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Subject: City of Burnaby Accessibility and the RHFAC

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you on the advice of Alison Gu, copied.

I have been a resident of Burnaby for over 33 years. In addition I am on the Board of the Rick Hansen Foundation (RHF).

A few years ago the RHF developed a rating system named RHFAC that is unique in the world. In simple terms it measures the level of accessibility of buildings for people with vision hearing and mobility disabilities. It is not a code, but rather it is an aspirational rating system that goes beyond code, and encourages and rewards innovative ways of making buildings more accessible for people with visual, hearing and mobility disabilities. If a building achieves a certain level of accessibility it can be RHFAC Certified, if it achieves our highest level, it can be RHFAC Certified Gold.

Over 1300 private and public sector clients across Canada have used the RHFAC to date, and it is transforming how we approach the design of the built environment. The City of Surrey recently made a formal commitment that all of their civic facilities will be designed to meet RHFAC Certified Gold: <https://www.surrey.ca/news-events/city-spotlight/city-spotlight-rick-hansen-foundation-partnership>.

As a proud citizen of Burnaby and a Board member of the RHF I feel that Burnaby should make a similar commitment.

On behalf of the RHF this email is a formal request for an opportunity for the Foundation to make a presentation to Council regarding the RHFAC rating system.

I look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,

Stanis Smith

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