

Accessibility at The 2019 Active Transportation Summit

We know that the expert on your accessibility needs is you. On this page we will try to identify potential barriers and list accessibility features that may be useful for some people, but we are also here to provide further information. Our goal is to try to eliminate inaccessibility as a reason for you not to participate in the summit.

This page is a work in progress. We will be adding information and photos. We are very open to and appreciative of your feedback, questions and concerns. We understand that no one person is an expert on someone else's accessibility needs so we will be endeavouring to provide you with the information you need and make whatever provisions we possibly can.

Thank you for supporting the first annual BC Active Transportation Summit! If you have any questions, please contact Gabrielle at gabrielle.peters@bccycling.ca or phone us at 604.670.4421.

Building Accessibility

Barrier Alert: The Anvil Centre has a large open lobby with a ceiling several stories high. We are conscious of the acoustics in this area. There will be an alternative location available for people to use during breaks.

Our two-day event is held at The [Anvil Centre](#) in New Westminster, British Columbia.

Anvil Centre has two large elevators with floor buttons that include braille. The buttons for all floors are at height accessible to a wheelchair user. There are mirrors on the sides of the elevator.

Anvil Centre has automatic double doors at the entrance and parking levels.

First Aid

A fully stocked first aid room is located on site, access given through our front desk staff. The centre has a basic first aid attendant on site.

Scent

All attendees will be notified in advance that this is a scent-free event and they will be provided information about the importance of this. We will also have signs posted at the door reminding people of this.

Washrooms

Barrier Alert: None of the washrooms are Changing Places. They do not have lifts or adult sized change tables.

Washrooms with sensors for the dryer, soap dispenser and water tap are provided on each level of Anvil Centre.

Baby change tables are located in washrooms.

All washrooms have braille signs next to the door on the sign.

The main washroom doors on the ground level will be propped open, there is one larger washroom stall in the male and one in the female washrooms here.

Gender-Inclusive Bathrooms

For attendees who prefer gender-inclusive bathrooms. Gender-Inclusive bathrooms are located on Level 2. These are also wider, however, the door is not automatic.

Parking

Accessible parking is available on all levels of Anvil Centre Parkade. There are 7 stalls which are larger at approx. 13ft x 16ft or 4m x 5.1m. Each parking stall is designed for guests who need more space and is accessible via flat ground from the elevators, which have automatic doors. Guests can pay for parking by inputting their licence plate number on the machine next to the elevators so there is no need to return to your vehicle.

Prices:

1 hour: \$2.00

2.5 hours: \$5.00

6 hours: \$6.00

10 hours: \$10.00

Service Dogs

Service Dogs are permitted in the Anvil Centre. Please note that all other animals are prohibited. We will make an announcement to remind guests not to pet service dogs.

A service dog washroom in the form of a small green grass space is located outside the venue, across the street. It is not wheelchair accessible.

ASL Interpreters

We will reserve accessibility and interpreting seating areas for speakers, sponsors and delegates who require these.

Please let us know if you require an ASL interpreter in advance.

For questions or interpreter requests, please contact our contact us at summit@bccycling.ca.

Quiet room

A quiet, low-light room to take a rest will be located on the ground floor level 1, room number 101.

Charging stations

Electrical sockets are available across the venue to charge devices. The quiet room will have multiple sockets available for use.

Chairs and tables

Chairs will be placed throughout the venue.

All tables used are at height accessible to wheelchair users from booth trestle tables to 72" rounds in workshops to 30" rounds for casual eating.

Support from our Staff and Volunteers

An Accessibility Desk will be set up near the Quiet Room. Volunteers and staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide assistance.

Wide and Clear Pathways

Pathways will be kept wide. People will be reminded to tuck in their chairs and push their chair back at the beginning and end of every session.

They will also be reminded to make sure no personal belongings are stored on the floor between tables or walkways.

Dietary Requirements

Please let us know in advance if you have any dietary requirements. We will do our best to accommodate your needs. Please let us know of any requirements upon registration.

People will be reminded to:

- Avoid sitting in reserved seating areas unless you actually need to.
- Maintain clear paths in walkways and seated areas.
- Although interacting with animals is tempting, please don't pet and distract service animals.
- Not all disabilities are visible. Please help or support when asked and don't pry for reasons why someone is using an elevator. We trust attendees to decide what is right for them.