

Bulletin : Pedal Wheelchair available for use free of charge

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Thanks to a grant from the Real Estate Association of Whistler, the Whistler Mature Action Community purchased a “Pedal Wheelchair” to benefit area residents and visitors with impaired mobility and poor balance from a number of conditions including Parkinson’s disease, multiple sclerosis, strokes, or those rehabilitating from injuries or surgery.

The pedal wheelchair is now stored at Meadow Park Recreation Centre and may be borrowed free of charge for periods of up to 3 hours, by seniors and younger adults, in accordance with procedures developed by MAC and Meadow Park. MAC is extremely grateful that the Resort Municipality of Whistler and Meadow Park Recreation Centre staff have agreed to partner with us on this project by storing and loaning out the pedal wheelchair. MAC is also thankful to Extreme Rhinoceros Mobility, Inc., Victoria, B.C. (www.exrhino.com), the manufacturer of the pedal wheelchair.

Now that biking season is here, please take advantage of this opportunity to improve your general well-being and explore the natural beauty of Whistler.



Pedal Wheelchair Procedures: Meadow Park Recreation Centre

Please take note of the following procedures if you wish to borrow the pedal wheelchair.

The pedal wheelchair will be loaned out to Whistler seniors and younger adults with mobility issues for periods of up to 3 hours maximum. The loan period may need to be modified based on demand.

It will not be loaned out to minors at this point.

It will be loaned out free of charge upon surrendering a credit card and ID and signing the MAC Waiver of Liability (updated from time to time – current Waiver form version is: June 9, 2022).

The user and a buddy who will assist as necessary during the loan period, must both sign the MAC Waiver form and initial where indicated. The original signed form will be stored at Meadow Park Recreation Centre for future reference.

The user must be accompanied at all times during the period of use by a buddy who can assist if the user encounters any difficulties. The user must cycle at a pace that the buddy can keep up with.

MAC will be responsible for and will arrange for maintenance of the pedal wheelchair through a local bicycle shop.

BOOKING PROCESS: Call Meadow Park Trainers Desk: 604-935-8363 to book the pedal wheelchair at least 24 hrs in advance. Do not call, nor visit the Meadow Park Recreation Centre front desk area.

Trainer on duty would reserve the pedal wheelchair on a booking list and notify the Trainer on duty at the reserved time that they would need to bring the device out and back in at the specified times.

The Trainer would take the wheelchair out of storage and bring it inside to meet the user; their own wheelchair (if applicable) could be left by the pool doors.

The user and buddy must sign the MAC Waiver form, if not previously done, and leave a piece of ID and a credit card with the Trainer.

At the end of the booking, the Trainer would meet the user and buddy back at their wheelchair inside the building to exchange chairs (if applicable) and the Trainer would return the ID and credit card.

Meadow Park Recreation Centre staff are not trained to assist with moving a user from one wheelchair to another. The buddy would need to assist the user with the transfer.

The Trainer would lock pedal wheelchair back in the storage unit. Meadow Park requires firm Start and End times; if the user and buddy return early, they would need to understand that a Trainer may be with a client and not able to assist them immediately.