

**Chris Schamber** is well known for his dedication to improving accessibility for people with disabilities in Lethbridge.

Chris began using a wheelchair due to an injury he experienced as a young man. Over time, he began exploring his community through a new lens and realized that he could use his situation to help himself and others gain a more **Accessible, Barrier-Free** community.

Chris made countless presentations to the city over the years, identifying accessibility issues the city is facing and solutions to address them. Over the past few years, he also frequently attends city council meetings. The city periodically hires him for consultations on barrier free access as they need.

With a background in Engineering Design and Drafting, Chris started his own business in 2006, Quad Design and Barrier Free Consulting. He noticed the need for accessible housing in Lethbridge and has designed some accessible suites and consulted on a few other accessible suites. Today, his business extends too many areas, in addition to consulting. Chris has also opened a local chapter for the Tetra Society of North America, an organization which offers and builds assistive devices for people with disabilities.

Chris is a dedicated volunteer to many initiatives and organizations, including the International Day of Persons with Disabilities and the Rick Hansen Foundation.

Chris is a powerful voice for equality, inclusion and independence, exemplifying courage in everything he does.

