

## Measuring-Up Fund Final REPORT

### Section One - General

1. Community Name: Duncan, BC
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).  
**Please see attachment.**

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

- Councilor Sharon Jackson- City of Duncan
- Councilor George Seymour- CVRD
- Judi Bailey- MS Society
- Valerie Thom BC Coalition
- Jim Harnden Cowichan Independent Living
- Loren Halloran Project Coordinator

5. 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 P/T Coordinator that works twice a week and volunteers.

Do any of the people hired have a disability?

Yes       No

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

Yes

No

6. Attach copies of any media coverage related to your initiative.

7. Attach pictures (if applicable) of any related activities or projects.

## Section Two - Financial Information

Please provide final budget information in the format below:

		IN KIND RESOURCES		MEASURING UP FUND
Expenditures	AMOUNT	Amount	Source	Amount
<b>Totals:</b>				

## 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)

I think that the guide was really well done and pretty easy to follow. The four main elements helped to tie the initiative together for me as I first began to get rolling. I liked the fact that I was able to use my own plan for

local solutions as they ultimately involve our own community and local businesses.

One thing that worked well for me that wasn't in the guide was introducing myself to other Executive Directors to find out how they got started on the Initiative. I asked what went well and what didn't. It was through networking with them that I was able to apply what they did to what it was that I wanted to do. In terms of help, they were just a phone call away. Networking was the key to pressing onward with this initiative, and could be talked about more in the beginning stages of the guide. Knowing how to effectively track the number of persons with disabilities being hired would have been good to know right from the start too. By forming and working along side a support group of Service Providers from our community that meet once a month, I am able to track their numbers and relate them to our 10 x 10 Challenge target number. This enables me to measure where our community is at throughout the year.

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)

We developed an Accessibility Audit Workbook. The intent of this book is to encourage awareness of accessibility issues and provide a starting point for creating solutions to barriers in existing spaces in the Duncan area. The book is divided into six sections. Each section covers a different location/area within a business or a home and addresses common accessibility issues. Information in this workbook is provided based on 1998 Building Access Handbook, British Columbia Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and the CMHC Modification Checklist- Accessibility using RRAP for disabled persons.

I was able to first talk with business owners about workplace barriers, then offer to leave them with a copy of the workbook so that they had a guide to make changes by. Word got out in the community about this book as I spoke at various functions within the city. Business owners will often phone me now to gain information for their business establishments. It has proven to have been a good tool to have in hand.(copy attached.)



**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): Loren Halloran

Position: Program Coordinator

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: January 9 2009

**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.