

## **Stanis Smith appointed as Chair of the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™ (RHFAC) Advisory Committee**

**VANCOUVER, British Columbia, October 10, 2018** - The Rick Hansen Foundation today announced the appointment of Stanis Smith as the Chair of the Foundation's Accessibility Certification (RHFAC) Advisory Committee.

The Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™ (RHFAC) is the first-of-its-kind rating system developed to help property owners and managers measure the accessibility of their buildings and sites, and promote increased access through the adoption of Universal Design principles. The RHFAC Committee is tasked with advising staff on the design, scope, development, and distribution of the RHFAC program.

Stanis Smith, Executive Vice President of Stantec, has been a Board Member of the RHFAC Advisory Committee since early 2017. Having worked in the industry for 30 years, Smith is known for his leadership on issues relating to building design, the built environment, and corporate governance. He has lent his vision and expertise to building projects around the world in the educational, entertainment and transportation sectors.

Speaking about his appointment, Smith said: "Improving the lives of people with disabilities means breaking down barriers and creating an accessible environment with the same opportunities for everyone. I am proud to work with the Rick Hansen Foundation on creating an inclusive world. As an architect, I have long been committed to designing accessible spaces that can be enjoyed, appreciated, and utilized by everyone."

Brad McCannell, Vice President, Access and Inclusion, at the Rick Hansen Foundation, said: "Smith brings a wealth of industry knowledge, experience and passion to our Advisory Committee. With his leadership, we look forward to certifying more buildings, improving the accessibility of the built environment, and positively impacting the lives of more people."

The RHFAC Advisory Committee continues to focus on developing and expanding the program to increase accessibility in Canada's built environment.

### **About the Rick Hansen Foundation**

The Rick Hansen Foundation (RHF) was established in 1988, following the completion of Rick Hansen's Man In Motion World Tour. For nearly 30 years, RHF has worked to raise awareness,



change attitudes, and remove barriers for people with disabilities. Learn more about why access matters at [rickhansen.com/RHFAC](http://rickhansen.com/RHFAC).

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