Coldstream Council Chambers More Accessible

Coldstream Council chambers is now equipped with an Auris hearing loop system which helps the hard of hearing to hear better and stay engaged in conversations. A hearing loop system wirelessly transmits audio from the mixing console discreetly and conveniently to your own hearing aid when the “T-Coil” function is switched on. A dedicated loop amplifier sends the audio signal into a very thin copper cable that has been invisibly installed above the ceiling tiles. Anyone within the “looped” area can switch on their hearing aids to the “T-Coil” position to wirelessly receive a very clear and engaging signal directly to their earpiece. Although most hearing aids have them, some potential users may not know how to switch them on. It is highly recommended that they see their audiologist to get connected.

As part of National Accessibility week, the Okanagan Accessibility group, whose aim is to promote the importance of making our community accessible to everyone, no matter their ability level, extended their thanks to the District by presenting the District with an Okanagan Accessibility decal to display for the accommodations made to ensure that the Municipal Hall is an accessible building for all members of the community. These accommodations include:

- Automatic door opener
- Level Entry
- Hearing Loop in Council Chambers
- Accessible washrooms
- Disabled parking bays
- Friendly staff that create an inclusive environment

Accommodations such as these promote the importance of making public spaces accessible to all Canadians, no matter their ability level.