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NORTH SHORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES

November 26, 2008

Mayor and Council
District of West Vancouver
750 – 17th Street
West Vancouver, BC V7V 3T3

Dear Mayor and Council:

RE: PROPOSED PROVINCIAL ADAPTABLE HOUSING STANDARDS

At our meeting held September 25, 2008, the North Shore Advisory Committee on Disability Issues (ACDI) endorsed that the following comments on the proposed Provincial Adaptable Housing Standards be submitted under the heading of 'other information' section of the **Office of Housing and Construction Standards** on-line submission form:

For your information, the North Shore Advisory Committee on Disability Issues (a tri-municipal Council Advisory Committee advising the District of West Vancouver, District of North Vancouver & City of North Vancouver on accessibility) will be forwarding the following comments on the proposed provincial adaptable housing standards (as their recommended response) to the respective North Shore Councils:

1. The proposed standards lack a cross-disability perspective and are focused primarily on mobility
2. That future working groups (and revisions of the draft standards) include input from persons with a variety of disabilities
3. That simpler language be used
4. That the standards be incorporated into the British Columbia Building Code.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 604.986.1786 or by email at mpattenaude@shaw.ca

Yours truly,

M. Pattenau

Michael Pattenau
ACDI Chair

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