



Measuring-Up Fund Final REPORT

Section One - General

1. Community Name: City of Pitt Meadows
2. Primary contact information:

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3. Attach a final summary of your initiative, including stories illustrating how the community has benefited. Please include specific details about activities undertaken as a result of receiving your Measuring Up grant. (5-pages maximum).

The Measuring Up 2010 Legacies Now process has been one of wonderful firsts and successes. The City of Pitt Meadows participated in two community forums; asking the citizens and local organizations to score our community in the areas of interest as set forth by the Measuring Up fund. I found this process to be extremely rewarding for it allowed the voice of the citizens' to be heard and through their voice we (the staff and committee members of the Measuring up Sub committee) were able to identify the needs and wants of our community. The people identified many strengths and weaknesses, allowing the sub committee to define the projects. Many projects were defined through the process but due to resources and costs we were limited as to our initiatives. With the recommendations of the Measuring Up sub committee, the City of Pitt Meadows identified two projects, in which partnerships were formed and the work was completed. The following is a description of the projects and the outcomes.

Project #1

In partnership with the School District 42, and the Pitt Meadows Elementary School Pac \$10,000 was donated to the relocation and redevelopment of the school playground to incorporate Universal Design play structures. This school like all schools in the City and District teaches students of all abilities and at this particular school there are two students who are

wheelchair users along with other students with different mobility and tactical devices. We are proud to share with you that The Pitt Meadows Elementary School now has a fully accessible, fully inclusive play ground, promoting the inclusive play of all children regardless of abilities.

This playground features lower level ramps with interactive ground level activities. The playground surface is wheelchair and walker friendly with many levels of interactive play and is very colourful.

Project #2

In partnership with Ridge Meadows Association for Community Living and their donation to the District of Maple Ridge of half of the Measuring Up Funding received for the employment of persons with disabilities, the Municipal Advisory Committee, Measuring Up Subcommittee earmarked \$10,000 to the development and implementation of an 'Outdoor Accessibility Guide'. The 'Universal Design Guidelines for Outdoor Spaces: Plan and Design for Choice (UDG)' provides guidelines and design suggestions regarding 'Universal Design' for implementation by City Parks, Bylaws and Engineers and builders and developers to ensure that our community (Pitt Meadows) provides a universal access standard for all residents and visitors. The UDG focuses on the following areas:

- Introduction
- Context of Booklet
- Planning Criteria and Design / Development Drawings
- Pedestrian Circulation
- Vehicular Circulation
- Campgrounds and Campsites
- Water Based Activities
- Recreation Facilities
- Park Services
- Park and Trail Signage
- Park Buildings
- Way Finding

Time Line

- June 2008 - Request for Interest developed and distributed through BC Bids and the Municipal Website
- July 2008 - Contract awarded to Donna Rodman, Principle of Our Design Inc., Dipl. Nursing, B.A., C. Tech, M.L.A BCSLA intern (Landscape Architecture), and team
- July - August 2008 - Team meetings with Contractor and Measuring Up Sub Committee
- Late August 2008 - 1st Draft (Subcommittee meeting and feedback)
- Late September 2008 - 2nd Draft (and initial print date however delayed due to department collaborations)
- Late October 2008 - 3rd Draft (subcommittee meeting and feedback)
- Late November 2008 - Internal Departments (Engineering, Planning and Parks staff provided feedback and consensus reached regarding the guidelines set forth for standard of Universal design.

- December 2008 - Presentation to Council ‘Information received’
- December 2008 - go to print
- Late December 2008 - Print Delivery date (estimated)

The development of the UDG was done in consultation with the contractor, City of Pitt Meadows staff (Recreation Coordinator, Engineering, Planning and Parks Staff, and Municipal Council) along with the Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility Issues and the members of the Measuring Up Sub Committee, which consists of individuals with varying abilities, (mobility and visual). It is important to note that the UDG provides guidelines to Universal Design and in no way replaces the BCBC or CSA. The project provided an opportunity for all departments and citizens involved to collaborate and achieve a standard to which we hope our community will achieve ‘Universal Design’.

Through the work of the contractor with direction from the City of Pitt Meadows staff and the Measuring Up Sub Committee, and in-depth 80 page document has been produced with Universal Design concepts throughout. We are pleased to report that with the anticipated completion of the booklet, we have had approximately 25 requests for copies from outlying municipalities, and organizations that support individuals with disabilities.

The total dollars available for this project through 2010 Legacies Now Measuring Up was \$22,500. Due to delays and costs of printing an 80 page document, we are anticipating our costs to be greater than the allotted amount; however, Parks and Leisure Services has donated \$1500, to help with these costs. We will be ordering and printing 300 copies of the document and will also have the document available as a free PDF download on the City of Pitt Meadows and the District of Maple Ridge websites.

The Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility Issues is also committed to looking and applying for future grant funding opportunities to cover future revisions and/ or printing costs; however, at this time we do not have a guaranteed funding source. Alternatively, MACAI will also explore future printing costs to be incurred by the requesting party.

Attach a list of members of your Measuring Up Committee, including the organization (if applicable) that they represent.

Committee Members:

Manfred Wuensche, CLBC

Greg Turnbull, MACAI

Don Thorogood, MACAI

Ed (Chum) Richardson, MACAI

Maria Kovacs, MACAI

Petra Frederick, Staff Liaison MACAI

*Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility Issues (MACAI)



4. Did you hire people to help complete this initiative?

- Yes (please complete this section) No (please skip to Question 6)

How many people were hired? One Consultant:
Donna Rodman, Dipl. Nursing, B.A., C. Tech, M.L.A BCSLA Intern (Landscape Architecture), our Design Inc. who then hired a Kim Peterson, Creative Plus Solutions; Rosemary Teliatnik, ROK Marketing and Patty Osborne, Vancouver Desktop Publishing Centre Ltd.

Do any of the people hired have a disability?

- Yes No - not to my knowledge

Was money from the Measuring Up grant used to pay the people you hired?

- Yes No
Note: For the

5. Attach copies of any media coverage related to your initiative.
N/A

6. Attach pictures (if applicable) of any related activities or projects.
- a. Pitt Meadows Elementary School Playground (concept drawing - highlighted in the UDG)
 - b. Final Draft Copy of the 'Universal Design Guidelines for Outdoor Spaces: Plan and Design for Choice (Final Printed Copy to follow)

Section Two - Financial Information

Please provide final budget information in the format below:

Expenditures	AMOUNT	IN KIND RESOURCES		MEASURING UP FUND
		Amount	Source	Amount
Project #1				
Playground Equipment	\$10,000			\$10,000
Project #2				
Contract awarded	\$10,000			\$10,000
Additional Funds	\$1,500	\$750.00	Parks and Leisure Services	
Staff hours (80 hours)	\$2653.34	\$530.67	City of Pitt Meadows	
Totals:		\$1,280.67		\$20,000

Note: Additional costs funded through the District of Maple Ridge with the following break down:

Printing Cost additional Funding Parks and Leisure Services	\$ 750.00
Staffing Hours (80 hours) District of Maple Ridge	\$ 2,122.67
Grant received through RMACL and District of Maple Ridge partnership:	\$12,500.00

Section Three - Measuring Up Guide

1) Attach a summary of any comments, thoughts or suggestions you have for changes to the Measuring Up Guide. Please be specific. (1-page maximum)

N/A

2) Did you develop additional tools to support your use of the Measuring Up Guide?

Yes (please complete this section)

No (please skip to Section Five)



Attach copies of these tools along with comments about why and how these tools were developed. (1-page maximum)

Section Five - Report Declaration

I certify that:

- To the best of my knowledge all the information contained in this Report and any attachments is true and complete.
- Measuring Up, 2010 Legacies Now and the Province of BC were given appropriate recognition as a funding partner as per the Guidelines provided in the Contribution Agreement.
- I have submitted the Final Report in accordance to the approved deadline.

Authorized Representative:

Name (please print): _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mail completed AND signed Final Reports to:

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Measuring Up was created by 2010 Legacies Now in partnership with the Vancouver Agreement, the Province of BC and over 80 disability organizations throughout the province. Measuring Up helps BC communities assess and improve how accessible and inclusive they are for people with disabilities.