

Music and Collective Access Symposium 2026

Access Guide

Welcome to the Music and Collective Access Symposium 2026, a hybrid event which will take place in Vancouver and on Zoom on February 27 and 28, 2026.

The symposium will occur at St. John's College on University of British Columbia Campus, located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam people. The land it is situated on has always been a place of learning for the Musqueam, who for millennia have passed on their culture, history, and traditions from one generation to the next on this site.

This guide will give important information regarding access and accessibility during the symposium.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at musiccollectiveaccess@gmail.com.

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1. General considerations

1.1. Program

The program is available online on the event's website:

<https://musiccollectiveaccess.com/program/>.

The detailed program with biographies is available in a dedicated section:

<https://musiccollectiveaccess.com/detailed-program/>.

A PDF version is accessible at this link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nkTDSgJws2zYIPrCNDTd0uq8UpeUFUpL/view?usp=drive_link.

1.2. Rooms used in person

For in person participants, the event will take place at St. John's College, 2111 Lower Mall, Vancouver.

There are construction and road closure on campus. The access to St. John's College might take longer than usual. Please look at the existing construction areas and road closures on the dedicated website, which is regularly updated: <https://planning.ubc.ca/roadwork>.

All rooms are on the first floor. Three rooms will be used during the symposium:

- Social Lounge
- Dining Hall
- Quiet room

Note that to access the Quiet Room, users will need to go to the building opposite to the Social Lounge and Dining Hall. Our team members will help with directions.

There are no indications in Braille in the College.

The only automatic door button is located on the right building of the college and is indicated in this guide. Many of the doors are quite heavy and can be rather difficult to open. Our team will be here to assist.

1.3. Spaces used online

For online participants, a Zoom link will be sent to those who registered. There will be one link for each day, and a dedicated link for the last workshop on Saturday afternoon.

If you did not receive any link by Wednesday, February 25, 2026, contact us at musiccollectiveaccess@gmail.com.

1.4. Map of the site

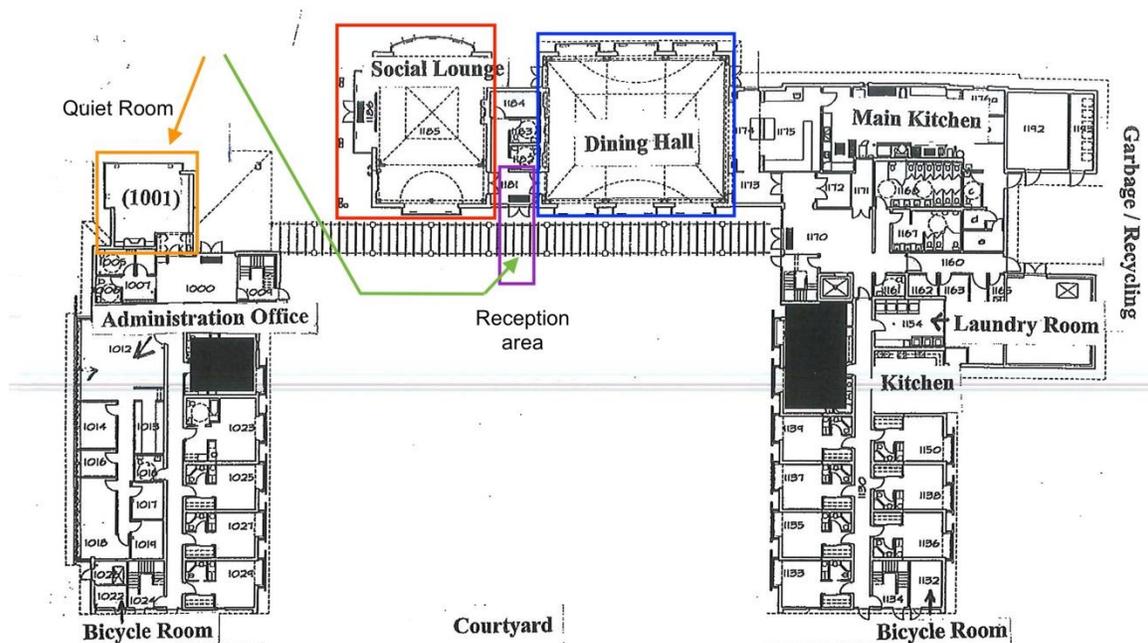
The sidewalk around the College is in good shape and should not be very difficult to traverse.

The green arrow indicates the access to the registration area from outside.

The red box indicates the Social Lounge.

The blue box indicates the Dining Hall.

The orange box indicates the room used as Quiet Room. The orange arrow indicates the access to the Quiet Room building.



2.Reception area

The reception area is located between the Dining Hall and the Social Lounge. To access this area from outside, guests must walk around the back of the left building. See grey arrow on the map in section 1.



Front of St. John's College, guests must walk behind the building on the left to get to reception

The outside door is a double door, totaling 175cm wide. The doors are not automatic. Our team will be there to assist.

On the side of the college there is a pole with a button. Guests can push this button if they require assistance or feel unsafe and UBC staff will meet them there.



Assistance button by the College



Door from outside to reception area

The flooring is made of brick, which might be bumpy wheelchair users.

The reception area contains a coat rack, but the rack is quite high (around 160cm). Ask help to our team if needed.



Bricks on the ground and coat rack

The bins in the pictures will be moved and replaced by the registration table.

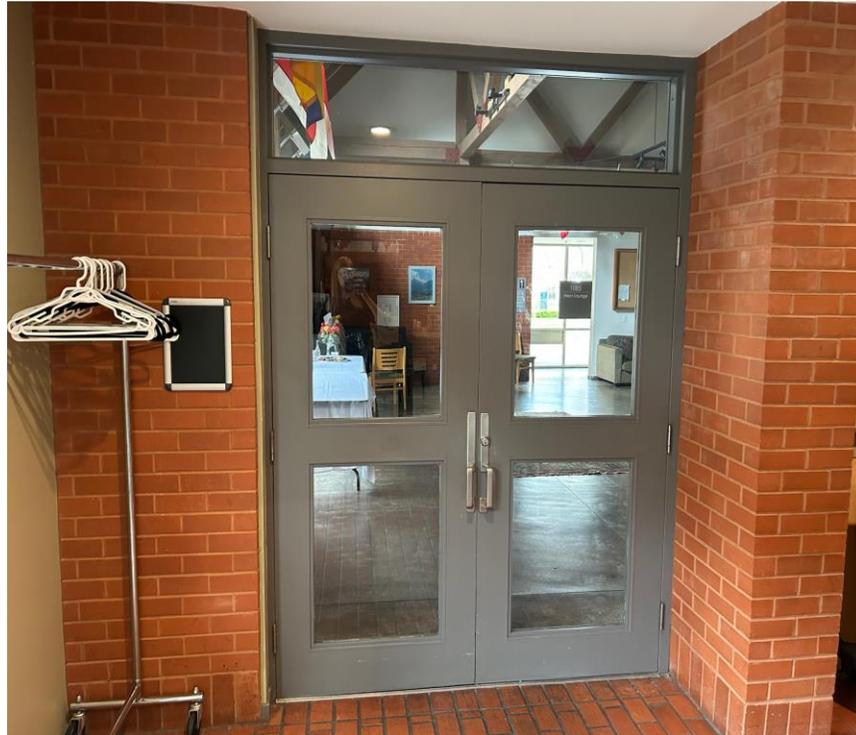


Two pictures of the reception area

3. Social Lounge

All lectures and workshops will be given in the Social Lounge.

Access to the Social Lounge is done from the reception area to the left of the building. The doors are double doors, 90cm for each.



Door to enter social lounge from reception

The configuration will be slightly different but similar to the one in the following picture.



Inside of the Social Lounge

The far corner of room contains an emergency exit door with width of 175cm.



Emergency exit in social room

4. Dining Hall

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served in the Dining Hall.

From the reception, there is a set of double doors to enter the dining hall on the right of the building. Each door is 90cm, 180cm together.



Doors from the reception area

Our team can help push chairs to make some room if needed. The seat on each chair is 45cm tall. The tables are 75cm tall.



Chair in the Dining Hall





Inside the Dining Hall

There is a door on the other side of room which guests can use to access the adjoining room where bathrooms are located.

5. Bathrooms

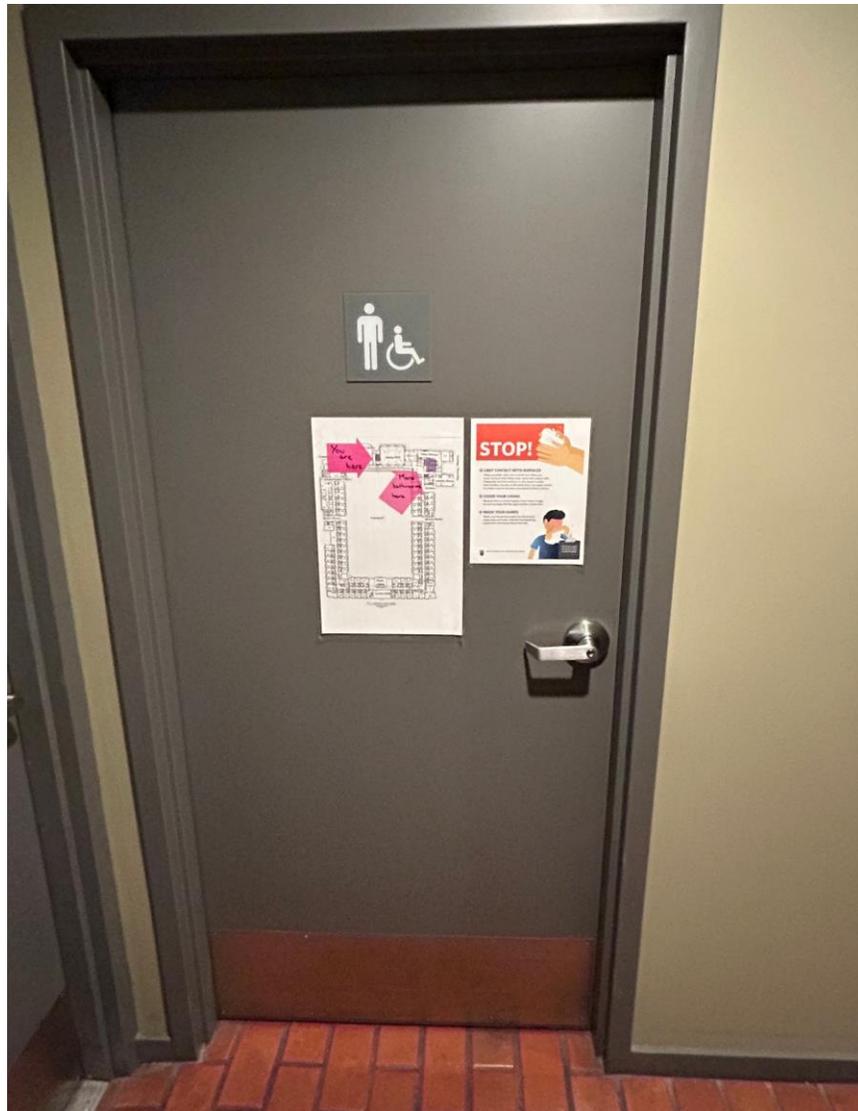
5.1. Bathrooms behind the Reception Area

There are two single, accessible bathrooms (one for men, one for women; both identical) in a small hallway behind the reception area.



Hallway with the two accessible single bathrooms

There are no automatic door openers.
Doors to enter these bathrooms are 87cm wide, entrance to hallway is 99cm.



Front of door for men's single accessible bathroom (women's is identical)

These bathrooms have no change table, just a small shelf between sink and toilet.

Trash may be in the way when guests try to use toilet, and a small bin may be in the way when guests try to use sink.

Underneath the sink there is 62cm of vertical clearance.



Inside of bathroom, note the shelf and the placement of the trash, which may be in the way of the toilet



Sink area. Note placement of small bin, which may be in the way of the sink

5.2. Bathrooms Past the Dining Hall

These washrooms can be accessed by going (from reception) past the dining hall, into a hallway off the room adjoined to the hall. There is lots of signage to guide people here.



Hallway off of the room adjoined to the dining hall.
Contains men's and women's washroom



Room adjoining dining hall where bathrooms are located.
Note the signage and view of single, gender-neutral accessible bathroom

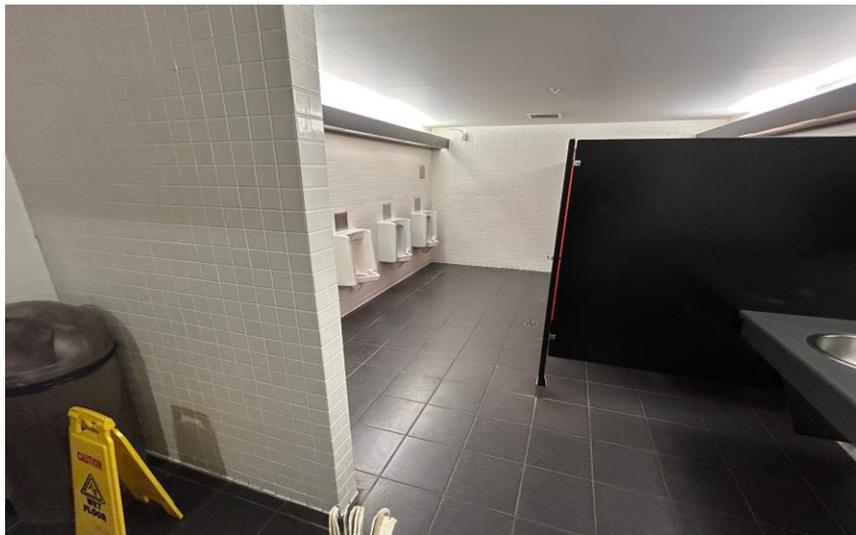
There is 1 single, gender-neutral, accessible bathroom; a women's bathroom (10 stalls, 1 of which is accessible); and a men's bathroom (3 urinals, 3 stalls, one of which is accessible).

Doors to enter these washrooms are 87cm wide.

The doors to the non-accessible stalls in the men's and women's washrooms are 57cm wide; the accessible stalls are 81cm wide.



Inside of women's bathroom





Two photos show inside of men's bathroom



Non-accessible stall (same for both men's and women's washrooms)

The vertical clearance under the sink of the single bathroom is the same as the reception area bathroom (62cm); there is 66cm of vertical clearance under the sink in the men's and women's bathrooms.

The accessible stalls in the men's and women's bathroom have a small shelf beside the toilet.

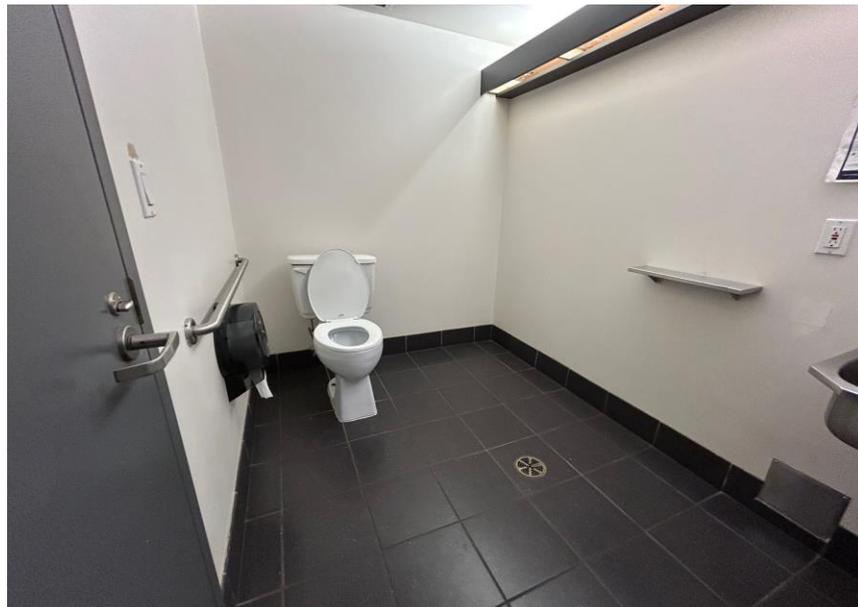


Two photos show the inside of the accessible stall in the men's and women's washroom

In the single, accessible bathroom, the bins might be in the way. The soap might be hard to access for some people due to the large size of the sink and because it is semi-blocked by the paper-towel dispenser.



Door to the single, gender-neutral, accessible washroom



Inside the single, gender-neutral accessible washroom



Sink area of single washroom, note the placement of the bin and soap

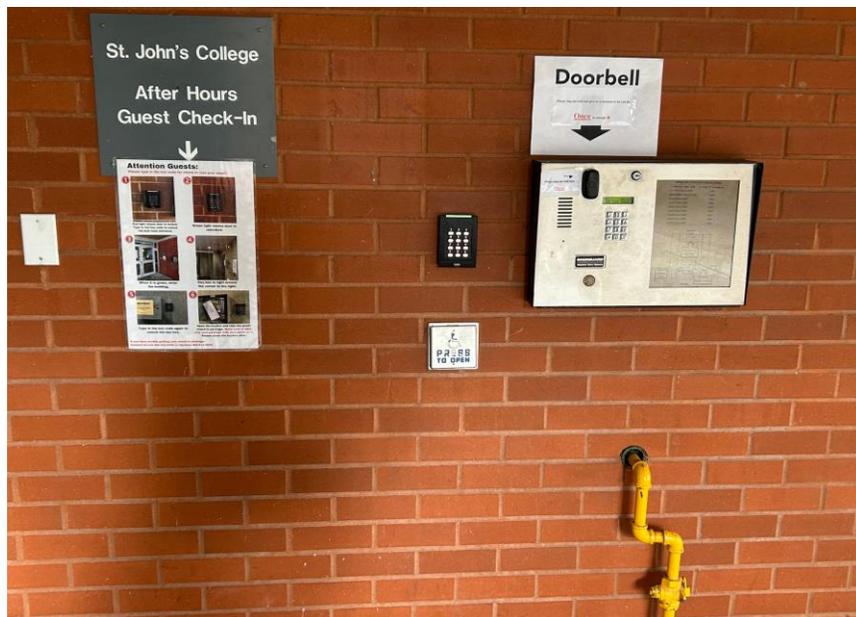
6. Quiet room

The building where the quiet room is located is indicated in orange on the map, labelled 1001. It is the East building of St. John's College.



Front door to right side building

The Quiet Room is directly accessible from the lobby of the building. The entrance to the building has a button to open the door. The door is 175cm wide.



Button to open the doors in the entrance of the building

On the inside a low door push allow people to open the door manually.



Lower door push (instead of automatic button) on inside of the door

The Lobby has brick floors, which might be bumpy for those in wheelchairs.



Two photos show lobby to building

The door to the Quiet Room is 90cm wide.



Door to quiet room

The setting of the quiet room will be different from the setting in the pictures.

There will be tables and seats, with fidget spinner toys and noise reduction earmuffs for noise reduction. Feel free to take a fidget toy and borrow a pair of earmuffs.



Inside the Quiet Room

7. Travel

7.1. By transit (bus)

The closest stop to St John's College is on Marine Dr., which is accessed from bus 68.

This stop is about 100m from the college. To get there, you must cross a medium sized crosswalk which has no lights to alert cars that you are crossing.

The accessible entrance of the bus is at the front.



The bus stop for St. John's College (the stop for the other direction is directly across the road)



View from the bus stop. To get to the college you must cross the crosswalk directly in front. To get to the bus stop going in the other direction, you must cross the crosswalk on the right.



Photo of what the 68 bus looks like (Photo from the internet, for reference only)

7.2. Drop Off (car, taxi, paratransit)

On the side of the college there is a spot to drop off guests. Do not park here permanently as UBC parking will ticket those who do so.



The drop off area (college on the left)

8. Parking

The closest parking to St. John's College is the UBC West Parkade, which is just across the venue.

Parking passes can be purchased on this link: <https://parking.ubc.ca/map>. The cost of a day pass is \$22 during weekdays and \$11 during weekends.

There are no indications in Braille in the parking.

This parking lot is multiple floors but does not have an elevator. Moreover, the northern stairwell is out of service so guests who are able to use stairs must use the south stairwell.



Parking building entrance

There are 2 parking stalls with the accessible logo beside the north and south stairwells on floors 1, 3, and 4. The stalls on the first floor are the same size as the regular parking stalls.

On floors 3 and 4, large accessible stalls are available.

Each stall is around 10-15m from the stairwell.

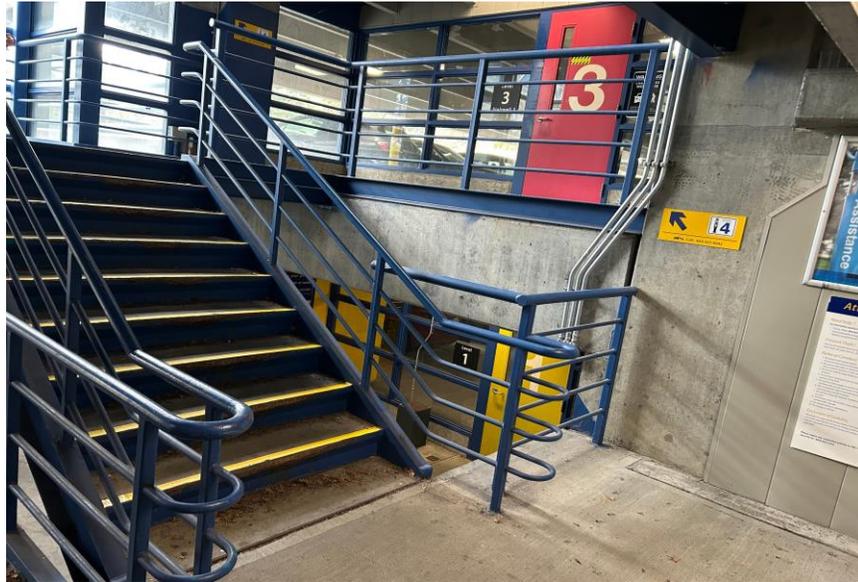


The southern stairwell, on near right is the accessible stalls

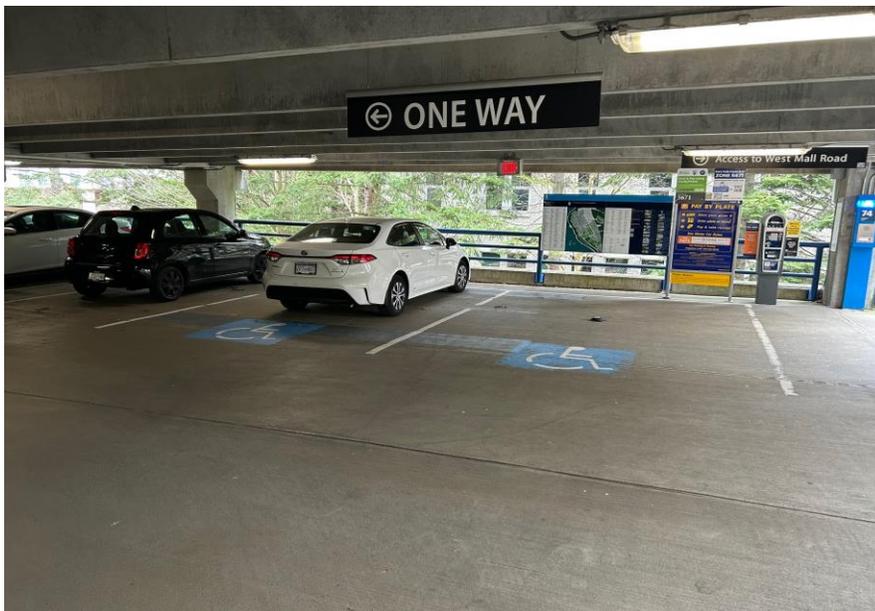


Door to south stairwell

There are handrails and contrasted colour indicators on the edge of the stairs.



Stairs in South stairwell

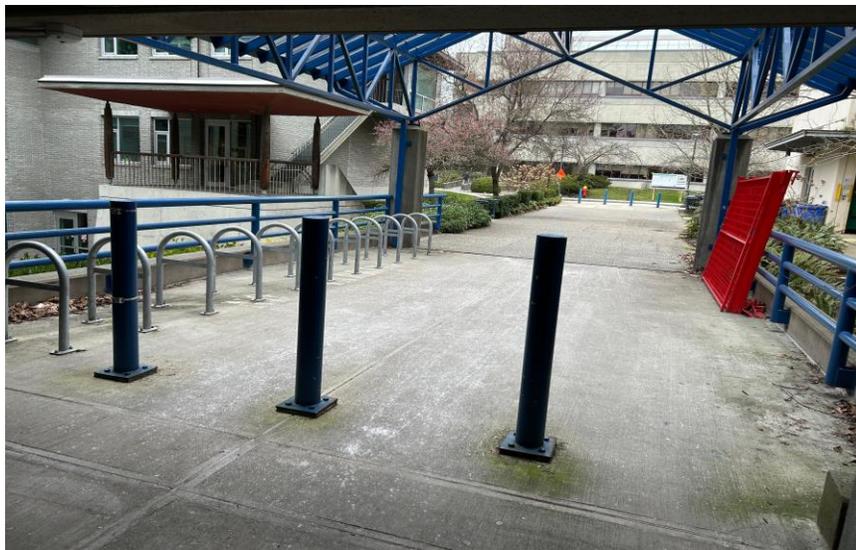


Accessible stalls on floor 3



This picture shows the distance between accessible stalls and stairwell/ground access (both found on other side of door)

There are ground accesses which do not require guests to use stairs by the North and South stairwells on floors 1, 2, and 4. In front of each ground access is a set of anti-car bollards. Most are spread pretty widely apart, but on the 4th floor they are spaced only 90cm apart from each other.



Anti-car bollards on floor 4 access

There is construction in the exit area from the floor 1 South stairwell ground access, but the connecting sidewalk is still open. This sidewalk is in good condition and should pose no problem to guests using mobility devices. It is about 45m from the college from this access. For guests exiting on floor 2 or 4, they will be on the side of parkade facing away from the college.



Side walk used to reach college from floor 1 south stairwell ground access

If guests exiting from the south stairwell on these floors turn right, there will be a path which leads down to the side of the building facing the college---this is the quickest route to the college (it is about 60m away) but is downhill and not accessible for guests using mobility devices.

For guests exiting from the North stairwell accesses, it is quickest to turn left and walk around the block to get to the college. It is about 80m away and the sidewalk is in good shape.

On the 2nd floor of the parkade's south stairwell there is a button for those that need assistance.



Assistance button in the parkade

9. Credits

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