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This year the Committee has had presentations throughout out the year from various groups and organizations such as Regina Transit, snow removal, accessible taxis, PCL Construction Management who designing and building the new stadium, Concrete Services, Vision Impaired Resource Network, just to name a few.

The Committee also took part in a learning tour earlier this spring that was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba. It gave us an opportunity to see what accessibility features Winnipeg already has incorporated that Regina could also incorporate, to make Regina a more inclusive city for citizens with disabilities; and vice versa. For example audible stop and text announcements are heard and displayed inside their transit buses. All of Regina's transit buses are low floor, and Winnipeg Transit hopes to achieve that same goal soon. Lots of information was shared and there were presentations by Concrete Services, the Engineering Department with the City of Winnipeg, on audible pedestrian signals, VERN Manitoba, Winnipeg AAC, and etc. We had a chance to get out and walk around the main transit terminal in Downtown Winnipeg to see the accessibility features in action.

Part of the work plan again this year was to host another "Leisure Without Limits" forum. This was the third year for the event. Last year was held at the Field House. This year there were new demonstrations, the good buddies music group, Tai Chi, and a MV 1 factory made wheel chair accessible vehicle. Demonstrations from last year, included wheel chair curling and racing, a wheelchair obstacle course, sledge hockey and a blindfolded obstacle course, were set up again.

Appendix A

Non profit organizations also attended and set up booths to share information with the public. SSILC, CNIB, Wind On My Wings sailing program came out and a few new organizations who participated this year were Prairie Dragon Boat Paddling, Seniors Mechanism, and the Multi Cultural Society. In total about 30 different organizations had booths set up.

The participation from the general public was lower than last year, despite advertising posters throughout the city and ads in the Leader Post prior to the September event. Positive feed back and enthusiasm for next years forum was given by the public. Everyone had a good time and walked away with a better understanding of leisure activities for people with disabilities.

Respectfully submitted,

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