

SPINAL CORD INJURY BC

Transportation for Everyone



We're all about the Great Outdoors.

Not the Inaccessible Outdoors.

Or the Exclusive Outdoors. Or the Unattainable Outdoors.

Not the You're Out Of Luck, It's Out Of Reach Outdoors.

Just the Great Outdoors. For everyone.



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How Did We Get Here?

- **People assume that everything new is accessible**
- **People with disabilities still have to fight to ensure new programs and services are accessible**



Loss of Greyhound

- **There are many reasons people don't drive or don't want to drive.**
- **People who are vulnerable, whether due to age, disability, or poverty are more affected.**

BC Bus North

- **Not wheelchair accessible**
- **The official launch was held at a location not accessible by public transit or sidewalks**
- **The alternative and accessible service is Northern Health Bus, but not everyone is eligible to ride**

World ParaNordic Skiing Championships

- **Transportation was part of the original plan**
- **Closer to the event, it was not included**
- **Volunteers were told no transportation**
- **Minimal venue parking and only two spots to be designated accessible**
- **I had to fight to have bus service**



Fighting for Access

- **People with disabilities fight for access in many areas of daily life**
- **Advocacy is exhausting**
- **When all services are accessible, people with disabilities will enjoy the same range of options and choices that able bodied people already enjoy.**

Recommendations

- **Government funded services MUST be fully accessible**
- **Services must be inclusive**
- **New applications for transportation licenses must be accessible**
- **Event organizers need to include accessible transportation options if local transit is not available**