

## **Global Accessibility Map (GAM) Presentation**

**Council Meeting of November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The Global Accessibility Map (GAM), which was formerly known as Global Accessibility Initiative (GAI), is a comprehensive rating system, assessment tool, and set of guidelines that will provide practical online information regarding the level of accessibility of buildings in participating communities. The GAM has offered an opportunity for the City to be an “early adopter” beta site for this initiative. By pursuing the opportunity, the City of Richmond and its partners can play a key leadership role, not only in improving, but also facilitating the creation of the built environment in Richmond.

**Bill Oakes**, Stakeholder Engagement Manager, Global Accessibility Map, Rick Hansen Foundation, will be giving a brief presentation, where the GAM is explained and illustrated by a live showing of the GAM site. This presentation refers to the GAM update report, discussed at the General Purposes Standing Committee meeting of November 7, 2011, which recommended that the City partner with the Rick Hansen Foundation and Richmond Centre for Disability (RCD) to support the launch and development of Global Accessibility Map Customer Service and Professional Assessment tools