building and Safety Standards  
Ministry of Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing  
Province of BC  
250 858 1325  
or 778 974-3910

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**Sent:** March 25, 2021 4:33 PM  
**To:** Papadopoulos, Nikki OHCS:EX  
**Cc:** Alexander, Jessica OHCS:EX ; Jensen, Jun'ichi OHCS:EX ; May, Zachary OHCS:EX ; Pape-Salmon, Andrew OHCS:EX  
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Nikki:  
Please forward to Jun'ichi Jensen who will assign to his team.  
~ Shannon

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Hi Shannon,  
Cheryl has advised that Andrew should attend this upcoming meeting with her and that his team could lead on materials and include information from BC Housing. Please let me know who will be drafting the BN.  
Jessica – please hold this time in Andrew's calendar.

Regards,  
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To: Papadopoulos, Nikki OHCS:EX <Nikki.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Jodi Miller <jmiller@bchousing.org>, Elizabeth McNabb <emcnabb@bchousing.org>, Michael Pistrin <mpistrin@bchousing.org>, Debora Vargas <dvargas@bchousing.org>, XT:Miller, Jodi OHCS:IN, McNabb, Elizabeth OHCS:IN  
Sent: March 26, 2021 9:38:21 AM PDT  
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Hi Nikki,  
Shayne will attend this meeting and has asked that Mike Pistrin attend with him. I have checked Mike's calendar and he appears to be free – if you can please forward the invite to Shayne and Mike P.  
Cheers,  
Sue

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**From:** Papadopoulos, Nikki OHCS:EX

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**To:** Sue Bate ; Jodi Miller

**Cc:** Elizabeth McNabb ; Ramsay, Launa P OHCS:EX

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Sent: March 28, 2021 11:31:46 AM PDT

Happy Spring,

It is my great pleasure to learn that Minister Eby and PS Coulter are meeting with the "Man in Motion" himself, Rick Hansen.

I presume we will need a briefing note. Jessica/Nikki, please assign to Juni.

Cathy, we will request comments from BC Housing on the briefing note after I have reviewed.

Cheers,

*Andrew Pape-Salmon | P.Eng., MRM, FCAE, FCSSE  
Executive Director, Building and Safety Standards Branch  
Ministry of Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing  
Cell/Text: 250.812.1933*

*Email: [Andrew.PapeSalmon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Andrew.PapeSalmon@gov.bc.ca)*

*I acknowledge with respect the Lkwungen-speaking peoples on whose traditional territory the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.*

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**When:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 4:00 PM-4:30 PM.

**Where:** s.15; s.17

**Topic:** British Columbia Building Code to include an accessibility lens

**Attendees:**

AG

MA

PS Coulter

Cheryl May

Andrew Pape-Salmon

Shayne Ramsay

Mike Pistrin, AVP Asset Strategies – [mpistrin@bchousing.org](mailto:mpistrin@bchousing.org)

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Meeting BRIEFING NOTE**

**PURPOSE:** MEETING Note for David Eby, QC  
Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing and  
Parliamentary Secretary Dan Coulter

**Meeting with:** Rick Hansen, Founder, Rick Hansen Foundation on April 6, 2021

Other attendees:

Cheryl May, A/ Associate Deputy Minister, Housing, Construction Standards, and Multiculturalism

Andrew Pape-Salmon, Executive Director, Building and Safety Standards Branch

Shayne Ramsay, CEO, BC Housing (biography attached)

Mike Pistrin, Associate Vice President, Asset Strategies at BC Housing (biography attached)

**Issue:** The next iteration of the British Columbia Building Code to make new buildings more accessible for all people.

**Key Messages:**

- The Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, the Parliamentary Secretary, and the Accessibility Secretariat are committed and working closely to make new buildings more accessible for all people and support the Province's goal to build a better B.C. for people with disabilities.
- We are currently working to ensure that the next iteration of the British Columbia Building Code includes changes that will make new buildings more accessible for all people in an effective and timely manner that is also harmonized with emerging national building codes and standards.

**BACKGROUND:**

- The Province has committed, through the Canadian Free Trade Agreement's Regulatory Reconciliation Cooperation Table Agreement, to reducing building code variations to achieve consistent codes and standards throughout Canada.
- The British Columbia Building Code (BCBC) is based substantively on the model National Building Code (NBC). The NBC is updated approximately every five years and B.C. adopts most of the requirements into subsequent editions of the BCBC.
- Historically, B.C. has demonstrated leadership in accessibility by establishing requirements for new construction and renovations that exceed the NBC.
- The current (2018) BCBC accessibility requirements are based on the 2015 NBC with some improvements to achieve a greater level of access. Many of B.C.'s accessibility requirements preceded and vary from the NBC. Some examples of B.C. variations include requiring elevators in more buildings, requiring more universal accessible washrooms, and construction requirements for adaptable dwelling units.

- The BCBC and the NBC allow the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) B651 “Accessible Design for the Built Environment” standard as an optional compliance path for design of certain applications.
- The CSA is developing a new Accessible Housing standard (B652). Ministry staff as well as Rick Hansen Foundation (RHF) staff are participating on the technical committee to support its development.

### **Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification program**

- The Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification program (RHFAC) is a rating system that measures the accessibility of buildings and sites. It promotes increased access through the adoption of universal design principles.
  - RHFAC defines universal design as the design of products and environments to be useable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design.
- A 2020 RHFAC Cost Comparison Study<sup>1</sup> compared RHFAC requirements to the NBC and the Ontario Building Code (OBC) which were each used as baselines.
  - The RHFAC percentage scoring system<sup>2</sup> assigned a baseline score of 35 per cent to the NBC and of 42 per cent to the OBC.
  - Applying no cost RHFAC requirements at the design stage resulted in a score of 70 per cent for the NBC and 74 per cent for the OBC.
    - No cost design items could include direct paths of travel, selecting flooring finishing that allow for ease of movement of wheeled mobility devices, and lighting design to reduce glare and shadows.
  - For a 1 per cent construction cost increase, both NBC and OBC buildings received a score of 80 per cent which the rating system considers Accessibility Certified Gold.
  - For a 6.4 per cent (NBC) and 6.1 per cent (OBC) construction cost increase, buildings could achieve a score of 100 per cent.
  - Buildings constructed to the BCBC or the CSA B651 standard were not evaluated as part of the study; however, there are many similarities between the three codes and the CSA standard.

### **DISCUSSION:**

- The Building and Safety Standards Branch (BSSB) is working with the National Research Council to finalize the NBC 2020 on which the next edition of the BCBC will be based. This next edition of the BCBC will include changes to make buildings more accessible.
- BSSB is collaborating with the National Research Council, Accessibility Standards Canada, and the Canadian Standards Association on new accessibility requirements for adoption in future national and provincial building codes. These changes are

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<sup>1</sup> Find the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification Cost Comparison Feasibility Study using this link: <https://www.rickhansen.com/sites/default/files/downloads/20200115-rhfac-final-report-full-v3.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> The RHFAC offers two levels of certification. Rating scores of 80 per cent and higher receive RHF Accessibility Certified Gold, and rating scores of 60 to 79 per cent receive RHF Accessibility Certified. Rating scores below 60 per cent do not receive certification.

anticipated to be included in subsequent revisions to the BCBC, which are typically enacted on an annual basis.

- The RHF also participates in national codes and standards development. The RHF's experience and expertise with industry best practices help advance accessible design and construction requirements.
- The RHFAC helps build awareness of accessibility in the built environment and helps market transformation.
- Ministry staff in BSSB are reviewing the RHFAC program to help inform further development of the BCBC.
- The RHFAC rating system is unlike a building code which is strictly a design and construction standard. It is a measurement system for user experience of furnished and operational spaces, including spaces building codes don't regulate such as playgrounds. It can be applied at the design stage and inform the design but can also be used to measure accessibility of existing spaces.

#### **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Across Canada, disability prevalence is higher among Indigenous people: 36 per cent of Indigenous women and 26 per cent of Indigenous men report having a disability (excludes persons on reserves).<sup>3</sup>
- BSSB will work with the Parliamentary Secretary and the Accessibility Secretariat to conduct coordinated and inclusive engagements and seek input from Indigenous Peoples in B.C.

#### **GBA+ OR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS:**

- Accessibility is an essential element of everyday life for more than half a million British Columbians (24.7 per cent). In B.C., a higher proportion of women (26.5 per cent) report living with a disability than men (22.9 per cent).
- BSSB will work closely with the Parliamentary Secretary and the Accessibility Secretariat to conduct coordinated and inclusive engagements with the accessibility community, code users, and members of the public.

#### **OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:**

- Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction's Accessibility Secretariat (continued collaboration)
- Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility (continued collaboration)

#### **Prepared by:**

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#### **Approved by:**

Cheryl May  
A/ Associate Deputy Minister  
Housing, Construction Standards, and  
Multiculturalism  
250-812-3345

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<sup>3</sup> Statistics Canada, 2017 Aboriginal Peoples Survey

## **Attachments (1): Biographies – BC Housing**

### **Attachment 1 – Biographies – BC Housing**

#### **Shayne Ramsay, CEO**

Since May 2000, Shayne has been the CEO of BC Housing. Shayne was responsible for setting up the Homeowner Protection Office in 1998 and served as its first CEO. Prior to being appointed CEO, Shayne was director of development services for BC Housing, and director of housing policy and program development with the former Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in B.C.

In addition to his work as CEO, Shayne serves as chair of the Board of Directors for the Crown Corporation Employer's Association, an agency that represents human resource issues for the provincial crown corporations in British Columbia. He is also chair of Housing Partnership Canada, a peer network and business collaboration of social housing leaders committed to innovation. Shayne has a graduate degree in urban planning from the University of Toronto.

#### **Mike Pistrin, Associate Vice President, Asset Strategies**

Mike Pistrin started his career in construction as an apprentice electrician and project manager as he made his way through university. He joined BC Housing in 2000, and prior to becoming Associate Vice President of Asset Strategies, worked in numerous departments across the Commission, including Asset Strategies, Operations and Development Services. In 2004, Mike began managing programs instead of projects and has led Asset Strategies since 2007. In his time at BC Housing he has led the capital investment of over \$1.6 billion into the provincial housing stock.

Mike holds an MBA from Athabasca University and an Honours BA in Geography & Urban Studies from Simon Fraser University. He holds a Facility Management Administration designation from BOMI. Mike received BC Housing's Inaugural Leadership Award in 2010. His prior experience includes a number of years on residential construction projects in the private market.

## RE: AG Meeting - Rick Hansen - April 6 - FW: File No. 612993

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From: Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX <Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Papadopoulos, Nikki OHCS:EX <Nikki.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: March 31, 2021 3:02:51 PM PDT

Hi Nikki, further top the below, PS Coulter has already met with Rick Hansen and would like to have a pre-brief with the AG. We have scheduled this for 3:45pm on the 6<sup>th</sup>. Would staff like to attend?

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**From:** Papadopoulos, Nikki OHCS:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, March 26, 2021 10:08 AM  
**To:** Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX  
**Subject:** RE: AG Meeting - Rick Hansen - April 6 - FW: File No. 612993

Maya,  
Please include the following in this meeting.  
Cheryl May  
Andrew Pape-Salmon  
Shayne Ramsay  
Mike Pistrin, AVP Asset Strategies – [mpistrin@bchousing.org](mailto:mpistrin@bchousing.org)  
Regards,  
Nikki

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**From:** Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX <Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 25, 2021 11:08 AM  
**To:** Papadopoulos, Nikki OHCS:EX <Nikki.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca>; Ramsay, Launa P OHCS:EX <Launa.Ramsay@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** AG Meeting - Rick Hansen - April 6 - FW: File No. 612993

Hi Nikki, Please see below. Ministry staff have been requested. Please could you let me know who can attend to support?

### **Meeting with Rick Hansen and PC Coulter**

**Date & Time:** April 6<sup>th</sup> 4pm-4:30pm

**Location:** Skype

**Topic:** British Columbia Building Code to include an accessibility lens

**BN:** If staff have info to provide

**Ministry staff:** Requested

Thanks,  
-M

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**From:** Rick Hansen <[rhansen@rickhansen.com](mailto:rhansen@rickhansen.com)>  
**Sent:** March 11, 2021 3:55 PM  
**To:** Minister, AG AG:EX <AG.Minister@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Nadine Jarry <[njarry@rickhansen.com](mailto:njarry@rickhansen.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: File No. 612993

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Dear Attorney General Eby,  
Thank you so much for your response to my recent letter. I am very happy to hear about your commitment to update the British Columbia Building Code to include an accessibility lens. I look forward to working with you and your team to ensure any new buildings will be more accessible for all British Columbians. I would be very happy to meet with you to discuss the value that our accessibility certification program (RHFAC) has in British Columbia and our work nationally. I will ask my assistant Nadine Jarry to follow-up with your office to schedule a time to meet.  
Sincerely,

Rick  
Rick Hansen, C.C., O.B.C.

Founder, Rick Hansen Foundation

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**From:** AG Correspondence AG:EX <[MAG.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MAG.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** February 23, 2021 12:26 PM

**To:** Rick Hansen <[rhansen@rickhansen.com](mailto:rhansen@rickhansen.com)>

**Subject:** File No. 612993

Attn RHF Staff: This is an external e-mail.

Rick Hansen, C.C., O.B.C.

Founder, Rick Hansen Foundation

Email: [rhansen@rickhansen.com](mailto:rhansen@rickhansen.com)

Dear Rick Hansen:

On behalf of the Government of British Columbia, it is my pleasure to serve as your Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing. Thank you for your email of December 5, 2020, with your support and congratulations.

Our government is deeply committed to a justice agenda that works for all British Columbians, and in doing all we can to ensure British Columbians have access to housing that is safe, affordable and appropriate. These issues have assumed additional importance and urgency given the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health restrictions as we try to keep the epidemiological curve down in our province.

As a valued accessibility leader, your input is important to supporting our collective efforts. I am very pleased to hear from you and to know that we have your support going forward.

As you have noted, one of my mandate items is to lead work on the next iteration of the British Columbia Building Code, working with Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility Dan Coulter to ensure that it includes changes that will make new buildings more accessible for all people.

We are currently working with national standards development organizations, along with all levels of government, Indigenous organizations and industry partners, to explore how we can deliver on this mandate in an effective and timely manner that is also harmonized with emerging national building codes and standards.

As part of this process, ministry staff in the Building and Safety Standards Branch will be reviewing the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification program to help inform further development of the Building Code. The ministry is also working closely with the Accessibility Secretariat to provide input on non-regulatory measures to improve accessibility in British Columbia.

Once again, thank you for your congratulations. I look forward to engaging with the Rick Hansen Foundation as we move forward to enhance accessibility in the British Columbia Building Code to support all British Columbians.

Yours truly,

David Eby, QC

Attorney General and

Minister Responsible for Housing

## **Re: invitation to India-Canada IMPACTS reception and conference - June 13, 2018**

From: Eby, David AG:EX <David.Eby@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX <Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: June 6, 2018 11:01:36 AM PDT  
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Please send regrets and share with MBR at MTT who may be interested.

On Jun 6, 2018, at 10:35 AM, Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX <[Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Would you like me to send regrets?

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**From:** Ilves, Eerik [<mailto:eerik.ilves@ubc.ca>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 6, 2018 10:25 AM

**To:** Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX

**Subject:** invitation to India-Canada IMPACTS reception and conference - June 13, 2018

Good morning Tanera,

Please find attached an invitation for Minister Eby to attend the IC-IMPACTS annual conference taking place at UBC's Point Grey campus on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, June 13 (keynote addresses, dinner reception and entertainment). IC-IMPACTS is dedicated to the development of research collaborations between Canada and India and was established through Canada's Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) program.

Professor K. VijayRaghavan, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Prime Minister of India has kindly agreed to deliver the keynote address. Other notable speakers include H.E. Vikas Swarup, High Commissioner of India to Canada, Dr. Gail Murphy, UBC's Vice-President, Research & Innovation, Dr. Roseann O'Reilly Runte, President & CEO, Canada Foundation for Innovation, and Bill Barrable, CEO, Rick Hansen Institute.

The draft program is also attached for your reference.

Please let me know if this is of interest to the Minister, and RSVP directly to me or use the link in the invitation (also here: <https://ic-impacts.eventbrite.ca>).

Best wishes,

**Eerik Ilves**

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**ALERT - eApprovals Item ID: 24578 - Item Forwarded - Rick Hansen - Due 2/9/2021**

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From: JPSS eApprovals <donotreply@sp.gov.bc.ca>  
To: David.Eby@gov.bc.ca, Eby, David AG:EX <David.Eby@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: February 10, 2021 3:08:41 PM PST

King, Kim J M AG:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Eby, David AG:EX for action

**Comment: Draft response for your approval please.**

#: 612993

Title: Congratulating Minister on re-election

Full Name: Rick Hansen

Due Date: 2/9/2021

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## FW: Rick Hansen Foundation #APN2021: Accelerating Access on March 11th and 12th, 2021!

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To: Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX <Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca>, Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: LynesFord, Adam AG:EX <Adam.Lynes-Ford@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: February 26, 2021 12:40:08 PM PST  
Attachments: image003.png, image001.png, image002.png

Hi Tanera and Nicole:

An invitation to events and a nice email.

Candice

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**From:** Hans Egger  
**Sent:** February 26, 2021 12:21 PM  
**To:** Minister, AG AG:EX  
**Subject:** Rick Hansen Foundation #APN2021: Accelerating Access on March 11th and 12th, 2021!

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Hi David, I hope this note finds you and your family well.

s.22 and I had the good fortune meeting you s.22 at the legislature in 2019 and we discussed (s.22  
s.22 and our work with the Rick Hansen Foundation.

Besides being a great Attorney General, I noticed that you have taken on the additional role as our housing Minister and thought this might be a good opportunity to learn more about meaningful access in the planning stage, and built environments.

Skeena Terrace (located at Broadway and Skeena) AKA the projects, is slated for a do over. I know this site well, as I lived there from kindergarten to grade 7, and that there is very little accessible or adaptable housing stock available. I know your schedule is probably full, especially for attending a two day conference. However, this would be a great learning tool and experience for some one that is directly involved with this project and other social housing developments. I have copied the APN details below and will also provide schedule of events for you to review.

Want to learn from leaders about how to build sustainable and inclusive spaces without costly retrofits? Understand how inclusive design is more about meeting the needs of people and not just following a list of building codes? Then attend #APN2021: **Accelerating Access on March 11th and 12th, 2021!**

This exciting virtual conference hosted by the Rick Hansen Foundation features topics that will be of high interest to accessibility professionals like yourself. Check out my panel, *Architect & Designers – It Starts with a Plan*, where my colleagues and I will share the steps you can take to accelerate accessibility by applying Universal Design principles to your workplace. That's not all. #APN2021 also has more great sessions dedicated to accessibility professionals such as *Home Accessibility*, *Creating Accessible Communities*, and the *Harmonization of National Standards*. If you want a glimpse beyond Canada's borders, join some of the international speakers at the Innovation Hub, sharing the great work taking place in the Netherlands as part of the Platform 'Breda for Everyone', the 2019 EU Access City Award Winner, or learn more about the Seattle Climate Pledge Arena from Populous.

We hope you're just as excited as we are about the movement to raise the bar on building standards across the country. Be at the forefront of the growing demand for accessible spaces!

The Accessibility Professional Network's two-day virtual conference will enable conversations that matter, acknowledge the hard work that's been done to remove barriers in the built environment, as well as strategize on what needs to be done to create a world that's inclusive of people of all abilities and to accelerate us forward.

**Purchase Your Delegate Pass Today!** <http://www.rickAPNhansen.com/apn2021>

We hope to see you there!

Please feel free to create your own post about the conference, sharing more about your topic, why accessibility is important to you, or what you are most looking forward to about the conference.

Please tag @rickhansenfdn (on [Twitter](#), [Linkedin](#), [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#)) and use #APN2021 so we can engage with your messages. I look forward to receiving your post!

Thank you in advance for your help in accelerating accessibility!

#### **Schedule of events and speakers**

<https://rhf.force.com/AccessibilityProfessionalNetwork/s/It-event?id=a322I000003KGcCQAW#/Schedule>

Hope you will join us! Please feel free to contact me personally, anytime.

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**Hans Uli Egger**

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## RE: Requests for PS Coulter

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Cc: Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: March 6, 2021 8:01:45 AM PST

Thanks Tanera, appreciate the heads up.

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Sent from my Galaxy

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From: "Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX" <Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca>  
Date: 2021-03-05 5:44 p.m. (GMT-08:00)  
To: "Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX" <Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: "Normand, Nicole AG:EX" <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: FW: Requests for PS Coulter  
Hi Maya,

Just a heads up what's coming down the line. Please let me know the preference for #3...if a BN or a briefing is preferred.

Thanks,

Tanera

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**Sent:** Friday, March 5, 2021 5:03 PM  
**To:** Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>; Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX <Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Requests for PS Coulter

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1 – Can we please set up a briefing for earlier next week with the PS and staff in Cheryl's branch regarding stakeholders and HAFI re-brand pre-brief. Cheryl has requested this and I've looped to the SDPR MO that this is coming up. Please invite myself and Brady Yano from SDPR as well. 30 mins and any materials (stakeholder list and comms materials) needed. Actually, let's invite Tim Chu as well – he should be there.

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- An overview of the 2019 BC Housing Design Guidelines and Constitution Standards. Further, how do these standards compare to those outlined in current Building Code?
- If all new BC Housing developments are adhering to the aforementioned 2019 standards, why is SAFERhouse accreditation necessary?
- How does the SAFERhouse accreditation differ from the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification? Do BC Housing or OHCS staff have a preference?
- What is the difference between universal design, inclusive design, and adaptive design. Further, what are the estimated cost increases in total building costs for proceeding with each?

4 – Lastly, we would like to set up a briefing for PS Coulter with BC Housing. To learn about the work BC Housing is doing on accessibility. It would be good to have our ministry staff on the line for that. PSC's office would like to do that week of the 15<sup>th</sup> if possible.

Let me know if you have any questions!

Thanks,

Gala Milne  
Senior Ministerial Advisor to Hon. David Eby  
Attorney General and Minister of Housing  
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Cc: Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: March 8, 2021 12:42:02 PM PST

Thanks Tanera, I'm checking with Cheryl's team on this, will let you know as soon as I hear back.

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**From:** Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX <Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 12:28 PM  
**To:** Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX <Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Requests for PS Coulter

Hi Maya,

PS Coulter would like to do #1 and #4 this week. Please advise as soon as possible if any time in the below options work.

Tomorrow March 9<sup>th</sup> after 3:30

OR

Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 11am to 1pm or 1:30 to 3pm

Thanks,

Tanera

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**Sent:** Saturday, March 6, 2021 8:03 AM  
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**Cc:** Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>  
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Hey Tanera, I think a BN for 3 but I'll advise back.

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## RE: Requests for PS Coulter

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To: Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX <Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: March 8, 2021 4:04:10 PM PST

Thanks Tanera, I will check.

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**From:** Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX <Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 4:04 PM  
**To:** Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX <Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Requests for PS Coulter

Hi Maya,

Regarding # 2, PS Coulter is meeting with SAFERhome on Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Please advise if staff will be able to join at that time.

Attending from SAFERhome will be;

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Colin Doyle [cdoylend@saferhomesociety.com](mailto:cdoylend@saferhomesociety.com)

Patrick Simpson [psimpson@saferhomesociety.com](mailto:psimpson@saferhomesociety.com)

Attending from MO;

Brady Yano [brady.yano@gov.bc.ca](mailto:brady.yano@gov.bc.ca)

Dan Coulter [dan.coulter@gov.bc.ca](mailto:dan.coulter@gov.bc.ca)

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**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 3:17 PM  
**To:** Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX <Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Requests for PS Coulter  
Thanks so much Maya!

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**From:** Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX <Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 3:12 PM  
**To:** Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX <Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Requests for PS Coulter

Done! -Here is the link for PS Coulter. Gala, Tim and Brady Yano have been included on the invite.

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**From:** Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX <Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 3:05 PM  
**To:** Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX <Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Requests for PS Coulter  
Sure...that sounds good. Thanks Maya!

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**Cc:** Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** RE: Requests for PS Coulter

Sure, should we do MS Teams? I can invite Derrick, Gala, Tim and Brady Yano.

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**From:** Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX <Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca>

**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 3:02 PM

**To:** Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX <Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca>

**Cc:** Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** RE: Requests for PS Coulter

Hi Maya...tomorrow at 4pm works. Can you please send call in details and any materials that I can share with the PS and then invite Gala, Tim Chu, and Brady Yano from SDPR as well?

Thanks!

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**From:** Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX

**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 2:55 PM

**To:** Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX <Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca>

**Cc:** Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** RE: Requests for PS Coulter

No prob...I'll let you know as soon as hear back from the PS office 😊

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**Subject:** RE: Requests for PS Coulter

Sorry 😞 tomorrow for #1...

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**Cc:** Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** RE: Requests for PS Coulter

Thanks Maya! Which day...the 11<sup>th</sup>?

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**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 2:36 PM

**To:** Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX <Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca>

**Cc:** Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** RE: Requests for PS Coulter

Hi Tanera, for #1:

We are available between 2:30 – 5:00, whichever time works best for PS Coulter, kindly confirm.

Attendees are:

Cheryl

Sam Turcott, SDPR Executive Lead, Accessibility

John Thomson, ED, OHCS

Avery Kelly, Director OHCS

D. Michaud – BC Housing Communications

Vivian Thomas, SDPR GCPE

Tim Chu AG GCPE

Thanks,

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**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 1:24 PM

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**Cc:** Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** RE: Requests for PS Coulter

Thanks, can we please tentatively hold that time for #4?

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**Cc:** Normand, Nicole AG:EX <[Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Requests for PS Coulter

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Tanera

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Hi Tanera,

Cheryl says that we are prepared to do #1 this week, but this is the first we have heard of #4 and will need to allow time for staff to put together briefing materials – can we request additional time for #4 please?

I will confirm the staff names and their availability.

Thank you,

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**From:** Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX <[Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 12:28 PM

**To:** Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX <[Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** Normand, Nicole AG:EX <[Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Requests for PS Coulter

Hi Maya,

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Tomorrow March 9<sup>th</sup> after 3:30

OR

Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> , 11am to 1pm or 1:30 to 3pm

Thanks,

Tanera

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**From:** Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX <[Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** Saturday, March 6, 2021 8:03 AM

**To:** Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX <[Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** Normand, Nicole AG:EX <[Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Requests for PS Coulter

Hey Tanera, I think a BN for 3 but I'll advise back.

M

Sent from my Galaxy

----- Original message -----

From: "Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX" <[Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca)>

Date: 2021-03-05 5:44 p.m. (GMT-08:00)

To: "Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX" <[Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca)>

Cc: "Normand, Nicole AG:EX" <[Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca)>

Subject: FW: Requests for PS Coulter

Hi Maya,

Just a heads up what's coming down the line. Please let me know the preference for #3...if a BN or a briefing is preferred.

Thanks,

Tanera

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**From:** Milne, Gala AG:EX <[Gala.Milne@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Gala.Milne@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** Friday, March 5, 2021 5:03 PM

**To:** Normand, Nicole AG:EX <[Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca)>; Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX <[Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Requests for PS Coulter

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## RE: Flagging - Requests for PS Coulter

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To: Ramsay, Launa P OHCS:EX <Launa.Ramsay@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Papadopoulos, Nikki OHCS:EX <Nikki.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: March 8, 2021 4:05:00 PM PST

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Patrick Simpson <[psimpson@saferhomesociety.com](mailto:psimpson@saferhomesociety.com)>

Attending from MO;  
Brady Yano [brady.yano@gov.bc.ca](mailto:brady.yano@gov.bc.ca)  
Dan Coulter [dan.coulter@gov.bc.ca](mailto:dan.coulter@gov.bc.ca)

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Thanks Launa – confirmed for tomorrow at 4 pm 😊

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[Avery.kelly@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Avery.kelly@gov.bc.ca)

[Dmichaud@bchousing.org](mailto:Dmichaud@bchousing.org) – BCH - Communications

[Vivian.thomas@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Vivian.thomas@gov.bc.ca) – SDPR - GCPE

[Tim.chu@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tim.chu@gov.bc.ca)

Thanks,

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**Cc:** Pape-Salmon, Andrew OHCS:EX <[Andrew.PapeSalmon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Andrew.PapeSalmon@gov.bc.ca)>

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**Sent:** Sunday, March 7, 2021 7:38 PM  
**To:** May, Cheryl OHCS:EX <[Cheryl.May@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cheryl.May@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Ramsay, Launa P OHCS:EX <[Launa.Ramsay@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Launa.Ramsay@gov.bc.ca)>  
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Good evening, Cheryl

We have received three requests for PS Coulter, (see below), I just wanted to make sure you were aware that these will be coming to us - I do not yet have any dates/times. Please could you let me know the preference for #3 (BN or a briefing)?

Thanks,

-M

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You're killing this scheduling thing, Launa!

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I've reached out to BCH to confirm it will work for them. I've also held the time in Cheryl's calendar.  
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**Cc:** Pape-Salmon, Andrew OHCS:EX <[Andrew.PapeSalmon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Andrew.PapeSalmon@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Flagging - Requests for PS Coulter

We are prepared to do #1 this week, but this is the first we have heard of #4 and need to allow time for staff to put together briefing materials – can we request additional time for #4 please.

Thanks,

Cheryl

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**From:** Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX <[Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca)>

**Sent:** March 8, 2021 12:38 PM

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**Cc:** May, Cheryl OHCS:EX <[Cheryl.May@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cheryl.May@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** RE: Flagging - Requests for PS Coulter

Hi there, Launa

PS Coulter would like to do #1 and #4 this week (copied below).

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Please advise as soon as possible if any time in the below options work and who our attendees will be for each:

**March 9th after 3:30 (tomorrow) DAG available**

OR

Thursday March 11th , 11am to 1pm (DAG can be available depending on time chosen) or 1:30 to 3pm (DAG not available)

Thanks,  
-M

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**From:** Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 7, 2021 7:38 PM  
**To:** May, Cheryl OHCS:EX <[Cheryl.May@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cheryl.May@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Ramsay, Launa P OHCS:EX <[Launa.Ramsay@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Launa.Ramsay@gov.bc.ca)>  
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Good evening, Cheryl

We have received three requests for PS Coulter, (see below), I just wanted to make sure you were aware that these will be coming to us - I do not yet have any dates/times. Please could you let me know the preference for #3 (BN or a briefing)?

Thanks,  
-M

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**From:** Milne, Gala AG:EX <[Gala.Milne@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Gala.Milne@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 5, 2021 5:03 PM  
**To:** Normand, Nicole AG:EX <[Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca)>; Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX <[Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca)>  
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3 - Here are some questions from PS Coulter's office. If these are best answered in a BN or a phone call, either are fine with PSC, but useful to have in advance of the SAFERhome meeting.

- An overview of the 2019 BC Housing Design Guidelines and Constitution Standards. Further, how do these standards compare to those outlined in current Building Code?
- If all new BC Housing developments are adhering to the aforementioned 2019 standards, why is SAFERhouse accreditation necessary?
- How does the SAFERhouse accreditation differ from the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification? Do BC Housing or OHCS staff have a preference?
- What is the difference between universal design, inclusive design, and adaptive design. Further, what are the estimated cost increases in total building costs for proceeding with each?

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Let me know if you have any questions!

Thanks,

Gala Milne  
Senior Ministerial Advisor to Hon. David Eby  
Attorney General and Minister of Housing  
778-587-2143

## AG Meeting - Rick Hansen - April 6 - FW: File No. 612993

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Sent: March 25, 2021 11:07:53 AM PDT  
Attachments: Eby letter Hansen Feb 23 2021 .docx

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Cliff number: 612993

## **HOLD Pre-brief with PS Coulter - Rick Hansen (DAG Regrets) (2).msg**

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s.15

**To:** May, Cheryl OHCS:EX <Cheryl.May@gov.bc.ca>, Mpistrin@bchousing.org, XT:HLTH  
Ramsay, Shayne <sramsay@bchousing.org>, Pape-Salmon, Andrew OHCS:EX  
<Andrew.PapeSalmon@gov.bc.ca>

**Sent:** April 4, 2021 8:04:34 PM PDT

**Received:** April 4, 2021 8:04:34 PM PDT

**Priority:** Normal (5)

**Calendar Item Type:** REQUEST

Attendees:

AG

MA

Andrew Pape-Salmon

Shayne Ramsay

Mike Pistrin, AVP Asset Strategies

PS Coulter

CC: s.15; s.17

## RE: AG Meeting - Rick Hansen - April 6 - FW: File No. 612993

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**From:** Jensen, Jun'ichi OHCS:EX <Junichi.Jensen@gov.bc.ca>  
**To:** Horner, Shannon E OHCS:EX <Shannon.Horner@gov.bc.ca>, Papadopoulos, Nikki OHCS:EX <Nikki.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca>, Thomson, John OHCS:EX <John.Thomson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Alexander, Jessica OHCS:EX <Jessica.Alexander@gov.bc.ca>, May, Zachary OHCS:EX <Zachary.May@gov.bc.ca>, Pape-Salmon, Andrew OHCS:EX <Andrew.PapeSalmon@gov.bc.ca>, Laboucane, Shannon OHCS:EX <Shannon.Laboucane@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 25, 2021 5:34:25 PM PDT  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

Thanks, all. Yes, we can lead the BN. Shannon Laboucane will be assigned the e-app. I have also copied John Thomson from HPB to confirm this arrangement suits him, as I am proposing to have BSSB staff reach out directly to BC Housing for any support we need.

Jun'ichi Jensen  
Director, Building Policy (Acting)  
Building and Safety Standards  
Ministry of Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing  
Province of BC  
250 858 1325  
or 778 974-3910



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**From:** Horner, Shannon E OHCS:EX  
**Sent:** March 25, 2021 4:33 PM  
**To:** Papadopoulos, Nikki OHCS:EX  
**Cc:** Alexander, Jessica OHCS:EX ; Jensen, Jun'ichi OHCS:EX ; May, Zachary OHCS:EX ; Pape-Salmon, Andrew OHCS:EX  
**Subject:** RE: AG Meeting - Rick Hansen - April 6 - FW: File No. 612993  
Nikki:  
Please forward to Jun'ichi Jensen who will assign to his team.  
~ Shannon

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**From:** Papadopoulos, Nikki OHCS:EX <Nikki.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 25, 2021 4:22 PM  
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**Cc:** Alexander, Jessica OHCS:EX <Jessica.Alexander@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: AG Meeting - Rick Hansen - April 6 - FW: File No. 612993

Hi Shannon,  
Cheryl has advised that Andrew should attend this upcoming meeting with her and that his team could lead on materials and include information from BC Housing. Please let me know who will be drafting the BN.  
Jessica – please hold this time in Andrew's calendar.  
Regards,  
Nikki

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**From:** Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX <Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 25, 2021 11:08 AM  
**To:** Papadopoulos, Nikki OHCS:EX <Nikki.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca>; Ramsay, Launa P OHCS:EX <Launa.Ramsay@gov.bc.ca>  
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**To:** Mpistrin@bchousing.org, XT:HLTH Ramsay, Shayne <sramsay@bchousing.org>

**Sent:** April 6, 2021 9:02:18 AM PDT

**Received:** April 6, 2021 9:02:19 AM PDT

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Attendees:

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MA

Cheryl May

Andrew Pape-Salmon

Jun'ichi Jensen

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Cc: Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: March 26, 2021 3:48:24 PM PDT

Hi Tanera, please include the following attendees:

Cheryl May  
Andrew Pape-Salmon  
Shayne Ramsay  
Mike Pistrin, AVP Asset Strategies

No material will be prepared.

Thanks,  
-M

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 10:47 AM  
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## **For Information : 615538 AG MBN Meeting with Rick Hansen and PS Coulter**

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<SuhanKumar.Alagaratanam@gov.bc.ca>  
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Cc: Alagaratanam, Suhan Kumar AG:EX <SuhanKumar.Alagaratanam@gov.bc.ca>, Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX <Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca>, Chu, Timothy GCPE:EX <Timothy.Chu@gov.bc.ca>, Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX <Tasha.Schollen@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: March 31, 2021 2:43:52 PM PDT  
Attachments: 615538 AG MBN Meeting with Rick Hansen and PS Coulter.pdf  
Good Afternoon,

Please see the attached AG Meeting Briefing Note (MBN) , provided for the Minister's & PS Coulter's information.

**Briefing Scheduled** – please note that this has been prepared for the Minister's and PS Coulter's information, and for meeting with Rick Hansen, Founder, Rick Hansen Foundation on April 6, 2021..

*Note: Kindly please share this note with PS Coulter's office and this Meeting note is for the Minister, PS Coulter and MO staff information only. Please do not distribute externally.*

Thank you,

**Suhan Kumar Alagaratanam**

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**MINISTRY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
BUILDING AND SAFETY STANDARDS BRANCH  
Meeting BRIEFING NOTE**

**PURPOSE:** MEETING Note for David Eby, QC  
Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing and  
Parliamentary Secretary Dan Coulter

**Meeting with:** Rick Hansen, Founder, Rick Hansen Foundation on April 6, 2021

Other attendees:

Cheryl May, A/ Associate Deputy Minister, Housing, Construction Standards, and Multiculturalism

Andrew Pape-Salmon, Executive Director, Building and Safety Standards Branch

Shayne Ramsay, CEO, BC Housing (biography attached)

Mike Pistrin, Associate Vice President, Asset Strategies at BC Housing (biography attached)

**Issue:** The next iteration of the British Columbia Building Code to make new buildings more accessible for all people.

**Key Messages:**

- The Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, the Parliamentary Secretary, and the Accessibility Secretariat are committed and working closely to make new buildings more accessible for all people and support the Province's goal to build a better B.C. for people with disabilities.
- We are currently working to ensure that the next iteration of the British Columbia Building Code includes changes that will make new buildings more accessible for all people in an effective and timely manner that is also harmonized with emerging national building codes and standards.

**BACKGROUND:**

- The Province has committed, through the Canadian Free Trade Agreement's Regulatory Reconciliation Cooperation Table Agreement, to reducing building code variations to achieve consistent codes and standards throughout Canada.
- The British Columbia Building Code (BCBC) is based substantively on the model National Building Code (NBC). The NBC is updated approximately every five years and B.C. adopts most of the requirements into subsequent editions of the BCBC.
- Historically, B.C. has demonstrated leadership in accessibility by establishing requirements for new construction and renovations that exceed the NBC.
- The current (2018) BCBC accessibility requirements are based on the 2015 NBC with some improvements to achieve a greater level of access. Many of B.C.'s accessibility requirements preceded and vary from the NBC. Some examples of B.C. variations include requiring elevators in more buildings, requiring more universal accessible washrooms, and construction requirements for adaptable dwelling units.

- The BCBC and the NBC allow the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) B651 “Accessible Design for the Built Environment” standard as an optional compliance path for design of certain applications.
- The CSA is developing a new Accessible Housing standard (B652). Ministry staff as well as Rick Hansen Foundation (RHF) staff are participating on the technical committee to support its development.

### **Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification program**

- The Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification program (RHFAC) is a rating system that measures the accessibility of buildings and sites. It promotes increased access through the adoption of universal design principles.
  - RHFAC defines universal design as the design of products and environments to be useable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design.
- A 2020 RHFAC Cost Comparison Study<sup>1</sup> compared RHFAC requirements to the NBC and the Ontario Building Code (OBC) which were each used as baselines.
  - The RHFAC percentage scoring system<sup>2</sup> assigned a baseline score of 35 per cent to the NBC and of 42 per cent to the OBC.
  - Applying no cost RHFAC requirements at the design stage resulted in a score of 70 per cent for the NBC and 74 per cent for the OBC.
    - No cost design items could include direct paths of travel, selecting flooring finishing that allow for ease of movement of wheeled mobility devices, and lighting design to reduce glare and shadows.
  - For a 1 per cent construction cost increase, both NBC and OBC buildings received a score of 80 per cent which the rating system considers Accessibility Certified Gold.
  - For a 6.4 per cent (NBC) and 6.1 per cent (OBC) construction cost increase, buildings could achieve a score of 100 per cent.
  - Buildings constructed to the BCBC or the CSA B651 standard were not evaluated as part of the study; however, there are many similarities between the three codes and the CSA standard.

### **DISCUSSION:**

- The Building and Safety Standards Branch (BSSB) is working with the National Research Council to finalize the NBC 2020 on which the next edition of the BCBC will be based. This next edition of the BCBC will include changes to make buildings more accessible.
- BSSB is collaborating with the National Research Council, Accessibility Standards Canada, and the Canadian Standards Association on new accessibility requirements for adoption in future national and provincial building codes. These changes are

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<sup>1</sup> Find the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification Cost Comparison Feasibility Study using this link: <https://www.rickhansen.com/sites/default/files/downloads/20200115-rhfac-final-report-full-v3.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> The RHFAC offers two levels of certification. Rating scores of 80 per cent and higher receive RHF Accessibility Certified Gold, and rating scores of 60 to 79 per cent receive RHF Accessibility Certified. Rating scores below 60 per cent do not receive certification.



anticipated to be included in subsequent revisions to the BCBC, which are typically enacted on an annual basis.

- The RHF also participates in national codes and standards development. The RHF's experience and expertise with industry best practices help advance accessible design and construction requirements.
- The RHFAC helps build awareness of accessibility in the built environment and helps market transformation.
- Ministry staff in BSSB are reviewing the RHFAC program to help inform further development of the BCBC.
- The RHFAC rating system is unlike a building code which is strictly a design and construction standard. It is a measurement system for user experience of furnished and operational spaces, including spaces building codes don't regulate such as playgrounds. It can be applied at the design stage and inform the design but can also be used to measure accessibility of existing spaces.

#### **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Across Canada, disability prevalence is higher among Indigenous people: 36 per cent of Indigenous women and 26 per cent of Indigenous men report having a disability (excludes persons on reserves).<sup>3</sup>
- BSSB will work with the Parliamentary Secretary and the Accessibility Secretariat to conduct coordinated and inclusive engagements and seek input from Indigenous Peoples in B.C.

#### **GBA+ OR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS:**

- Accessibility is an essential element of everyday life for more than half a million British Columbians (24.7 per cent). In B.C., a higher proportion of women (26.5 per cent) report living with a disability than men (22.9 per cent).
- BSSB will work closely with the Parliamentary Secretary and the Accessibility Secretariat to conduct coordinated and inclusive engagements with the accessibility community, code users, and members of the public.

#### **OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:**

- Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction's Accessibility Secretariat (continued collaboration)
- Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility (continued collaboration)

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#### **Approved by:**

Cheryl May  
A/ Associate Deputy Minister  
Housing, Construction Standards, and  
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<sup>3</sup> Statistics Canada, 2017 Aboriginal Peoples Survey

## **Attachments (1): Biographies – BC Housing**

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#### **Shayne Ramsay, CEO**

Since May 2000, Shayne has been the CEO of BC Housing. Shayne was responsible for setting up the Homeowner Protection Office in 1998 and served as its first CEO. Prior to being appointed CEO, Shayne was director of development services for BC Housing, and director of housing policy and program development with the former Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in B.C.

In addition to his work as CEO, Shayne serves as chair of the Board of Directors for the Crown Corporation Employer's Association, an agency that represents human resource issues for the provincial crown corporations in British Columbia. He is also chair of Housing Partnership Canada, a peer network and business collaboration of social housing leaders committed to innovation. Shayne has a graduate degree in urban planning from the University of Toronto.

#### **Mike Pistrin, Associate Vice President, Asset Strategies**

Mike Pistrin started his career in construction as an apprentice electrician and project manager as he made his way through university. He joined BC Housing in 2000, and prior to becoming Associate Vice President of Asset Strategies, worked in numerous departments across the Commission, including Asset Strategies, Operations and Development Services. In 2004, Mike began managing programs instead of projects and has led Asset Strategies since 2007. In his time at BC Housing he has led the capital investment of over \$1.6 billion into the provincial housing stock.

Mike holds an MBA from Athabasca University and an Honours BA in Geography & Urban Studies from Simon Fraser University. He holds a Facility Management Administration designation from BOMI. Mike received BC Housing's Inaugural Leadership Award in 2010. His prior experience includes a number of years on residential construction projects in the private market.

## **Meeting with Rick Hansen and PC Coulter (2).msg**

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## Change to Attendees - Pre-Brief PS Coulter - Rick Hansen - April 6 - FW: File No. 612993

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From: Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX <Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca>  
To: Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>, Nanninga, Tanera AG:EX <Tanera.Nanninga@gov.bc.ca>  
Sent: April 6, 2021 9:03:23 AM PDT

Hi Nicole and Tanera, please see below. Please could you update the list of attendees?

Thank you,  
-M

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**From:** Papadopoulos, Nikki OHCS:EX <Nikki.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 6, 2021 9:00 AM  
**To:** Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX <Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: AG Meeting - Rick Hansen - April 6 - FW: File No. 612993  
**Importance:** High

Hi Maya,

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- Cheryl May
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- Juni'chi Jensen

BC Housing does not need to attend, they can be removed from the invite.

Regards,  
Nikki

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**To:** Minister, AG AG:EX <[AG.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:AG.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>  
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## Meeting with Rick Hansen & PS Coulter

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**MINISTRY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
BUILDING AND SAFETY STANDARDS BRANCH  
Meeting BRIEFING NOTE**

**PURPOSE:** MEETING Note for David Eby, QC  
Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing and  
Parliamentary Secretary Dan Coulter

**Meeting with:** Rick Hansen, Founder, Rick Hansen Foundation on April 6, 2021

Other attendees:

Cheryl May, A/ Associate Deputy Minister, Housing, Construction Standards, and  
Multiculturalism

Andrew Pape-Salmon, Executive Director, Building and Safety Standards Branch

Shayne Ramsay, CEO, BC Housing (biography attached)

Mike Pistrin, Associate Vice President, Asset Strategies at BC Housing (biography  
attached)

**Issue:** The next iteration of the British Columbia Building Code to make new buildings  
more accessible for all people.

**Key Messages:**

- The Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, the Parliamentary Secretary, and the Accessibility Secretariat are committed and working closely to make new buildings more accessible for all people and support the Province's goal to build a better B.C. for people with disabilities.
- We are currently working to ensure that the next iteration of the British Columbia Building Code includes changes that will make new buildings more accessible for all people in an effective and timely manner that is also harmonized with emerging national building codes and standards.

**BACKGROUND:**

- The Province has committed, through the Canadian Free Trade Agreement's Regulatory Reconciliation Cooperation Table Agreement, to reducing building code variations to achieve consistent codes and standards throughout Canada.
- The British Columbia Building Code (BCBC) is based substantively on the model National Building Code (NBC). The NBC is updated approximately every five years and B.C. adopts most of the requirements into subsequent editions of the BCBC.
- Historically, B.C. has demonstrated leadership in accessibility by establishing requirements for new construction and renovations that exceed the NBC.
- The current (2018) BCBC accessibility requirements are based on the 2015 NBC with some improvements to achieve a greater level of access. Many of B.C.'s accessibility requirements preceded and vary from the NBC. Some examples of B.C. variations include requiring elevators in more buildings, requiring more universal accessible washrooms, and construction requirements for adaptable dwelling units.



- The BCBC and the NBC allow the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) B651 “Accessible Design for the Built Environment” standard as an optional compliance path for design of certain applications.
- The CSA is developing a new Accessible Housing standard (B652). Ministry staff as well as Rick Hansen Foundation (RHF) staff are participating on the technical committee to support its development.

### **Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification program**

- The Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification program (RHFAC) is a rating system that measures the accessibility of buildings and sites. It promotes increased access through the adoption of universal design principles.
  - RHFAC defines universal design as the design of products and environments to be useable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design.
- A 2020 RHFAC Cost Comparison Study<sup>1</sup> compared RHFAC requirements to the NBC and the Ontario Building Code (OBC) which were each used as baselines.
  - The RHFAC percentage scoring system<sup>2</sup> assigned a baseline score of 35 per cent to the NBC and of 42 per cent to the OBC.
  - Applying no cost RHFAC requirements at the design stage resulted in a score of 70 per cent for the NBC and 74 per cent for the OBC.
    - No cost design items could include direct paths of travel, selecting flooring finishing that allow for ease of movement of wheeled mobility devices, and lighting design to reduce glare and shadows.
  - For a 1 per cent construction cost increase, both NBC and OBC buildings received a score of 80 per cent which the rating system considers Accessibility Certified Gold.
  - For a 6.4 per cent (NBC) and 6.1 per cent (OBC) construction cost increase, buildings could achieve a score of 100 per cent.
  - Buildings constructed to the BCBC or the CSA B651 standard were not evaluated as part of the study; however, there are many similarities between the three codes and the CSA standard.

### **DISCUSSION:**

- The Building and Safety Standards Branch (BSSB) is working with the National Research Council to finalize the NBC 2020 on which the next edition of the BCBC will be based. This next edition of the BCBC will include changes to make buildings more accessible.
- BSSB is collaborating with the National Research Council, Accessibility Standards Canada, and the Canadian Standards Association on new accessibility requirements for adoption in future national and provincial building codes. These changes are

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<sup>1</sup> Find the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification Cost Comparison Feasibility Study using this link: <https://www.rickhansen.com/sites/default/files/downloads/20200115-rhfac-final-report-full-v3.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> The RHFAC offers two levels of certification. Rating scores of 80 per cent and higher receive RHF Accessibility Certified Gold, and rating scores of 60 to 79 per cent receive RHF Accessibility Certified. Rating scores below 60 per cent do not receive certification.

anticipated to be included in subsequent revisions to the BCBC, which are typically enacted on an annual basis.

- The RHF also participates in national codes and standards development. The RHF's experience and expertise with industry best practices help advance accessible design and construction requirements.
- The RHFAC helps build awareness of accessibility in the built environment and helps market transformation.
- Ministry staff in BSSB are reviewing the RHFAC program to help inform further development of the BCBC.
- The RHFAC rating system is unlike a building code which is strictly a design and construction standard. It is a measurement system for user experience of furnished and operational spaces, including spaces building codes don't regulate such as playgrounds. It can be applied at the design stage and inform the design but can also be used to measure accessibility of existing spaces.

#### **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Across Canada, disability prevalence is higher among Indigenous people: 36 per cent of Indigenous women and 26 per cent of Indigenous men report having a disability (excludes persons on reserves).<sup>3</sup>
- BSSB will work with the Parliamentary Secretary and the Accessibility Secretariat to conduct coordinated and inclusive engagements and seek input from Indigenous Peoples in B.C.

#### **GBA+ OR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS:**

- Accessibility is an essential element of everyday life for more than half a million British Columbians (24.7 per cent). In B.C., a higher proportion of women (26.5 per cent) report living with a disability than men (22.9 per cent).
- BSSB will work closely with the Parliamentary Secretary and the Accessibility Secretariat to conduct coordinated and inclusive engagements with the accessibility community, code users, and members of the public.

#### **OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:**

- Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction's Accessibility Secretariat (continued collaboration)
- Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility (continued collaboration)

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<sup>3</sup> Statistics Canada, 2017 Aboriginal Peoples Survey

## **Attachments (1): Biographies – BC Housing**

### **Attachment 1 – Biographies – BC Housing**

#### **Shayne Ramsay, CEO**

Since May 2000, Shayne has been the CEO of BC Housing. Shayne was responsible for setting up the Homeowner Protection Office in 1998 and served as its first CEO. Prior to being appointed CEO, Shayne was director of development services for BC Housing, and director of housing policy and program development with the former Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in B.C.

In addition to his work as CEO, Shayne serves as chair of the Board of Directors for the Crown Corporation Employer's Association, an agency that represents human resource issues for the provincial crown corporations in British Columbia. He is also chair of Housing Partnership Canada, a peer network and business collaboration of social housing leaders committed to innovation. Shayne has a graduate degree in urban planning from the University of Toronto.

#### **Mike Pistrin, Associate Vice President, Asset Strategies**

Mike Pistrin started his career in construction as an apprentice electrician and project manager as he made his way through university. He joined BC Housing in 2000, and prior to becoming Associate Vice President of Asset Strategies, worked in numerous departments across the Commission, including Asset Strategies, Operations and Development Services. In 2004, Mike began managing programs instead of projects and has led Asset Strategies since 2007. In his time at BC Housing he has led the capital investment of over \$1.6 billion into the provincial housing stock.

Mike holds an MBA from Athabasca University and an Honours BA in Geography & Urban Studies from Simon Fraser University. He holds a Facility Management Administration designation from BOMI. Mike received BC Housing's Inaugural Leadership Award in 2010. His prior experience includes a number of years on residential construction projects in the private market.

## Parliamentary Secretary – Work Plan

Mandate letters for Parliamentary Secretaries include the following statement: *“Your Minister is ultimately responsible and accountable for their ministry and their mandate; thus, all key decisions will be made by them. Your role is to understand your Minister’s policy goals, develop a deep understanding of the issues, [and] participate in consultations with key stakeholders... You will collaborate with your Minister, Ministry and the Premier’s Office to develop a workplan to guide your efforts, including detail on how the professional public service will support your work through briefings, supporting consultations, and keeping you apprised of policy development.”*

This template fulfills that obligation and is to be completed collaboratively by the PS, DMO and MO.

<b>Work plan: Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility</b>	
Parliamentary Secretary	MLA Dan Coulter
Mandate commitment	Work with the Attorney General and Minister responsible for Housing to ensure the next iteration of the BC Building Code includes changes that will make new buildings more accessible for all people.
Project team / meeting frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Lead: Sam Turcott, Executive Lead, Accessibility</li> <li>MO lead: Gala Milne, Senior Ministerial Advisor, AG / Brady Yano, Ministerial Advisor, SDPR</li> <li>PO/PPS contact: Jon Robinson, Executive Director</li> <li>Other relevant staff: BSSB: Andrew Pape-Salmon, ED, Building and Safety Standards Jun’ichi Jensen, Acting Director, Building Policy; Andy Chase, Team Lead; Shannon Laboucane, Policy Analyst. Accessibility Secretariat: Guillaume Dufresne, Director, Accessibility Policy; Krissi Spinoza, Director, Accessibility Engagement</li> <li>Meeting Frequency: Quarterly</li> </ul>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify, remove, and prevent barriers to accessibility in buildings.</li> <li>Identify potential policy and regulatory solutions.</li> <li>Highlight opportunities for the BC Building Code.</li> <li>Lead work on communications and engagement with the disability community.</li> <li>Catalyze support for proposed regulatory approach.</li> </ul>
Deliverables / Outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish policy on the scope for building accessibility standards, including the areas of focus and types of disabilities that cause people to experience barriers in the built environment. Q2.</li> <li>Engage key influencers and stakeholders to ascertain the best practices for building designs and jurisdictional responsibilities for developing and implementing codes. Q3.</li> <li>Work with Building and Safety Standards Branch to identify proposed changes to the Building Code. 2022-23.</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Lead the consultation on proposed changes, identify barriers and build support among key influencers. Q3: 2022-23.</li> <li>5. Develop complementary voluntary measures (education and incentives) to support the changes to the building code. 2022-23 (for Feb 2023 budget).</li> <li>6. Publish a report on addressing accessibility in the Built Environment, including Building Codes and voluntary measures. (Q3 2023-24)</li> <li>7. Advocate with counterparts across Canada to extend BC changes to other provinces, territories and the National Building Code.</li> </ol>
Stakeholder engagement plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop comprehensive, considerate, and inclusive engagement with accessible information.</li> <li>2. Facilitate meaningful engagement of Indigenous peoples.</li> <li>3. Lead targeted engagement in 2021/22 on proposed focus and seek feedback on appropriate jurisdictional leadership (e.g., mandatory Code requirements versus local governments enabled to determine minimum number of accessible units).</li> <li>4. Solicit input through public consultation and targeted engagement with the building industry, local governments, building code users, the general public, and accessibility groups and representatives. See proposed list below.</li> </ol>
Proposed Timeline	All mandate items completed in December 2023. Please see Deliverables for details.
Planning determining factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support required from PS Accessibility Dan Coulter and the Accessibility Secretariat to lead stakeholder engagement surrounding proposed accessibility regulations in the BC Building Code.</li> <li>• BC has signed the Regulatory Reconciliation Agreement on Construction Codes, driving toward provincial harmonization with national Codes by 2025 and timely adoption within 18 months. This doesn't directly affect this mandate, but it is prudent to align to the greatest extent possible with national standards. This approach is supported by the Rick Hansen Foundation.</li> <li>• Proposal to adopt BC Building Code changes in late 2022 or early 2023, with an effective date December 2023.</li> <li>• Potential for local government and Indigenous community leadership standards, and/or sub-delegation to local authorities to determine the application of provincial building regulations to appropriate building permits, aligned with local circumstances.</li> <li>• Canadian Standards Association is developing a residential accessibility standard, building upon their successful B651 Accessible Design for the Built Environment standard.</li> <li>• Accessibility Standards Canada has a strong mandate to advance national standards and has funding to support BC leadership.</li> </ul>

## Engagement Invitation List – Proposed Draft for Collaboration with Parliamentary Secretary

Aboriginal Housing Management Association	CMHC
Accessibility Contractors	Disability Alliance BC
Accessibility Legislation and COVID Advisory Committee (SDPR MAC)	Engineers and Geoscientists of BC
Accessibility Standards Canada	First Nation Housing and Infrastructure Council
Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of BC	Greater Vancouver Association of the Deaf
Architectural Institute of BC	Health Authorities
Association of Consulting Engineering Companies British Columbia	Homebuilders Association Vancouver
Barrier Free BC	Human Rights Commissioner
BC Assembly of First Nations	Inclusion BC
BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society	Independent Contractor's and Business Association of BC
BC Construction Association	Interior Designers Institute of BC
BC Housing	Local Government Management Association
BC Interpretation Committee	Ministry of Municipal Affairs
BC Non-Profit Housing Association	National Research Centre
British Columbia Real Estate Association	Planning Institute of British Columbia
British Columbia Building Trades	President's Group (SDPR MAC)
Building Code Appeal Board	Rick Hansen Foundation
Building Officials' Association of BC	Regional home builder associations (8)
Building Owners and Managers Association	Social Planning and Research Council of BC
Trades Training BC	Spinal Cord Injury BC
Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists – BC chapter	Condominium Home Owners Association of BC
Canadian Home Builders' Association of BC	Treaty First Nations
Canadian Standards Association	Union of BC Municipalities
City of Vancouver	UBC Endowment Lands
	Urban Development Institute – Pacific, Kelowna and Victoria

**MINISTRY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
BC HOUSING  
MEETING BRIEFING NOTE**

**PURPOSE:** MEETING Note for Parliamentary Secretary Dan Coulter

**Meeting with:** SAFERhome Standards Society

**Issue:**

SAFERhome is interested in having BC Housing certify all new buildings BC Housing builds and make their training a requirement for residential builders.

**Key Messages:**

- BC Housing incorporates most of SAFERhome's standards into the BC Housing Design Guidelines and Construction Standards.
- BC Housing will work with SAFERhome to set up SAFERhome training through continuing professional development credits for builders, and to develop a Builder Insight Bulletin on the topic for builders.

**BACKGROUND:**

**BC Housing's Design Guidelines and Construction Standards**

The BC Housing's Design Guidelines and Construction Standards (Guidelines) apply to affordable housing projects whose capital and/or operating budgets are funded or financed by BC Housing.

The Guidelines recognize the need for accessible design criteria while constructing new buildings, conversions, and renovations that allow people with disabilities to live independently in the community. These include:

- All areas of the site and all parts of the building intended for tenant use must be accessible to people with disabilities and shall be designed to consider the safety of people of all ages and degrees of abilities;
- 5 per cent of units should be fully wheelchair accessible in new developments, in addition to adaptable units;
- All suites in senior buildings should be designed as adaptable units

The Guidelines meet or exceed BC Building Code (Code) requirements and adopt best practices from industry such as CSA B651 Accessible Design for the Built Environment, and the SAFERhome Standards Manual. Though the Code also references CSA B651, it does not adopt all of its standards because the CSA standard applies beyond the building and into the building site, which is generally not regulated by the Code. For a comparison between the BC Building Code and BC Housing's Design Guidelines and Construction Standards, please see Attachment 1.

### **Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification program**

The Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification program is a rating system for the accessibility of existing buildings, not a construction standard like SAFERhomes. Buildings that achieve certification must have a high degree of accessibility. The program is based on the CSA B651 standard that is also referenced in the BC Building Code and some parts of which are incorporated in BC Housing's Design Guidelines and Construction Standards.

### **Cost of Accessible or Adaptable Units**

BC Housing does not have a costing analysis of units that are built accessible or adaptable as cost is not looked at on a unit by unit basis. Rather, BC Housing looks at cost as part of the overall design for a building. Thus, achieving the 5 per cent accessible units (or all adaptable units in the case of seniors developments) is part of the overall cost.

The SAFERhome website states that, in general, a new 2,600 square foot home would be an additional \$1,100 of building cost to incorporate the whole SAFERhome program.

One recent study on the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification program identified many gains that could be made at the planning and design stage at no cost (scoring a 70-74 per cent rating). For a 1 per cent cost increase, the building could reach Accessibility Certified Gold, which is a score of 80 per cent. For a cost increase of 6.1-6.4 per cent, buildings could achieve a score of 100 per cent.

Costs and scores were estimated using the National Building Code and the Ontario Building Code as baselines.

### **Accessibility Requirements for National Housing Strategy Co-Investment Fund**

As part of the National Housing Strategy, the Government of Canada is investing \$13.2 billion through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Co-Investment Fund to projects across Canada that help those in greatest need, including women, children fleeing family violence, seniors, Indigenous Peoples, people with disabilities, those dealing with mental health and addictions, and Veterans and young adults. In August 2019, the Province of BC and federal government announced a \$75 million investment to support the construction of 1,500 units of affordable housing targeted to people needing supportive housing and women fleeing violence, through the Co-Investment Fund.

The Co-investment Fund has strong requirements for accessibility. The Fund requires either the entire building to be universally designed, or for 20 per cent of the units to be accessible units. Definitions of Terms can be found in Attachment 2.

## **DISCUSSION:**

### **SAFERhome Standards Society**

The SAFERhome Standards Society is a national organization that promotes safe, healthy and sustainable housing standards and practices through home planning assistance, home inspection and certification programs. SAFERhome also acts as a public interest lobby group with government and industry for the adoption of SAFERhome building standards and practices. Currently there are over 1,500 homes in the Greater Vancouver area that are SAFERhome certified.



SAFERhome has 15 standards pertaining to structural and design features, electrical and telecom, and plumbing adaptability. All of their standards are within the existing provincial and national building codes. SAFERhome describes their standards as universal design.

SAFERhome is interested in having BC Housing certify all new buildings BC Housing builds and make SAFERhome training a requirement for residential builders.

BC Housing incorporates most of SAFERhome's standards into the BC Housing Design Guidelines. BC Housing has also provided SAFERhome with grants and technical support.

BC Housing will work with SAFERhome to set up SAFERhome training through continuing professional development credits for builders, and to develop a Builder Insight Bulletin on the topic for builders.

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONSIDERATIONS:**

Recognizing over representation of Indigenous peoples within the homeless population and in housing that is not adequate nor affordable, BC Housing works in partnership with Indigenous communities and organizations to help create more affordable housing and to increase self-reliance in the Indigenous housing sector.

**GBA+ OR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS:**

BC Housing applies a Gender Based Analysis Plus lens to all programs. This lens examines community impacts of resource development on diverse groups of people including women, men, girls, boys and gender diverse individuals.

**OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:**

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**Attachments (2)**

1. Definitions of Terms
2. Comparison of BC Building Code 2018 and BC Housing Design Guidelines and Construction Standards 2019

## **Attachment 1 - Definitions of Terms**

**Accessible** is a generic term that is used to mean a space, place or item is designed for use by people with disabilities. Canadian codes typically include provisions for wheelchair or other mobility device users (e.g.: space requirements for navigating and turning), those with visual impairments (e.g.: tactile warning strips on stairs), and hearing impairments (e.g.: visual alarms or strobes). The term is often used to refer to building code requirements (which also use the term “barrier-free”) but is also sometimes used to include “universal design”.

**Adaptable Design** provides the space and some structural accommodations so units can be readily made accessible. Examples are wider doors and doorways for turnaround space and backing for future installation of grab bars. The BC Building Code’s “Adaptable Dwelling Units” use this principle. These dwelling units are not regarded as being accessible, rather they are more easily made accessible, when compared to typical units.

**Adaptive Design** means accessibility provisions are provided- but relates more often to adaptive technology like automatic door openers. It may also relate to furnishings or other impermanent parts of a buildings and is not typically used to refer to permanent items in buildings that are regulated by codes. The BC Building Code does require automatic door openers in some cases.

**Inclusive Design:** Is related to accessibility and universal design but focuses on the approach rather than the outcomes. An inclusive design includes a focus on people with disabilities but also focuses on people who don’t have a defined or legally recognized disability but may have difficulty interacting with different spaces or environments.

**Universal Design** to some means inclusive and fully accessible. To some however, the term is a blend of adaptable design and accessible design. For example, SAFERhomes does not require a lift or grab bars to be installed, but does require structural backing so that these items can be more easily installed in future. It does, however, require light switches to be installed at an accessible height. This approach aligns with the CMHC definition of universal design.

## Attachment 2 – Comparison between BC Building Code 2018 and BC Housing Design Guidelines and Construction Standards 2019

British Columbia Building Code 2018 <sup>1</sup>	BC Housing Design Guidelines and Construction Standards <sup>2</sup>
Regulates minimum health, safety, accessibility, fire and structural safety, and energy and water efficiency	Addresses some matters not regulated in the codes and goes beyond code requirements in areas regulated by the code (such as fire sprinklers in all buildings) and increased energy efficiency.
Requires accessible design in common areas of apartment and condominium buildings, but not within dwelling units.	<p>Applies the 15-point universal design standard published in the SAFERhome Standards Manual<sup>3</sup> to self-contained dwelling units in multi-unit residential buildings (as applicable).</p> <p>Requires 5 per cent of dwelling units in a multi-unit building to accommodate people using wheelchairs.</p> <p>Accessibility requirements for controls (e.g. switches, thermostats) within dwelling units. Accessible design and construction required within dwelling units.</p>
Generic to owner and use; offers acceptable solutions for any building project (design flexibility)	Requires certain spaces and features to coordinate with housing programs (e.g. requires common dining and meal preparation space for supportive housing for homeless at-risk clients)
No minimum dwelling or room sizes	Prescribes minimum floor areas for bedrooms, seating capacity, net dwelling unit floor area, and common amenity spaces, as well as requirements for certain facilities and appliances (as examples) based on program/housing type
Design and construction requirements for adaptable dwelling units but does not require units to be built adaptable (establishes 'how', but not 'when' or 'where').	Applies the Building Code's adaptable dwelling unit construction requirements to all units for seniors as well as for whenever there is an intention for future modification to accommodate people with disabilities (i.e. based on need/demand in geographical location).
Establishes design and construction requirements for adaptable dwelling units. Local governments may establish minimum number of adaptable units to be constructed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applies the Building Code's adaptable dwelling unit construction requirements for all units for seniors as well as for when there is an intention for future modification to accommodate people with disabilities (i.e. based on need/demand in geographical location)</li> <li>• Builds upon the Building Code's adaptable dwelling unit requirements with additional requirements for design, construction, and finishes</li> </ul>
Requires accessible design in common areas of apartment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applies the 15-point universal design standard published in the SAFERhome Standards Manual</li> </ul>

and condominium buildings, but not within dwelling units	<p>to self-contained dwelling units in multi-unit residential buildings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applies the Building Code's accessibility requirements for controls (e.g. thermostats) to dwelling unit controls</li> <li>• At least 5 per cent (increase by up to 12 per cent depending on the municipality) of total dwelling units in a multi-unit building must accommodate people using wheelchairs (references CSA B651-12, "Accessible Design in the Built Environment," as the design and construction standard)</li> </ul> <p>Contains accessible design and construction (and finishing) requirements for dwelling units</p>
<i>Establishes general criteria for egress (exiting) of occupants</i>	Offers specific criteria (elevator arrangement, rated speed of elevators, wait time) of egress (exiting) systems
Does not apply to landscaping (unless exterior route is a part of a means of egress (i.e. designated escape route))	Requirements and guidelines for landscaping (including design, irrigation, pathways, and snow accumulation)

#### Notes to Table

<sup>1</sup> The British Columbia Building Code is available online at no cost at [bccodes.ca](http://bccodes.ca).

<sup>2</sup> The BC Housing Design Guidelines and Construction Standards are available at [bchousing.org](http://bchousing.org).

<sup>3</sup> The SAFERhome Standards Manual is available at [saferhomestandards.com](http://saferhomestandards.com).

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Dear Hans Uli Egger:

Thank you for your email of February 26, 2021, highlighting the Accessibility Professional Network event on Accelerating Access.

You may be aware of my mandate to lead work on the next iteration of the British Columbia Building Code, working with the Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility to ensure that it includes changes that will make new buildings more accessible for all people. I look forward to delivering on this mandate and the effect it will have on new buildings.

The Office of Housing and Construction Standards is actively working with the Accessibility Secretariat and Parliamentary Secretary Dan Coulter on planning the next iteration of the British Columbia Building Code. A number of staff are members of the Accessibility Professional Network who are looking forward to participating in the March events on Accelerating Access, which will help inform the ministry's work.

Yours truly,

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