

FIVE STAR COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
November 20, 1991.
City Hall

AGENDA

- Item No. 1 Distribution of the information about the Five Star Community Award
National Access Awareness Week
- Item No. 2 Discuss details around 1992 Budget requests
- Item No. 3 Correspondence - Letter from Ron & Laura Drozdiak
- Item No. 4 Discuss and prepare a clear definition to the draft copy of the Mission statement
(see attached) - review goals and objectives
- Item No. 5 New Business/Next meeting

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WORKING TOWARDS

ACCESSIBILITY

The Five-Star Community Awards provide communities of every size across Canada with opportunities to show that they have ensured the full participation of people with disabilities. Many barriers prevent disabled people from participating fully. There is a lot we can do to change things, from social attitudes to physical designs. Some solutions are simple; others require a great deal of effort and collaboration among various groups in the community. Nineteen ninety-one is the third year of the Awards. Last year, 14 communities received nation-wide recognition for their efforts in becoming more accessible to everyone.

Five-Star Community Award Recipients

- Kitchener, Ontario
- Ottawa, Ontario
- Redvers, Saskatchewan

Star Award Recipients

- Calgary, Alberta - Transportation
- Dartmouth, Nova Scotia - Recreation
- Hinton, Alberta - Education
- Kingston, Ontario - Transportation
- Montreal, Quebec - Recreation
- Powell River, British Columbia - Recreation
- Regina, Saskatchewan (two awards)
- Transportation and Recreation
- Saint-Louis-de-France, Quebec - Transportation
- Stephenville, Newfoundland - Employment
- Windsor, Ontario - Recreation
- Winnipegosis, Manitoba - Transportation

THE AWARDS

The Five-Star Community Awards offer Canadian communities an opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to accessibility and integration and to be recognized for their accomplishments in these areas. The objectives of the program are to:

- recognize significant achievement toward integration and improved access for disabled persons in five "Star" areas: transportation, housing, employment, recreation and education;
- highlight models of programs and services that other communities can use;
- inspire more communities to find ways of ensuring the integration of disabled persons into community life.

A FIVE-STAR COMMUNITY AWARD

is the highest form of recognition a community can receive for its all-round accomplishments in improving accessibility and integrating persons with disabilities into community life.

A STAR AWARD recognizes a community's achievements in one of the five Star areas.

POPULATION CATEGORIES

Communities' achievements will be considered in six different population categories:

- under 5,000;
 - 5,000 to 20,000;
 - 20,000 to 50,000;
 - 50,000 to 100,000;
 - 100,000 to 250,000; and
 - over 250,000.
- Up to six Five-Star Community Awards may be given, one in each population category.
 - Up to 30 Star Awards may be given, one for each of the Star areas in each population category.
 - Not all the awards will necessarily be given every year.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Awards Selection Committee is composed of nominees of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), persons with disabilities who are involved actively in advocacy, and others who are knowledgeable about the issues. Awards will be presented in conjunction with the 1991 National Access Awareness Week.

WHO MAY APPLY?

Municipal governments apply for awards on behalf of their entire communities. Making a community accessible and integrated is a shared responsibility; no one sector or group has all the authority, all the resources or all the answers. Everyone - individuals, large and small business boards of education, voluntary organizations and the government - has to get involved. If your organization is involved in community accessibility projects, get in touch with your municipal government to request that your initiatives be included in its application for an award.

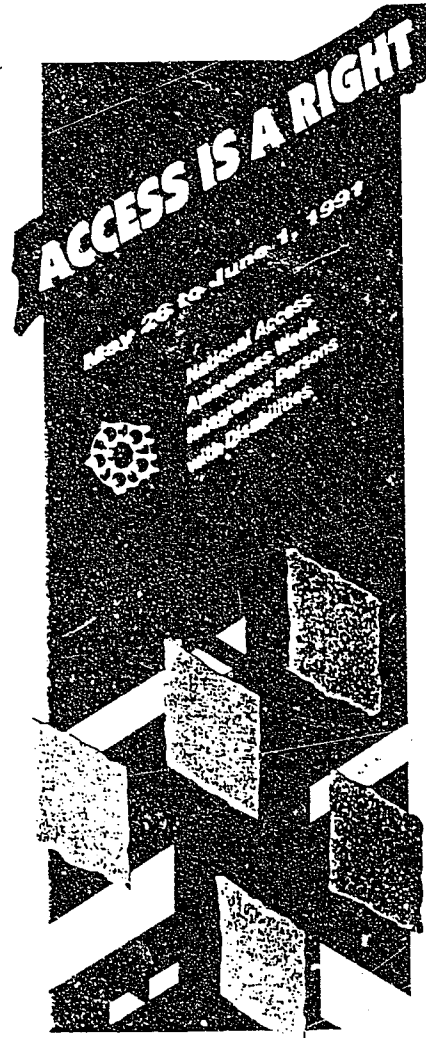
HOW TO APPLY

Application guidebooks, containing both forms and detailed instructions, may be requested from the FCM headquarters in Ottawa and from the national office of the Department of the Secretary of State in Ottawa, or its regional offices across Canada.

Further information:

Federation of Canadian Municipalities
24 Clarence Street
Ottawa, Ontario
K1N 5P3
(613) 237-5221

National Access Awareness Week
Department of the Secretary of State
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0M5
(613) 997-2412
Voice and TDD



All Canadians have the right to full access to everything their community has to offer. People with disabilities are no exception.

National Access Awareness Week, May 26 to June 1, 1991 is a chance for individuals, voluntary organizations, small businesses, corporations and governments to ask themselves "What can we do to ensure access for all persons with disabilities?"

Access means more than just removing physical barriers: it also means changes in attitudes and support systems that will allow all people with visible as well as invisible disabilities (such as learning, intellectual and psychiatric) to be part of community life.

Working together, national, provincial and local committees and the Department of the Secretary of State are planning the week as a time for communities across Canada to:

ASSESS

services and facilities to determine accessibility for all:

SET GOALS

to measure progress throughout the year;

MAKE

practical improvements; and

CELEBRATE

what has already been achieved by people with disabilities and other individuals.

Your participation is important. You can make a difference! Here are some ideas for activities in the five areas where changes are needed.

TRANSPORTATION

Contact your mayor to let him/her know you think it is important that buses and taxis and other modes of public transportation be made accessible to disabled persons.

HOUSING

Organize a seminar on barrier-free design and include real estate people, builders and people with disabilities. Volunteer to help out at a group home - you may help people live independently and make new friends too.

EMPLOYMENT

Encourage your employer to hire qualified persons with disabilities. When you make decisions about hiring and promotions, consider candidates with disabilities.

RECREATION

If you lead a youth group, such as Cubs or Brownies, make sure you include young people with disabilities.

EDUCATION

Encourage teachers to use "Discover Together", an education kit available from the Department of the Secretary of State, to help children understand disabilities.

For other ideas and information you can contact your local organizing committee or your provincial representative.

PROVINCIAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES:

Northwest Territories
Ms. Dale Robinson (403) 873-8230
TDD (403) 920-2674

Yukon
Ms. Margaret McCullough (403) 667-6226

British Columbia
(604) 875-9742

Alberta
Ms. Iris Saunders (403) 423-4106
(voice & TDD)

Saskatchewan
Ms. Laurel Scott (306) 374-4545

Manitoba
Mr. Dale Kendel (204) 947-1118

Ontario
Ms. Karen Glen (416) 944-1894
TDD (416) 923-6210

Quebec
Mr. Richard Geoffrion (514) 251-1383

New Brunswick
Ms. Danielle Vincent (506) 452-1112
(voice and TDD)
1-800-442-4412 Toll Free

Prince Edward Island
Ms. Anne Lie-Nielsen (902) 892-9149

Nova Scotia
Ms. Anne MacRae (902) 425-0119
(voice and TDD)

Newfoundland
(709) 722-0790

FIVE-STAR COMMUNITY AWARDS PROGRAM:

As we strive to remove the barriers which deny equal access, it is also important to recognize our achievements. The Five-Star Community Awards program is a partnership between the Department of the Secretary of State and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. This program gives Canadian communities a chance to show their commitment to accessibility and to be recognized for their accomplishments in each of the five areas already mentioned.

Your community could be a winner! If you think you have interesting programs or services that ensure access to community life for persons with disabilities, contact your mayor and encourage him or her to submit an application.

For further information on National Access Awareness Week and participation in the Five-Star Community Awards program, contact:

National Access Awareness Week
Department of the Secretary of State
Ottawa Ontario
K1A 0M5

Voice and TDD:
(819) 997-2412

Join us, and use this week to make your community a better one all year round!

NATIONAL PARTNERS:

Active Living Alliance
Association of Kinsmen and Kinette Club
Canadian Association for Community Living
Canadian Association of the Deaf
Canadian Association of Independent Living Centres
Canadian Chamber of Commerce
Canadian Council of the Blind
Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and
Canadian Hard of Hearing Association
Canadian Labour Congress
Canadian Mental Health Association
Canadian Paraplegic Association
Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the
Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association
Coalition of Provincial Organizations of Handicapped
Confédération des organismes provinciaux
personnes handicapées du Québec
Disabled Women's Network
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Learning Disabilities Association of Can.
Man in Motion
National Educational Association of Dis.
Students
National People First
One Voice Seniors Network
Department of the Secretary of State

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THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

MEMORANDUM

October 16, 1991

TO: Jim Maitland, City Treasurer

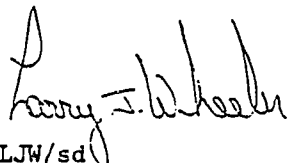
FROM: Larry J. Wheeler, Recreation Manager/Deputy Director

SUBJECT: 1992 Proposed Budget - Five Star Committee

At the October 9, 1991 meeting of the Five Star Committee, the members present approved the following 1992 budget proposal.

\$14,000 Five Star Committee

This budget will be used for the business of the Five Star Committee (ie. social planning, NAAW, conferences and seminars, public meetings, etc.).


LJW/sd

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1375 Oriole Ave.,
Port Coquitlam, B.C.,
V3B 5H7
November 14, 1991

Erin Murphy-Carlson,
Port Coquitlam Recreation Dept.
2253 Leigh Square
Port Coquitlam, B.C.
V3C 3B8

Dear Erin,

We are directing this letter to you in your role as Port Coquitlam's representative on the committee "Independence That's Living".

Mayor Trauboulay stated in council on September 9, 1991 that the city of Port Coquitlam should look to a yearly project to make the city more accessible for people with disabilities. We have two legally blind children age 6 and 9 who attend Birchland Elementary. They must cross Prairie Ave. four times a day to attend school - a hazardous process even when accompanied by a parent or carrying a white cane.

Birchland's parent advisory council has already approached the RCMP and city council regarding patrols or a pedestrian controlled light at the intersection of Prairie and Toronto as there have been several near misses of children crossing there.

Perhaps now would be a good time to approach the "5 Star Committee" and in turn city council about a pedestrian controlled light. This would benefit not only our 2 visually impaired children and help them walk independently and safely to and from school. It would also benefit every Birchland student living north of Prairie, Junior high students living south of Prairie and attending George Parkes and anyone going to and from Prairie Mall. It is interesting to note there are 2 pedestrian controlled lights between Coast Meridian and Shaughnessy and none between Coast Meridian and the Pitt River.

We would appreciate your help in directing our concern to the appropriate people. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Ron & Laura Drozdak

Ron & Laura Drozdak
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STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION

NAME: The Five Star Community Committee

MEMBERS: -2 Aldermen appointed by the Mayor
-2 Parks & Recreation staff members
-community members invited by the Aldermen

CHAIRPERSON: Alderman-appointed by the Mayor

MEETINGS: Once a month

MISSION STATEMENT: To ensure that The City of Port Coquitlam is accessible to all residents by removing physical, social and attitudinal barriers which impede full participation in all aspects of community life.

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1. To advise Municipal Council, mainly through its various Council Committees, on matters presently under consideration which affect people with special needs, with special attention to public education, awareness and integration, recreation, transportation, housing, education and employment.
2. To respond to any matters concerning people with special needs which may be referred to the committee by council or council committees.
3. To monitor Municipal services and facilities and ensure that the needs of people with special needs are considered.
4. To work co-operatively with Municipal Departments whose activities affect people with special needs and to provide these Dept. with guidance, advice and information.
5. To circulate, document and keep a library of information.
6. To encourage and facilitate feedback through existing channels from people who have a special need.
7. To bring to council, issues identified by the Committee requiring action by the municipality.
8. To receive information from the "Independence Thats Living Committee".

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