

## EMPOWERING OURSELVES

Change in attitudes and practices comes slowly. First comes our own clarity that mobility is an issue only if our shared community space is designed to require us to walk more than 50 feet. Then that clarity needs to be shared with others. While changes in building codes are important, the most critical change is helping those we know to have the “aha!” that distance is indeed an accessibility barrier. Change happens because of personal connections so please educate those around you!

**Together we can make a difference!**

**Encourage New Members!**

**The larger our Alliance is, the more effectively we can advocate.**

**Invite friends and family to join!**

## Accessing Disabled Parking

In the winter, snow disposal can create additional challenges for us. In the drawing below, we see a situation that is unfortunately common – where crews clearing streets “temporarily” pile the snow up in disabled parking spaces. For those of us who live where it snows and need to park near our destination, this practice is especially frustrating. It will only stop if we repeatedly raise the issue with the relevant authorities.

Of course, snow is not the only barrier to the use of disabled parking spaces. All too often those with no mobility issues use such spaces for convenience, without considering the consequences. You can help yourself and others by finding out who to contact to get disabled parking spaces cleared. It may be the police or a bylaws officer or a regional district office. Put the contact number in your phone so that you can report a problem immediately.

**The “squeaky wheel” gets action!**

**Parking reserved ...  
 for snow?**



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