

## **ACCESS TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

The Comox Valley Regional District board, on occasion, elects to support province-wide concerns and issues in the form of a board resolution. These resolutions are normally forwarded first to the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) for consideration but may also be forwarded directly to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM). Based on the nature of the concern, UBCM will either endorse or not endorse the recommendation and if endorsed, will present the concern to the provincial or federal government on behalf of all BC municipalities and regional district.

**Date of Board meeting:** January 30, 2006

**Board Resolution:** WHEREAS it is desirable to provide people with disabilities improved access to government facilities and structures in order to enhance opportunities to provide service, conduct business and serve customers; AND WHEREAS there is currently limited consideration of accessibility in public buildings; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all upgrades to and new construction of government public facilities be referred to the appropriate local accessibility organization for comment prior to finalizing the design drawings;  
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities urge the provincial government to work to develop legislation which sets in place a requirement for provincial ministries, local governments, public transportation organizations and agencies including BC Ferries services to consider and address accessibility issues;  
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BC Building Code be reviewed and amended to require improved levels of access to government facilities and services for British Columbians with disabilities.

**This resolution was referred to AVICC on, June 28, 2006**

**A response was received on April 7, 2006**

**Response from AVICC:** On motion, as amended, was ENDORSED at the annual convention.