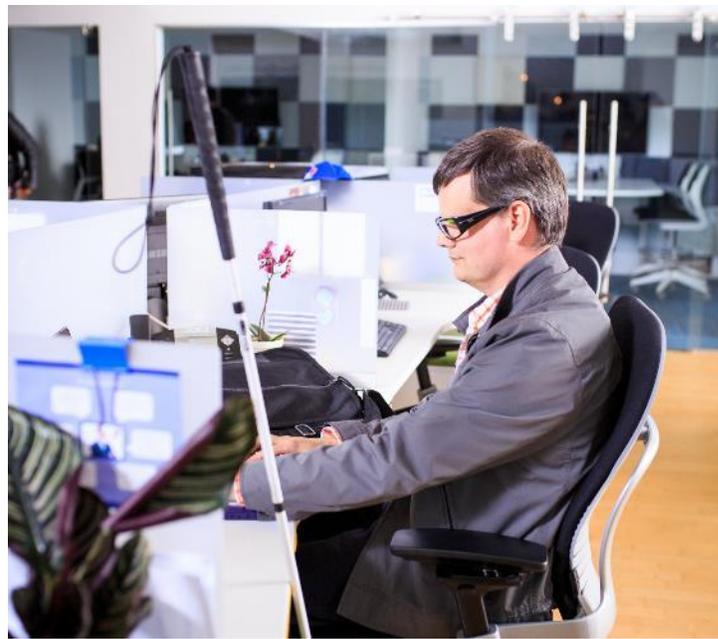


# Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification (RHFAC) Program

## Multi Unit Residential Buildings (MURB)

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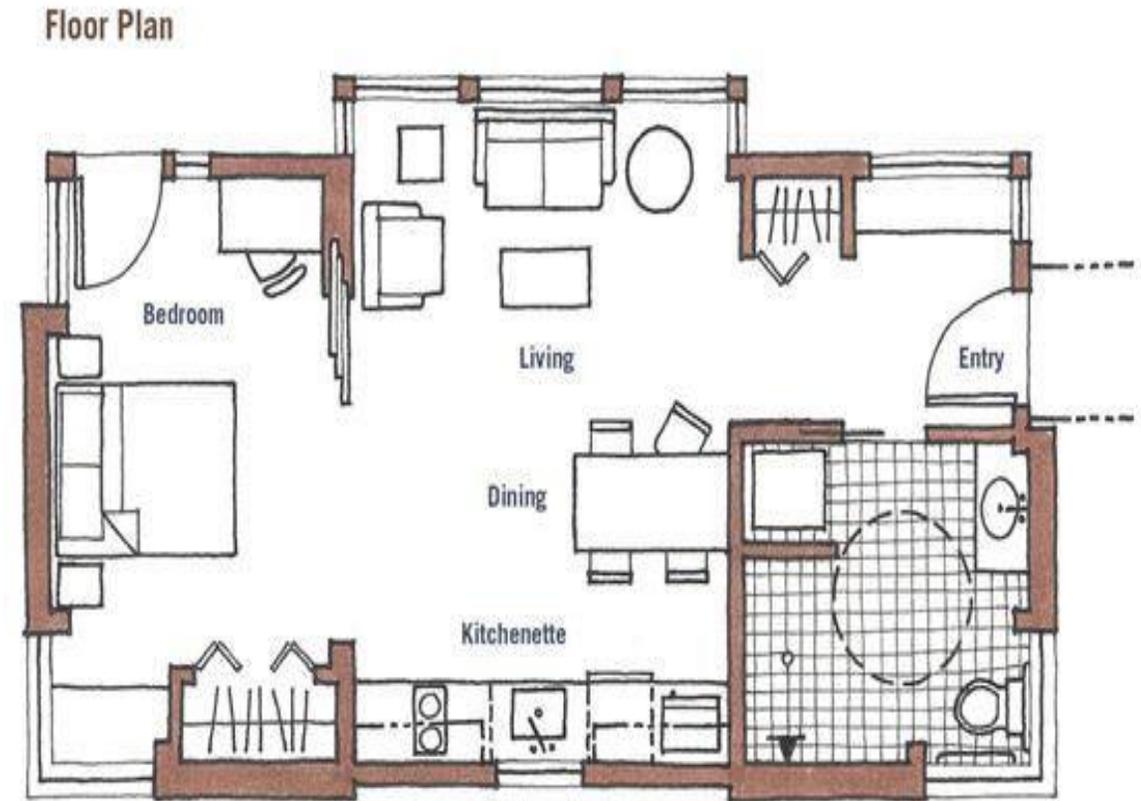
# Accessibility Starts at Home



- Did you know: 23% of Canadians are Persons with Disabilities?
- Did you know: 50% of Canadians Know, Work or Live with a Person with a Disability?
- Did you know: Most Builders/Developers offer Less than 10% of their MURBs as Accessible Units?
- Did you know: According to a TD Bank report, Persons with Disabilities have a Buying Power of \$50 Billion per Year?

# Accessibility: From Legislation to Design to Build

- In Canada, there are no legislated minimum requirements for an accessible condo or home, only building codes.
- Legislation needs to be introduced, mandating minimum requirements. You can be that driving force.
- MURBs **MUST** be designed with Accessibility in Mind.
- Ideally, all units should be Universally Designed, but a **MINIMUM of 25%** MUST be designed for accessibility.



# RHFAC and MURBs: Example 1 – Ryder Village, Hope B.C.

- Using RHFAC, Developers can Build to an RHFAC Gold Standard.
- Save hundreds of thousands on retrofits as accessibility legislation changes.
- Ensure that most units are accessible for persons with disabilities.
- Showcase that Universal Design can also mean Beauty in Design.



# RHFAC and MURBs: Example 2 – Carleton University New On-Campus Residence



- Using RHFAC's Accessibility Consulting Services will ensure better accessibility through the design and construction process.
- Cost of Building to RHFAC Gold from the Design Phase: Less than 1% of the Total Budget.
- Ensures Universal Design is Utilized to Build an Accessible and Beautiful Building.

# RHFAC and Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)

- CMHC's Housing Supply Challenge objective is to reduce barriers to housing supply and affordability. The Challenge – aims at creating data solutions that improve decision-making for housing supply across Canada.
- RHF's proposed solution is to create a standardized tool to rate residential housing accessibility that would inform a housing registry, making housing purchases much easier across Canada.
- RHF is one of 11 successful applicants from over 100 applicants to move to Stage 2 of challenge to develop a proof of concept over the next 5 months.
- Currently, RHFAC can rate MURBS. RHF is looking for partners to conduct some pilot ratings to collect data to help develop a proof of concept for this initiatives.
- RHFAC will also be adding a new rating module on single family homes based on the CSA's Accessible Housing Standard expected to be released in Spring 2022.



**A place to call home**

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