



The VOICE of Albertans with Disabilities

April 19, 2021

VAD Membership



Membership for an organization is \$99
Membership for a corporation or business is \$150
Individuals with disabilities and their families are free.

Your membership fees help offset the costs of our advocacy services, assessments, and a movement to full inclusion with individuals in the province of Alberta.

Here is a list of the benefits of membership in addition to the AGM and event invites:

- Distribution of member information through VAD social media
- Participation in research and projects
- Newsletter: The Voice
- Weblink to your website for duration of membership year
- a printed organizational members directory on request



www.vadsociety.ca/social-action/adf/become-a-member

See who has joined VAD this year:

www.vadsociety.ca/social-action/adf/member-list

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Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 18-24, 2021

The National Volunteer Week theme for 2021, *The Value of One, The Power of Many*, reflects on the awe-inspiring acts of kindness by millions of individuals AND the magic that happens when we work together towards a common purpose.

Voice of Albertans with Disabilities would like to thank our Bingo and Casino volunteers for the 2020 - 2021 year. Without your volunteer time and efforts, our organization would not be able to participate in the fund-raising we do.

Thank you Volunteers for your hard work! We look forward to when we can see your smiling faces again.



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Monday, October 18, 2021 Edmonton municipal election

A goal of the municipal election should be to ensure that all voting stations are accessible to everyone that is eligible to vote regardless of abilities or barriers. Here are some things that would make an election voting station fully accessible according to **Elections Canada**.

- Key information about voting and registration is available online, in print and in alternate formats upon request:
 - Large print
 - Braille
 - Audio CD and files (i.e. DAISY)
 - Full transcription
 - Open captioning
 - ASL and LSQ videos
- Parking space(s) for persons with disabilities?
 - Surface of parking firm and level?
 - Parking lit?
 - Pathway from parking lot to the entrance?
- Sloping sidewalk (curb cut)?
 - Surface of the pathway is firm and obstacle-free?
 - Pathway is at least 920 mm (36") wide?
 - Pathway is free of a long slope?
 - Pathway is free of a steep incline?
- Building provides a level access to the entrance? (no steps)
- Level access ramp is provided?
- If there is a level access ramp, it provides:
 - Handrail?
 - Non-slip surface?
 - Clear width of 920 mm (36")?
 - A slope of no more than 4.80°?
- Exterior building lighting?
- Building exterior is free of any protruding objects?
- There is signage to locate the level access entrance?
- Exterior door has a clear opening width of 810 mm (32")?
- Door handles are easy to grip?
- Door threshold meets maximum standard of 6 mm (1/4")?
- An automatic door opening device is provided
- Weight of the entrance door allows it to be easily opened?



- Door gives immediate access to the voting room?
- Interior door(s) has a clear opening width of 810 mm (32")?
- Interior door opening width measurements (mm):
- Door handles are easy to grip?
- Automatic door opening devices are provided for interior doors?
- Weight of interior doors allows them to be easily opened?
- Door threshold meets maximum standard of 6 mm (1/4")?
- Corridors have a minimum width of 920 mm (36")?
- Interior of the building is free of any protruding objects?
- Voting room is on the same level as the entrance?
 - If no, electors can access the voting room using an elevator or a level access ramp?
 - Handrail?
 - Non-slip surface?
- Interior lighting works?
- Wheelchair accessible washroom
 - Are there any grab bars?

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ARE YOU READY?
 Ask SAM about Accessible Opportunities.
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Together, We Hold the Power!

Full Participation - Accessibility - Equity