

FREE TO ME & DISCOUNTS FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS



This resource is kept up to date with input from our parents as it relates to updates and new initiatives designed to support families with special needs.

If you find something to add, please email us at sooke.sass@gmail.com



Greater Victoria

SPECIAL NEEDS DISCOUNTS & PASSES

ACCESS 2 CARD



Free or Discounted Entry
for Support Person

LEISURE ASSISTANT PASS



Free Recreation Admission
for Support Person

MOVIE THEATRES



Cineplex, IMAX
SilverCity

ATTRACTI0NS & MUSEUMS



Royal BC Museum,
Butchart Gardens & More

REC CENTRES & POOLS



Local Recreation
Facilities

ADAPTIVE PROGRAMS



Autism & Disability Sport Activities

TRANSPORTATION SUPPORTS



BC Ferries, handyDART & More

Inclusive Fun for Everyone!

KEY ACCESS PROGRAMS

- **Access 2 Card** (Easter Seals Canada): Free or discounted admission for a support person at participating venues.
- **Leisure Assistant Pass**: Allows a support person to attend municipal recreation programs at no cost.

Arts, Culture & Attractions

- Royal BC Museum
- Art Gallery of Greater Victoria
- IMAX Victoria
- Craigdarroch Castle
- Victoria Bug Zoo
- Victoria Butterfly Gardens
- Butchart Gardens
- Royal & McPherson Theatres

Recreation & Fitness Centres

- Crystal Pool & Fitness Centre
- Commonwealth Place
- Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
- Gordon Head Recreation Centre
- West Shore Parks & Recreation
- SEAPARC Leisure Complex (Sooke)
- Panorama Recreation (North Saanich)
- Oak Bay Recreation

Entertainment & Family Activities

- Cineplex Odeon Victoria & Westshore
- Flying Squirrel Trampoline Park
- WildPlay Victoria
- Prince of Whales Whale Watching

Adaptive & Inclusive Programs

- Canucks Autism Network (Victoria programs)
- BC Mobility Opportunities Society
- BC Blind Sports & Recreation Association
- Adaptive Recreation programs (regional)

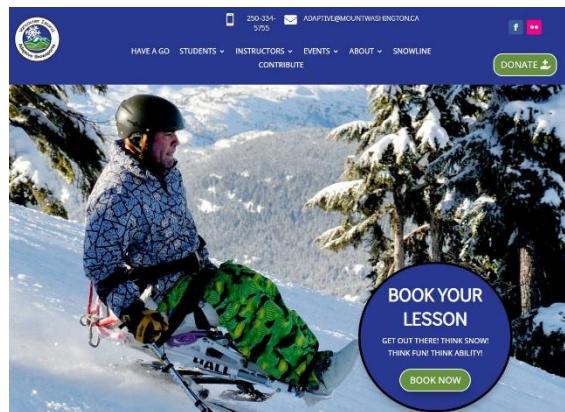
Transportation & Travel Supports

- BC Ferries Accessible Fare Identification (AFI) Card
- BC Bus Pass Program / handyDART
- Disability Travel Card



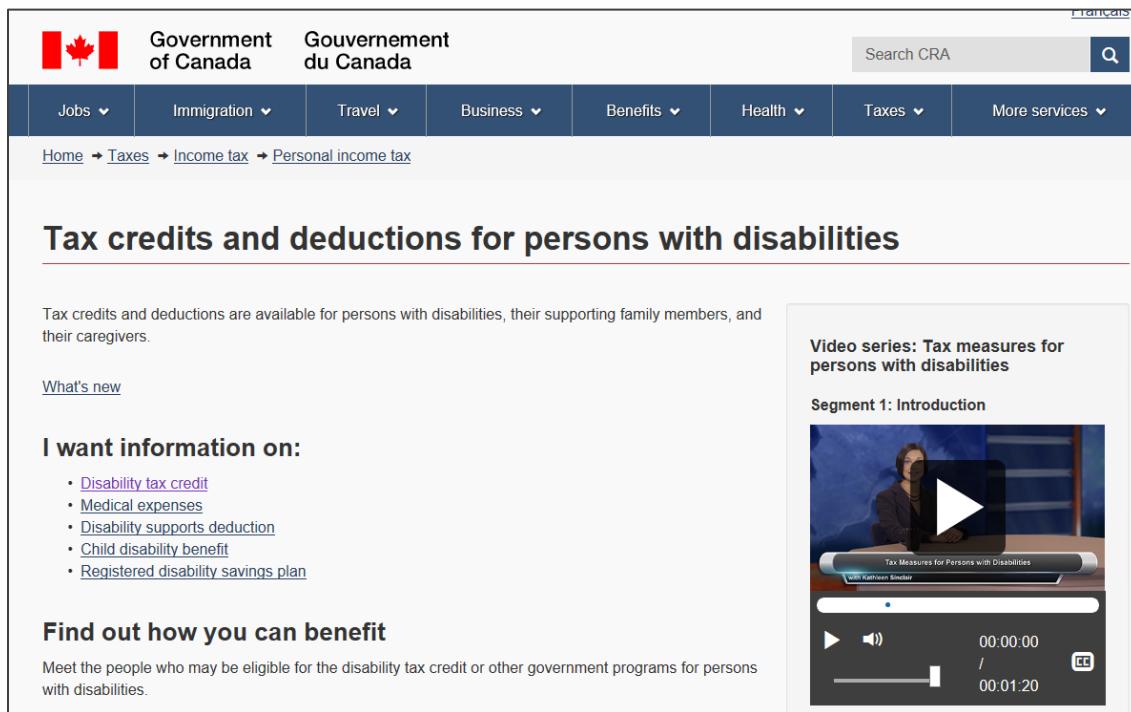
Helpful Tips

- Always ask about complimentary admission for support persons.
- Carry your **Access 2 Card** or **Leisure Assistant Pass**.
- Policies can change—confirm details with venues directly.



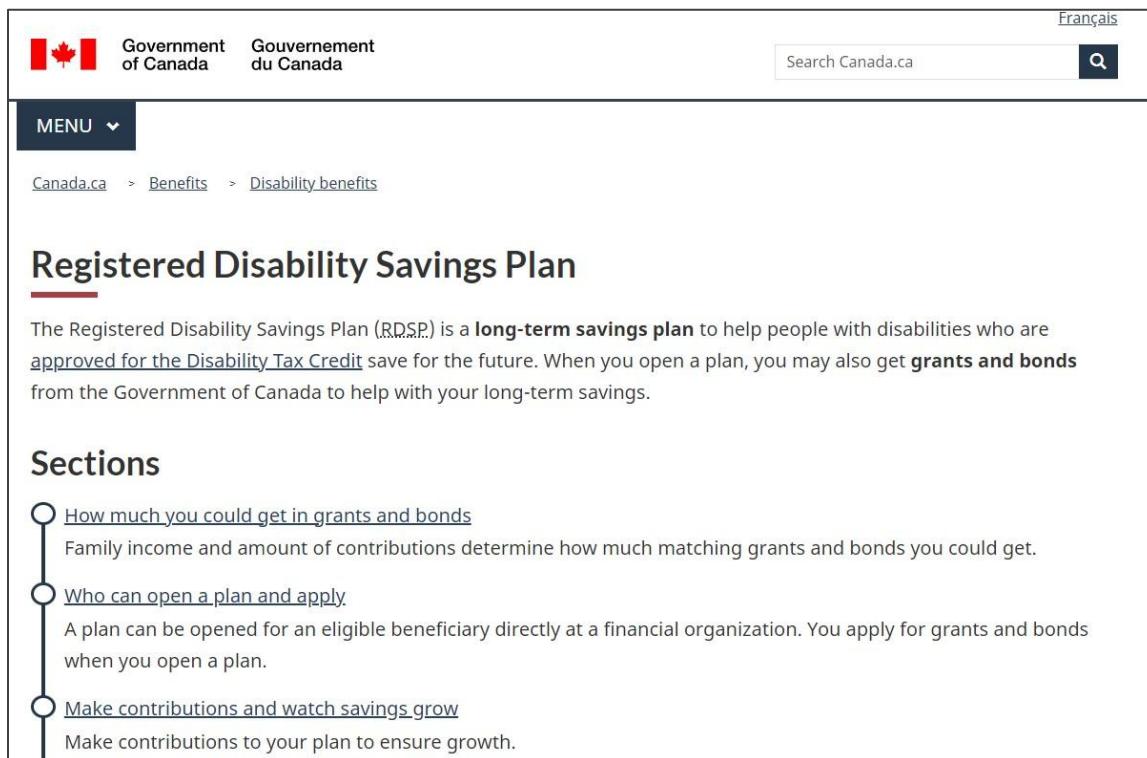
GOVERNMENT TAX BREAKS & FINANCIAL INCENTIVES

Talk to your accountant or tax professional on how to maximize your tax credits and minimize your taxes.



The screenshot shows the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) website. The top navigation bar includes links for Government of Canada, Gouvernement du Canada, and a search bar. Below the navigation is a secondary menu with categories: Jobs, Immigration, Travel, Business, Benefits, Health, Taxes, and More services. The main content area shows the breadcrumb navigation: Home → Taxes → Income tax → Personal income tax. A section titled "Tax credits and deductions for persons with disabilities" is displayed, with a sub-section "What's new". A list of information items includes: Disability tax credit, Medical expenses, Disability supports deduction, Child disability benefit, and Registered disability savings plan. To the right, a video player is shown for a series titled "Tax measures for persons with disabilities", specifically Segment 1: Introduction. The video player interface shows a play button, volume control, and a progress bar from 00:00:00 to 00:01:20.

Work with a Financial Professional to help you with your RDSP and other important Financial Planning.



The screenshot shows the Government of Canada website. The top navigation bar includes links for Government of Canada, Gouvernement du Canada, and a search bar. Below the navigation is a secondary menu with a "MENU" dropdown. The main content area shows the breadcrumb navigation: Canada.ca → Benefits → Disability benefits. A section titled "Registered Disability Savings Plan" is displayed. A paragraph explains that the Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) is a long-term savings plan to help people with disabilities save for the future, mentioning grants and bonds. Below this, a section titled "Sections" lists three items: "How much you could get in grants and bonds", "Who can open a plan and apply", and "Make contributions and watch savings grow".

HEALTH & WELLBEING FOR CAREGIVERS

The Sooke Autism Support Society is delighted to provide a Caregivers Respite Package in 2026.

The **Prestige Oceanfront Resort Sooke** has graciously provided a complimentary night stay in their amazing waterfront hotel. SASS will also be providing a \$75 Gift Certificate for the **West Coast Grill**. Applications available on the SASS website.



 **The Cridge Centre for the Family**

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R & R Family Services

Parents Who Need Rest Get Rest

The Cridge R & R Family Services are two interconnected programs, designed to meet the needs of families in Greater Victoria who are raising a child with complex needs. Our goal is to offer an opportunity for parents or guardians to have a vital break from the physical and mental stressors of day-to-day life to rest, reset, recharge, and rejuvenate. We also provide information and support to assist families in accessing respite and community resources.

Referrals are made to R & R Family Services by the Ministry Child & Youth With Support Needs (CYSN) social worker.

The **Seaparc Life Pass** is available to those with lower incomes and allows inclusive accessibility to their facilities including the pool, gym, rink and other programs.

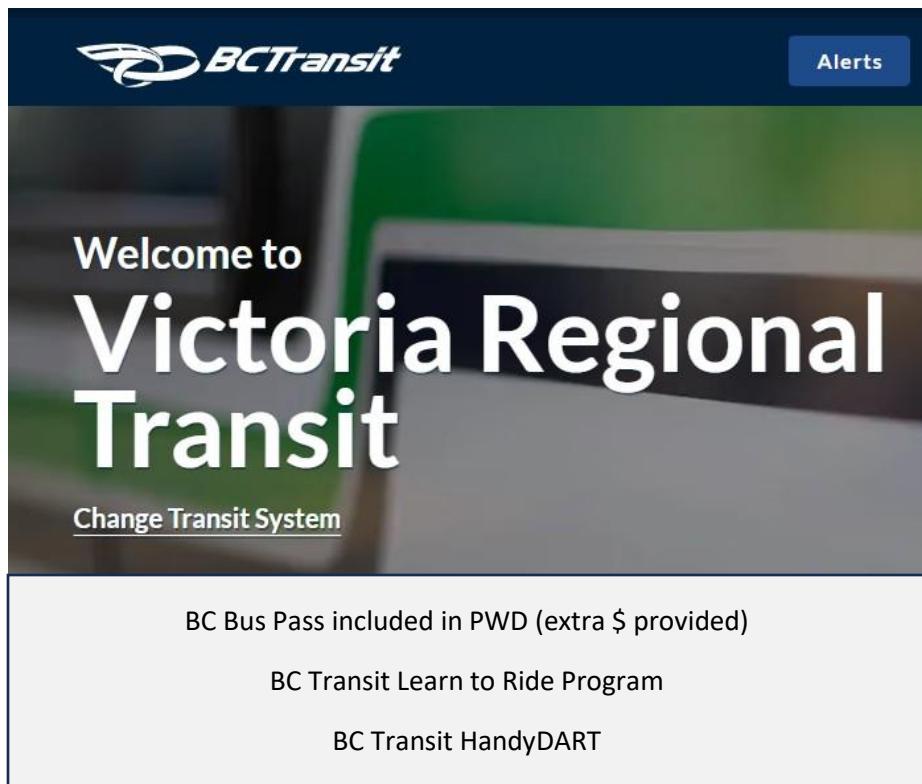


Moment Yoga provides one complimentary yoga membership for a caregiver of a loved one with special needs.

Sea-to-Tree Wellness offers student counselling sessions at \$25. They have in the past provided SASS with 10 Free Student Sessions to award to a SASS family.



TRANSPORTATION & TRAVEL



The image shows a screenshot of the BC Transit mobile application. At the top, the BC Transit logo is visible next to a blue 'Alerts' button. The main content area features a large, bold 'Welcome to Victoria Regional Transit' message. Below this, there is a link labeled 'Change Transit System'. In the bottom right corner of the main screen, there is a white rectangular box containing three lines of text: 'BC Bus Pass included in PWD (extra \$ provided)', 'BC Transit Learn to Ride Program', and 'BC Transit HandyDART'.

BC Bus Pass included in PWD (extra \$ provided)

BC Transit Learn to Ride Program

BC Transit HandyDART

 **BCFerries**

 **WESTJET** 

 **AIR CANADA**

 **porter**

 **flair**
Airlines

THEME PARKS & ADVENTURE

Disneyland RESORT

Parks & Tickets Places to Stay Things to Do Annual Passports [Shop](#)

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Services for Guests with Disabilities

Visit a [Guest Relations location](#) in the park to learn more about the services we offer to Guests with disabilities.



Cognitive Disabilities

Explore simple services and strategies available to give Guests with cognitive disabilities a magical experience.



Disability Access Service

Guests with disabilities who are unable to tolerate long lines may be eligible to return to an attraction at a later time.



Electric Conveyance Vehicle (ECV) Rentals

Find out how to rent a single-rider, 4-wheel electric conveyance vehicle that helps Guests with mobility challenges travel long distances with ease.



Guides for Guests with Disabilities

Disneyland Resort offers a number of guides to help make your visit easier and more enjoyable. You can download them in a printable format [here](#) or find copies at Guest Services locations.

- The [Disneyland Park Guide for Guests with Disabilities](#) and [Disney California Adventure Park Guide for Guests with Disabilities](#) provide useful information for Guests with mobility, visual and hearing disabilities at each theme park.