

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WHITE ROCK
CORPORATE REPORT



DATE: March 9, 2026

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: John Woolgar, Director of Recreation and Culture

SUBJECT: Event Stage - Accessibility Ramp

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the purchase of an accessibility ramp for the City’s event stage from Motion Specialties following notification to applicants through the RBC Barrier Buster grant.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the Regular Council meeting on January 26, 2026, following the Event Stage Accessibility Report, Council instructed staff to prepare a report providing information about ramp design, pricing, maintenance, and warranty details.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

Motion & Meeting Date	Motion Details
2026-060 January 26, 2026	It was MOVED and SECONDED THAT Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive the corporate report dated January 26, 2026, from the Director of Recreation and Culture, titled “Event Stage Accessibility” for consideration and direction to staff; and 2. Direct staff to include this matter into the 2026 budget and for staff to further explore commercial steel ramp options and bring back a report that includes metric design and modular settings, pricing from multiple vendors and details for associated ongoing maintenance and warranty.
2026-097 February 9, 2026	It was MOVED and SECONDED THAT Council directs staff to apply to the Barrier Buster Grant program through the Rick Hanson fund, whereby successful funds may be utilized towards a stage ramp for the City.

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

The City owns a SL-50 stage which is used for City produced Class A events throughout the year including, but not limited to, National Truth and Reconciliation Day, Canada Day, Sea Festival and Bright Walk in White Rock. In addition, the stage is used for Class B events and rented by some Class C organizers. The stage currently does not have a ramp or lift to increase accessibility including people with mobility challenges.

At the January 26, 2026, Regular Council meeting in response to the Event Stage Accessibility Report, staff were directed to bring back a report outlining the preferred choice of a ramp and provide details around design, pricing, maintenance and warranty.

Three quotes were obtained in accordance with the City’s Procurement Policy (301) and Staff Administrative Directive: Procurement of Goods and Services (107). Vendors were asked to provide pricing, delivery timelines, maintenance requirements, and warranty details for the ramp. They were also requested to recommend an appropriate installation location within Memorial Plaza to ensure the safety and accessibility of event attendees.

The table below outlines the cost, and details of the three vendors who submitted quotes for the ramp. Please see appendix A for the ramp layout from Motion Specialties and appendix B for the ramp layout from Stage Right. Kee Safety did not provide a layout.

VENDOR	AMOUNT	NOTES
Motion Specialties	\$24,367 CND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modular • Warranty – lifetime except for weather related physical damage. Includes two (2) year preventative maintenance. • In person training • Four week delivery time. • Straight ramp (Appendix A)
Stage Right	\$28,897 USD (approx \$39,600 CND)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modular • Warranty – One (1) year • Training documents provided • 90-120 days delivery time • Ramp has landings (Appendix B)
Kee Safety	\$66,766 CND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modular • 1 year warranty • Annual maintenance is minimal and more aesthetic. • Delivery 5-6 weeks • Will guide the first set up virtually. • Will provide site drawing only when engineering drawings are done. But would recommend a L shape configuration based on building code.

Based on the price and other factors including warranty and design in relation to the City's event spaces, staff recommend purchasing the ramp from Motion Specialties.

Ramp maintenance will be reviewed annually by the Site Supervisor, Arena and Special Events staff and appropriate contractors will be engaged if the ramp needs repair.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff are applying for ramp funding through the RBC Barrier Buster program, with a submission deadline of March 15, 2026, and grant approval expected by April 16, 2026. Ordering the ramp requires 4-8 weeks lead time, so staff must order by late April to ensure delivery and training before the Canada Day by the Bay event on July 1, 2026. The city cannot purchase the ramp before grant approval or it will be ineligible for funding. If the grant is not secured, capital contingency funds will be used.

If the City is successful in securing funding from the RBC Barrier Buster Grant, the City will still assume some additional financial obligations related to the project. These obligations include the creation and installation of a permanent plaque at the accessible stage ramp acknowledging the grant contribution, as required by the program guidelines at a cost of approximately \$500. The City will also be responsible for developing and producing an event which will highlight the purpose of the project, recognize funding partners, and support public awareness of accessibility improvements at an additional cost of \$2000. Staff will strive to integrate this program into a larger City event to maximize audience reach and create broader opportunities for public information and education.

Additional funding of \$1,000 per year is needed for transporting and installing the ramp at four events. There is also a one-time \$500 cost for staff training on ramp transportation and installation.

COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

If the City receives funding for the ramp through the RBC Barrier Buster program, the Recreation and Culture Department will collaborate with the Accessibility Committee to organize essential aspects of an event celebrating the grant and the ramp purchase.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS

The Recreation and Culture Department will look for storage for the ramp working with the Engineering and Municipal Operations Department.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Events support Council Strategic Goals:

Community

2. Encourage positive community gathering by designing and implementing inviting public spaces and beautification projects.

The White Rock Cultural Strategic Plan, My Creative City by the Sea, (adopted 2021), emphasizes the City will sustain diverse arts programs and festivals.

3.1 Objective: Maintain and grow diverse special events

3.2 Objective: Mobilize event partners and volunteers

OPTIONS / RISKS / ALTERNATIVES

The following options are available for Council's consideration:

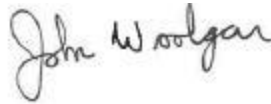
1. Instruct staff to purchase the recommended ramp and budget for associated annual transportation, set-up and training costs.
2. Not instruct staff to purchase a ramp for the event stage. This would result in the stage remaining as is and not addressing accessibility.
3. Not support staff in applying for the RBC Barrier Buster Grant.

CONCLUSION

By investing in improved access to the City's event stage, this will allow people with mobility challenges, supportive devices or needing ramp type access to reach the stage during the City's special events. In addition, this will enhance safety, foster inclusivity and support equal participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by,

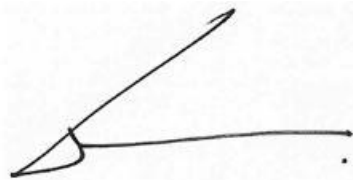


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Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer

I concur with the recommendation of this corporate report.



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Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix A: Motion Specialties Ramp Layout
Appendix B: Stage Right Ramp Layout