

Chilliwack School District Accessibility Committee

The Chilliwack School District is forming an Accessibility Committee, effective May 8, 2023 and into the 2023-2024 school year, to advise the organization in its development of an accessibility plan. The plan includes identifying, preventing, and removing the barriers to accessibility that people with disabilities face within the school district, following the directives of the *Accessible British Columbia Act*. The committee will also follow the principle of "nothing about us without us."

Membership:

The committee will follow the structure outlined in the *Accessible British Columbia Act*, with 5 to 10 members. Committee membership will reflect the diversity of persons with disabilities in British Columbia and the diverse backgrounds and experiences of staff, students, community partner groups and residents with children and/or youth in Chilliwack School District.

The committee will include representation from:

- a person with a visible or invisible disability
- a member of a disability-serving organization
- a parent/guardian/caregiver supporting a student with a disability
- a person with Indigenous background
- a person from another equity-deserving group

Scope of Work:

- Provide input into the development of an accessibility plan based on the principles of Inclusion, Adaptability, Diversity, Collaboration, Self-Determination, and Universal Design.
- Provide input into the Chilliwack School District's barriers to accessibility such as attitudinal, physical, sensory, information and communication, systemic and technology issues.
- Review feedback from the Chilliwack School District's Let's Talk SD33 engagement platform.
- Provide information to the Superintendent's office on the school district's accessibility plan.
- Provide information to the Superintendent's office on rolling out the Accessible British Columbia Act and of the school district's work on accessibility.

Meeting Schedule: The first three meetings are prescheduled for May 8th & 29th and June 19th from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm (dinners will be included).

Application Process: Please fill out the <u>application form</u> to apply - Chilliwack School District's Accessibility Committee Application. Application deadline is April 27th, 2023.

Additional Information: Please <u>contact David Manuel</u>, Assistant Superintendent if you have any questions or require support with your application.

For more information about the Accessible B.C. ACT, see the following links: <u>Accessible B.C. Act</u> (full Act) <u>Accessible B.C. Act</u> (in force) <u>Accessible B.C. Regulation</u> comes into force September 1, 2022 <u>Plain Language summary of the Accessible B.C. Act</u> <u>Timeline for</u> <u>implementation (PDF)</u>