AXCELLING FORWARD

CONSULTING FOR ACCESSIBILITY

Designing for the Future

“Let’s stop ‘tolerating’ or ‘accepting’ difference, as if we’re so much better for not being different in the first place. Instead, let’s celebrate difference, because in this world it takes a lot of guts to be different.”

- Kate Bornstein

History & Laws

- Canada has not had a law similar to Americans with Disabilities Act
- Until recently building code and Provincial Law was depended upon
- Only three provinces have a law specifically for disabilities

Accessibility

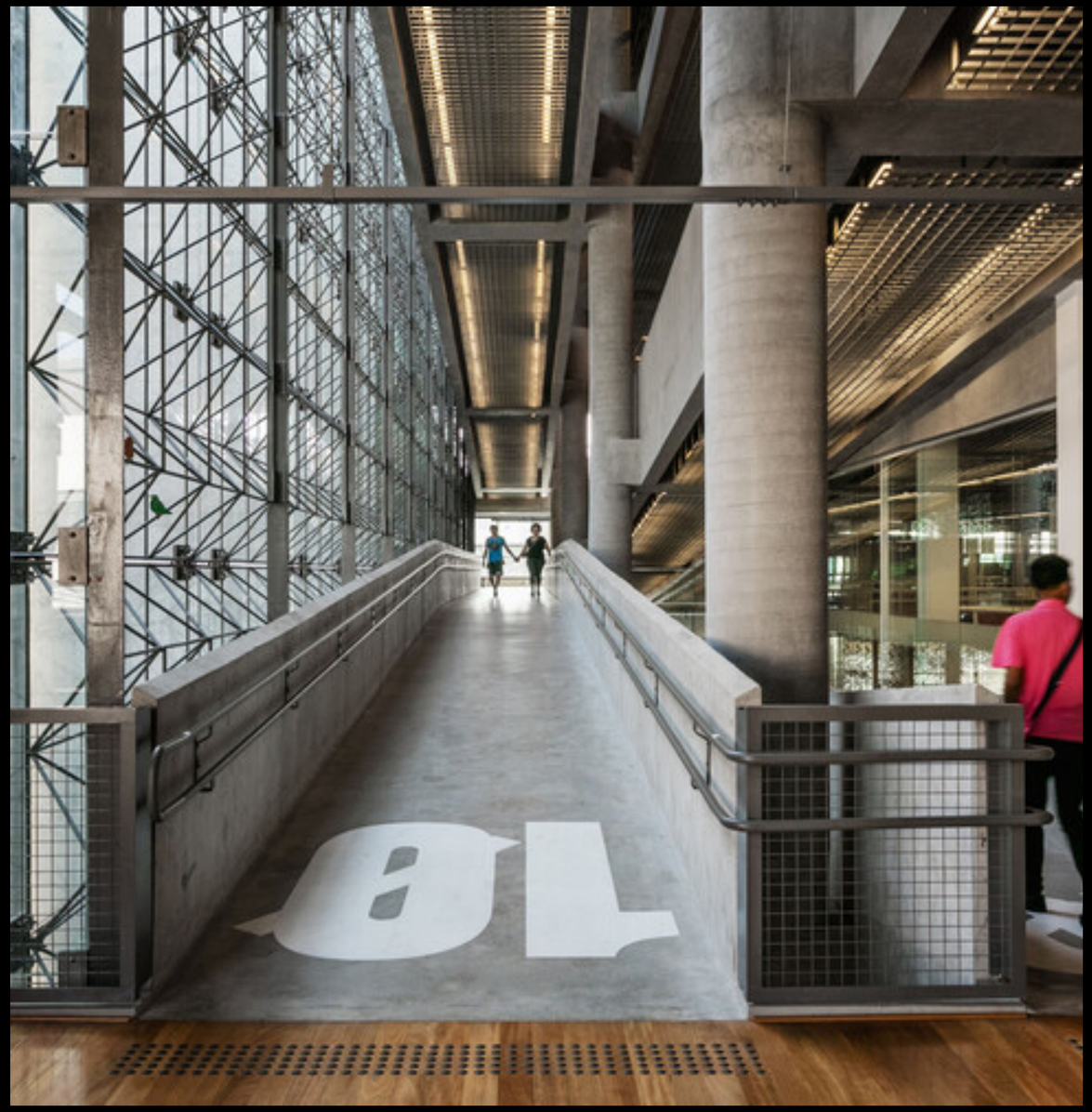
“The design of products, devices, services or environments for people who experience disabilities”

Meaningful Accessibility

“The ability for anyone, of physical ability, to independently and safely access the built environment based on planned inclusion”

Universal Design

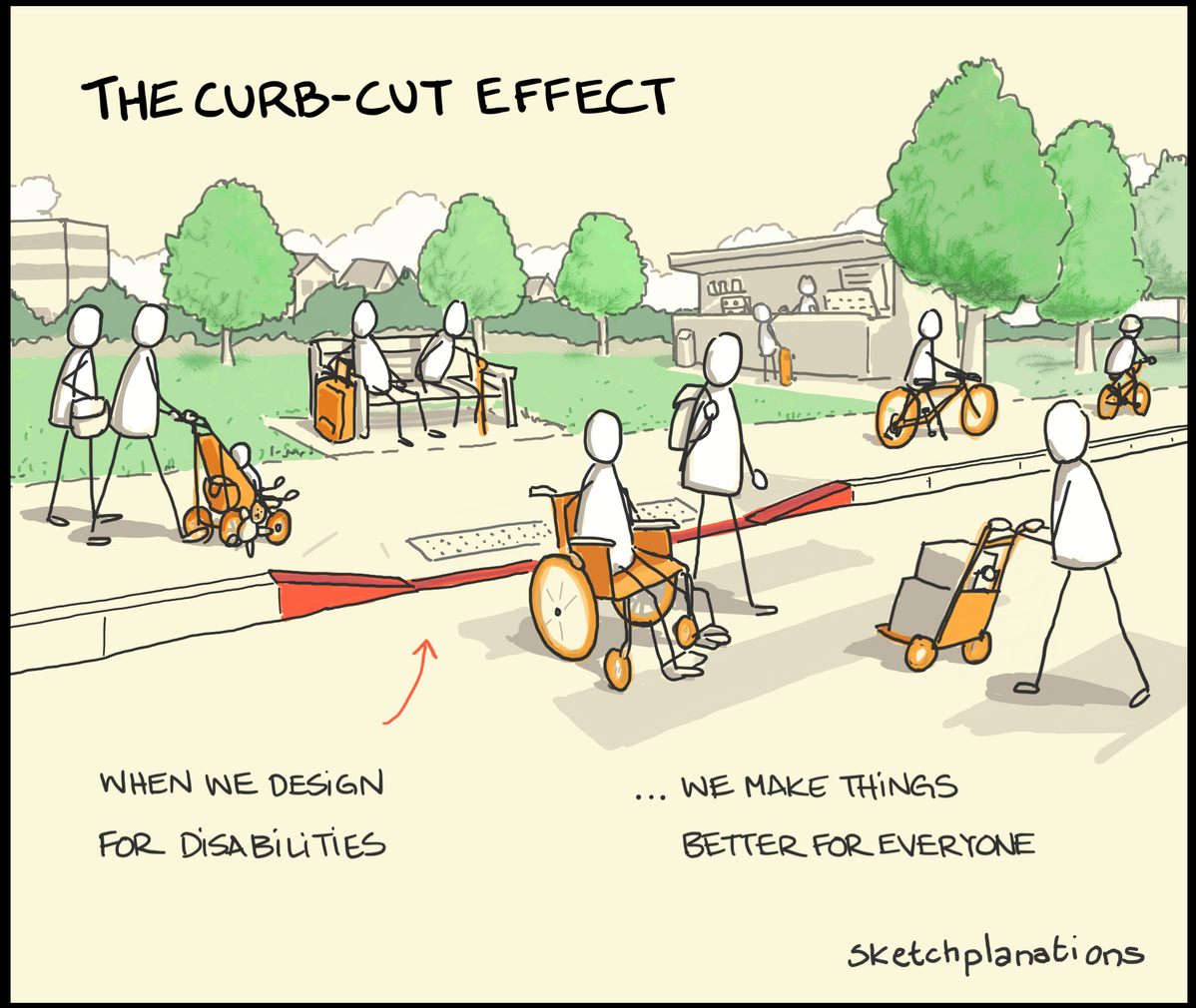
“the design and composition of an environment so that it can be accessed, understood and used to the greatest extent possible by all people regardless of their age, size, ability or disability”



Why now??

- Currently around 3.8 million or 1/7 live with a disability
- Within 20 years we can expect 9 million or 1/5 Canadians will live with a disability

- We are all only temporarily able bdied



Key Barriers

- Extensive curbs
- A lack of seating
- Little to no colour contrast

- Inoperable doors & threshold changes
- Very few accessible washrooms

Places to Start

- Add tactile warnings and colojr contrast to edges and level changes
- Install signage where needed
- Educate staff when needed
- Add seating intermittently alongside walks
- Create more parking spaces

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Thank you!!