



MEASURING UP THE NORTH: TERRACE

DISABILITY ACCESS TOUR - JUNE 8, 2008

The Disability Access Tour organized by the Measuring Up Terrace Committee on June 8th, 2008 provided a glimpse for the participants into the lives of people who use wheelchairs. The participants, Robin Austin (MLA), David Pernarowski (Terrace City Councillor), and Sandy Glendenning (Kermodei Tourism Society Director), each agreed from their experience in the wheelchair that they needed to anticipate and plan their routes ahead of time so that they didn't have to backtrack to access crosswalks. They also needed physical strength to maneuver around obstacles and uneven sidewalks through downtown Terrace.

The Committee members who assisted with the Tour expressed a greater understanding of the issues when they saw the difficulties the participants experienced. Carol Fielding, a Measuring Up Terrace Committee member, commented that "I had my eyes opened up to the degree of challenges that are out there for our members of the community that have mobility challenges."

The Measuring Up Terrace Committee was formed to assess the inclusiveness and accessibility of Terrace for people with disabilities, seniors and families with small children. The Committee is asking for community input about how they view accessibility in Terrace through a Community Assessment Survey that will be available commencing June 21st at the National Aboriginal Days celebration in George Little Park. The survey will also be available online at www.terrace.ca, and at City facilities and various community organizations.

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