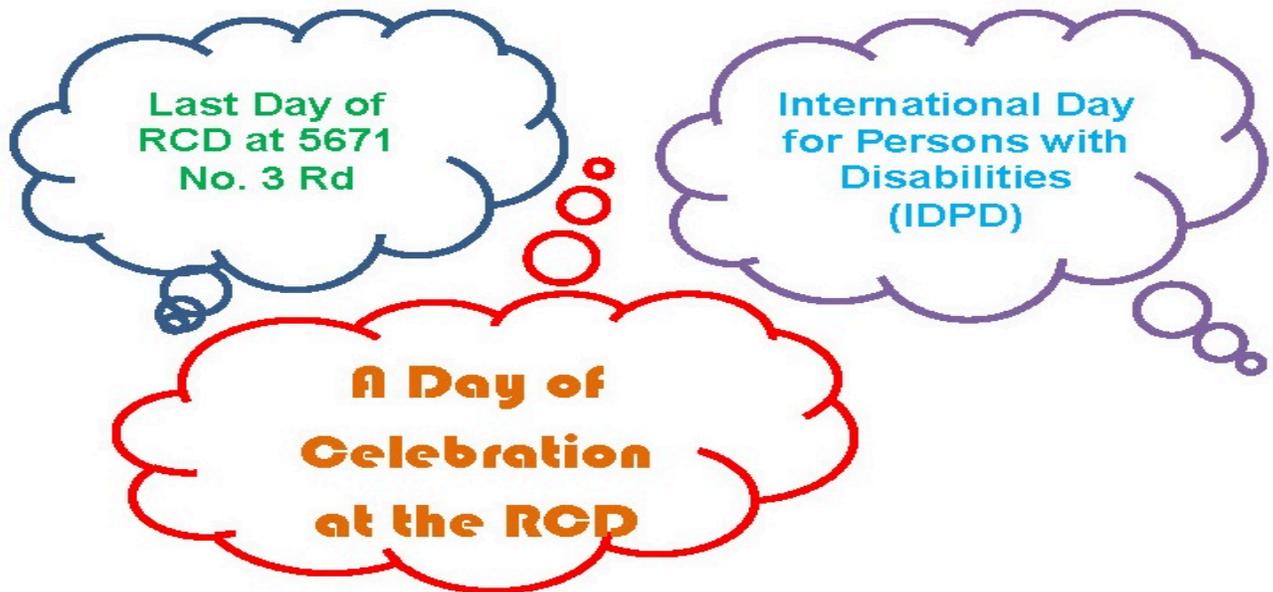




Richmond Centre for Disability

“Promoting a new perspective on disability”



To kick start the celebration of the 2018 United Nation's International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD), Richmond Centre for Disability (RCD) started the whole day celebration with a members' brunch. Over 70 participants and their families joined us for a 2-hour social gathering, to share good memories of past 12 years at the current site. We are moving to Lansdowne Centre in December and will re-open on Jan. 1, 2019 at the new location (Unit 842, Lansdowne Centre, 5300 No. 3 Road, Richmond).

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Dec. 3, 2018 had multiple meaning for the RCD, it was 2018 IDPD, last day of RCD at the current location, and signifies RCD Moving Forward. Many members, friends and supporters joined the event to celebration together, and thank you for many government officials who came as well, Richmond MLAs Teresa Wat (Richmond Centre North), John Yap (Richmond Steveson) and Jas Johal (Richmond Queensborough); City of Richmond Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Councillors Bill McNulty, Linda McPhail and Kelly Greene. They all addressed the occasion and helped us with the cake cutting. Everybody enjoyed a piece of cake, and look forward to a bright future of the RCD.

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City of Richmond Mayor Malcolm Brodie proclaimed December 3, 2018 as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities for the City of Richmond.



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Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** The City of Richmond is recognizing December 3, 2018 as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** the United Nations has proclaimed that December 3, 2018 be recognized as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities through the theme “Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality”; and
- WHEREAS,** one in seven Canadians have a disability and are contributing members in our communities as entrepreneurs, decision-makers, employers, employees, parents, guardians, grandparents, volunteers; and
- WHEREAS,** we believe that everyone has the right to aspire to the philosophy of Independent Living; and
- WHEREAS,** we aspire to an all-inclusive and accessible society where persons with disabilities are valued equally and participate fully, we believe that issues affecting the full accessibility for persons with disabilities should be addressed now.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Malcolm D. Brodie, as MAYOR of the City of Richmond, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM December 3, 2018 as,

“International Day of Persons with Disabilities”

in the City of Richmond

**Malcolm D. Brodie
MAYOR**



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After cake cutting, RCD Executive Director Ella Huang gave a presentation on the 2018 theme of IDPD - empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality. Dave Thomson conducted a small session on RCD Trivia to warm up the audience. Then MCed by Viet and Isabell, the Volunteer Appreciation portion started. We had board of directors and staff members to give out the appreciation certificates to all volunteers presented; and awards were given out to Jacqueline Roy, Amy Lo and Pedro Jr. DeMingo for contributing the most volunteer hours to the RCD and our participants. THANK YOU to all volunteers, we can be where we are, and will be, because of you!

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The day Dec. 3 was wrapped up by one more dinner for board and staff at the Richmond Centre for Disability at 5671 No. 3 Road, we all missed the place, and the past 12 years here, but also with great anticipation for a bright future ahead in 2019 and beyond. Thank you everyone for making the past decade so enjoyable to come to work!

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