

## City Proclaims June 5 as Access Awareness Day

Parksville, BC - City of Parksville Mayor Ed Mayne has proclaimed June 5, 2010, as "Access Awareness Day" in the City of Parksville. The theme for 2010 is "Go All Inclusive" which is about raising awareness of what an ideal accessible community looks like with practical recommendations on how to get there.

Access Awareness Day, sponsored by SPARC BC (Social Planning and Research Council of BC) highlights the important roles we all play in creating inclusive and accessible communities for people of all abilities. Since 1997, SPARC BC has been promoting Access Awareness Day in BC. It is a comprehensive campaign to raise awareness about disability, accessibility and social inclusion. SPARC BC continues to set new standards in collaboration, planning, accessibility and community development.

Said Mayor Ed Mayne, "On June 5, we hope people will think about accessibility, and what it means for those with disabilities. We are proud of the continuing work of the Parksville Measuring Up Committee."

The Measuring Up Parksville Committee started its work in April 2008 after receiving funding from 2010 Legacies Now. The overall objective of the committee has been to educate, sensitize and inform the community of Parksville and the larger community of Oceanside about accessibility and inclusion and how it benefits everyone.

Information about Access Awareness Day is available at [www.sparc.bc.ca/access-awareness-day](http://www.sparc.bc.ca/access-awareness-day).

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