



July 25, 2018

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Columbia Disabilities Commission

Subject: Paratransit & City Council Meetings

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

The members of the Columbia Disabilities Commission have asked me to write to you to consider offering city paratransit rides to and from city council meetings upon the request of those people with disabilities who are qualified users of the system.

While we don't know how many would take advantage of it, it is critical to allow the full participation of some people with disabilities who aren't able to access transportation and would like to participate in the decision of the city council.

Columbia paratransit does have some smaller vehicles that would be ideal to utilize. We don't anticipate that it would be used for every meeting but we have heard from several individuals with disabilities that want to participate.

I'd be happy to respond to any questions or concerns you have. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

In Gratitude,

Chuck Graham, Chair
Columbia Disabilities Commission