



CAN Human Rights Table

June 20, 2019

Fish Creek Library | 11161 Bonaventure Drive SE
Minutes of Meeting

Chair: Ermira Kusari

Present

Jacob McGregor (Community Advocate)

Carla Howatt (VAD)

John Miller (Community Advocate)

Angela Symon (Community Advocate)

Sean Crump (Universal Access)

Ermira Kusari (CAN)

Myrna El Fakhry Tuttle (Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre)

	Item	Action
1.	Welcome and Introductions	
2.	Approval of May minutes	
3.	<p><u>Discussion topics</u></p> <p><u>Accessibility at the Calgary Zoo:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parts of the Calgary Zoo are very difficult to access, particularly for persons using a wheelchair - There are electric chairs available at the zoo however they come at the cost of \$25 per use per day - The table will be looking into reaching out to the Calgary Zoo Board of Directors and invite them to the table to discuss accessibility at the Calgary Zoo and what the plans are, if any, to make improvements in that area - Sean <p><u>Provincial Accessibility Act Presentation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be two or more versions of the presentation available, depending on the target group: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Junior High and High Schools 2. Professional groups <p>1. The Presentation targeting youth is already prepared and available.</p>	

- Presentation is attached in the email along with these minutes
- **Please read through the presentation and send us any suggestions or feedback on how we can improve it**

Some examples of changes that have been already proposed:

1. Language – omit the use of Blind and Deaf and use Visually and Hearing Impaired
2. Under types of disabilities, add Cognitive Disabilities
3. Psychiatric Disabilities to be replaced with Mental Health Disabilities
4. List Accessible Canada Act, Bill C-81 and the three Provincial Accessibility Acts that exist in Canada (Nova Scotia, Ontario and Manitoba) with the rest of Acts and Laws that are currently in place
5. More infographics, photos and video clips to be included in the presentation to make it more visually appealing (**on this note, we will be looking into collaborating with a professor of design at Mount Royal University to see how the students can be involved in providing this portion of the work**)

Currently, within ACLRC, there are two summer students who are working with the rest of the team to put together the presentation for professionals

- They will be focusing on Provincial Accessibility Acts across Canada as well as the Federal Act, Bill C-81
- How would a Provincial Accessibility Act in Alberta help fill in the gaps that other Acts and Laws do not cover.
- The team will keep us posted once the presentation is ready and similar to the presentation targeting youth, it will be distributed to everyone for review and feedback.

Angus Reid Institute, in partnership with the Rick Hansen Foundation have released a report on a study based on an online survey conducted from Nov 14 - 20, 2018, among a representative randomized sample of 1,800 Canadian adults – the News Release as well as the Report are attached to the email along with the minutes. Link to the report:

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	<p>Accessibility: A source of future anxiety and a significant consideration for Canadian consumers today</p> <p>https://www.rickhansen.com/sites/default/files/2019-01/ari-research-jan-2019eng-final-accessible.pdf</p> <p>The table will not meet at the regular scheduled time for the months of July and August, however we will continue to remain active and exchange ideas and plans regarding the presentation and if the need arises, we will utilize Doodle Poll to determine a date, time and location for a meeting.</p>	
4.	<p>Wrap-Up/Adjournment</p> <p><u>Next meeting:</u> Date: TBD Time: TBD Location: TBD</p>	