

## NEW!! Life in a wheelchair

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TERRACE CITY Councillor Dave Pernarowski, left, and Skeena MLA Robin Austin, were among a group of people testing the friendliness of Terrace's streets for wheelchair users today. Helping Pernarowski is Carol Fielding while Cynthia Fitton is assisting Austin. Both are involved with the Measuring Up Terrace committee.

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EVEN THE SLIGHTEST difference in grade between sidewalks and streets proved a challenge for those trying out life in a wheelchair in downtown Terrace today.

Often those in wheelchairs needed the help of their helpers to negotiate the height differences even at places where sidewalks had been constructed to have ramps leading down to road level.

The tour of the downtown was organized by the Measuring Up Terrace committee, an effort of local people to highlight and then address mobility and access issues within the city.

The group started off at city hall, making its way to George Little Memorial Park before returning via Lakelse Ave.

"You sure get a different perspective," noted participant Sandy Glendenning, board member of Kermodai Tourism, as she maneuvered down Park Ave. toward George Little Memorial Park.

Others noted that sidewalks and roads can be designed and then constructed to make access easier for those in wheelchairs and those who have other mobility challenges.