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IMPROVED ACCESSIBILITY AT LAKE COUNTRY POST OFFICE

Lake Country, BC – In early 2010, the District of Lake Country's Access and Mobility Committee identified a primary goal of examining non-accessible public service buildings in Lake Country and comparing them to others in surrounding communities.

Working with Cathy Yochim, Local Area Superintendent for Canada Post, and MK Consultants, the Committee conducted an audit of the Post Office located on Berry Road. Improvements that have been made include adding additional railings and an automatic door opener.

"We greatly appreciate Canada Post's quick response to the call for improvements to be made to the Lake Country post office which will make it an accessible postal outlet for all constituents," said Ron Cannan, Member of Parliament for Kelowna-Lake Country. "We are proud of the dedication and service that Canada Post continues to provide to the community."

"I want to thank our Access and Mobility Committee for pointing out to Lake Country Council how difficult the Berry Road Post Office was to access without automatic door openers " said Mayor James Baker, Chair of the Committee from 2007 to 2009 and still a Committee member. "Our thanks go to Cathy Yochim, the Local Area Superintendent of Canada Post, for immediately explaining our concerns to Ottawa. We also want to thank our MP Ron Cannan for ensuring that Ottawa was aware of our issues. You have all made our community just that much more inclusive."

"On behalf of the District of Lake Country Access and Mobility Committee, we commend everyone whose efforts contributed to the project to make upgrades for wheelchair access to the Lake Country Main Post Office on Berry Road." said Marie Molloy, Chair of the Access and Mobility Committee. "This improvement has immediate benefits for District of Lake Country citizens and visitors alike who can now more independently and safely access Lake Country's Main Post Office."

On-line community access information resources can be found at the District of Lake Country Access and Mobility Committee's webpage at: lakecountry.bc.ca > Committees & Commissions > Access & Mobility Committee

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