Strategic Pillar 6: Research and Monitoring

Maximizing the independence and choice of people with disabilities requires a commitment to staying apprised of the issues that impact them. As new regulations are introduced through the Accessible British Columbia Act and the community continues to grow and change, ongoing research and review of the Plan will be required. Monitoring the Plan's implementation will be conducted on an ongoing basis as will the refinement of the Plan's actions by incorporating public and staff feedback, as required by the Act. This will ensure implementation of the Plan is responsive to the current community context and the evolving needs of people with disabilities in Richmond. Maintaining awareness of the latest accessibility standards, trends and best practices will also be essential for informing the Plan's implementation and overall advancement of accessibility in Richmond.

Recommended Actions

6.1 Develop a community data profile to support all City departments in monitoring and analyzing trends in accessibility to respond to emerging and changing community needs. ~ Short-term

6.2 Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Plan and report out on a biennial basis. ~ Ongoing

6.3 Revise and update the Plan every three years based on guidance provided by the Richmond Accessibility Advisory Committee and feedback received through the accessibility feedback mechanism. ~ Ongoing

6.4 Provide dedicated resources, including staff positions as required, to support the implementation of the Plan and respond to new standards introduced through the Accessible British Columbia Act. ~ Ongoing

6.5 Incorporate actions into City Department Annual Work Plans to advance action in the Plan and respond to information received through the City's accessibility feedback mechanisms. ~ Ongoing

6.6 Research and evaluate accessibility best practices, standards and emerging technologies relevant to each City department, to identify opportunities for implementation in Richmond. ~ Ongoing

6.7 Explore and apply for grants relevant to implement new initiatives that advance accessibility and respond to the Accessible British Columbia Act. ~ Ongoing

