

COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTION

*For consideration at the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on
June 3, 2026*

6. Recognizing National Accessibility Week as an Official City of Vancouver Observance

Co-submitted by: Councillors Maloney and Orr

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver is committed to advancing equity, accessibility, inclusion, and belonging for all residents;
2. The City's Accessibility Strategy and Action Plan aims to advance accessibility, reduce barriers, and support the full participation of persons with disabilities in civic life, public spaces, services, employment, and community engagement;
3. Raising public awareness is a key part of building a more accessible and inclusive society where everyone can participate fully;
4. National Accessibility Week, observed across Canada from May 31 to June 6, 2026, invites all of us, including governments, businesses, organizations, and individuals, to take action to advance a barrier-free country;
5. National Accessibility Week contributes to identifying, removing, and preventing structural, physical, and attitudinal barriers to the participation of persons with disabilities in civic life. It also celebrates the leadership, achievements, and contributions of persons with disabilities in our communities, workplaces, and public life;
6. On May 14, 2026, the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, whose mandate is to advise Council and staff on advancing access and inclusion for persons with disabilities in City services and civic life, passed a motion recommending that Vancouver City Council formally recognize National Accessibility Week as one of the City of Vancouver's official observances; and
7. Recognizing National Accessibility Week as an Official City of Vancouver observance would support the objectives of the City's Accessibility Strategy and Action Plan and encourage public awareness and community participation during National Accessibility week.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to recognize National Accessibility Week as an Official Celebration and Observance of the City of Vancouver starting in 2026, in alignment with the City's Accessibility Strategy and Action Plan and the motion passed by the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, to encourage public

awareness and community efforts toward a more accessible and inclusive Vancouver for all residents.

- B. THAT the City of Vancouver will acknowledge this day with a proclamation, illumination, and internal and external communications as is customary of the City's official observances.

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