

Measuring-Up Fund Final REPORT

Section One - General

1. Community Name: Comox Valley Regional District

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 Comox Valley Regional District led a regional Measuring Up assessment in partnership with the member municipalities.

Monies were used to hire a consultant to conduct the Measuring Up assessment. From this assessment the attached report was written.

This report will be presented to the Comox Valley Regional District Board, complete with 9 recommendations.

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

Attached

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? 2 - from the consulting firm of Yates, Thorn & Assocs.

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?

X Yes

No

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

A final report will be going to the Comox Valley Regional District in conjunction with the Courtenay/Comox Measuring -Up projects. At this time press coverage will be done

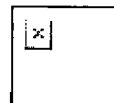
7. Attach pictures (if applicable) of any related activities or projects.

Section Two - Financial Information

Please provide final budget information in the format below:

Expenditures	AMOUNT	IN KIND RESOURCES		MEASURING UP FUND
		Amount	Source	Amount
Consultant	\$26907.58			\$26907.58
Food at Measuring Up meeting	\$86.06			486.06
Totals:	\$26993.64			\$26993.64

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)

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): _____

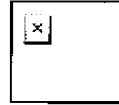
Position: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mail completed AND signed Final Reports to:

Measuring Up Fund
2010 Legacies Now
400 - 1095 West Pender
Vancouver, British Columbia V6E 2M6
Phone: 778-327-5153



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.

List of Invitees to Steering Committee Meetings

Berwick Comox Valley Care Facility	Jackie Holt
Canadian Hard of Hearing Association	Sarah Trotter
City of Courtenay	Jim Stevenson
Community Living BC	Stephen Russell
Comox Valley Accessibility Committee	Valerie McCormick
Comox Valley Accessibility Committee	Marg Misener
Comox Valley Accessibility Committee	Brad Erhardt
Comox Valley Accessibility Committee	Michael McLellan
Comox Valley Child Development Association	Lorraine Aitkens
Comox Valley Emergency Program Association	Mike Fornier
Comox Valley Family Services Association	Gillian Normandin
Comox Valley Head Injury Society	Janet Martin
Comox Valley Home & Community Care	Dale Graham
Comox Valley Home & Community Care	Trudy Beaton
Comox Valley Nursing Centre	Elaine Harvey
Comox Valley Regional District	Suzanne Murray
Comox Valley Regional District	Barry Minaker
Comox Valley Regional District	Barbara Price
Comox Valley Regional District	Deanna Johnston
Comox Valley Sport and Aquatic Centre	Darcy Walters
Comox Valley Transition Society	Ann Davis
Courtenay Adult Learning Centre	Karen Barr
Courtenay Recreation Association	Heather Crites
Crossroads Crisis Centre Society	Cathy Stotts
Glacier View Lodge Society	Liz Friis

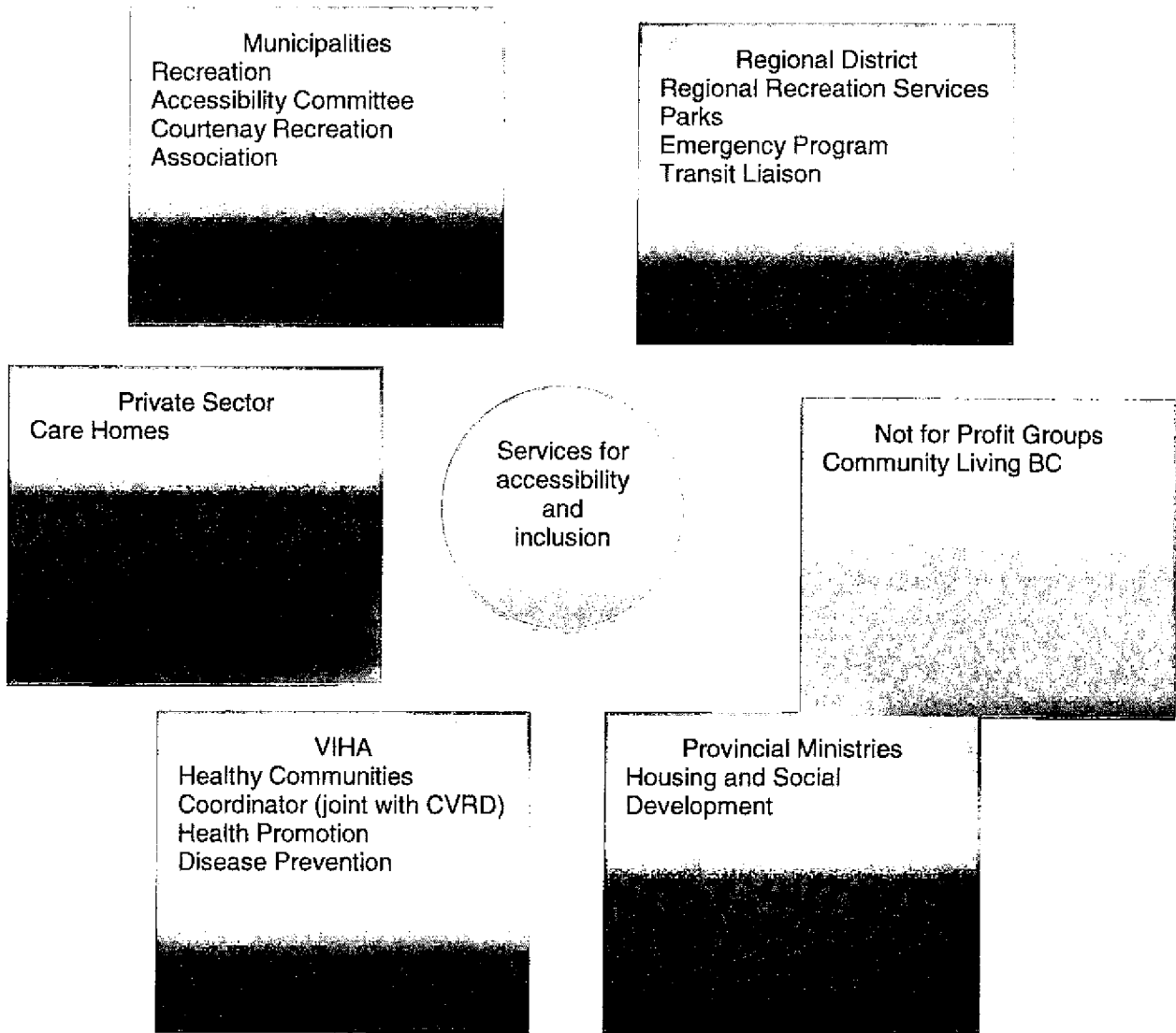
Health Services for Community Living	Margaret Salmon
Home Medical Shop	Paula Granger
Ministry of Employment & Income Assistance	Nelda Adamus
North Island College	Sheila Doncaster
North Island Employment Foundations Society	Valerie Meaney
The Views @ St. Joseph's Hospital	Jill Nelson
Town of Comox	Marcia Turner
Triumph Vocational	Sarah Curts
Upper Island Geriatric Outreach Program	Wendy Thompson
Community Living BC	Barbara Legg

**Measuring Up – Comox Valley/Cumberland
Notes of Steering Committee Meeting Sept 9, 2008**

Attending:

City of Courtenay	Jim Stevenson
Comox Valley Emergency Program Association	Mike Fornier
Courtenay Recreation Association	Heather Crites
Ministry of Employment & Income Assistance	Nelda Adamus
Community Living BC	Barbara Legg
VIHA - Healthy Communities Facilitator	Lindsey McDonald
Comox Valley Sport and Aquatic Centre	Darcy Walters

The committee introduced themselves to the consultants, who did likewise. The scope of the project and the manner in which it crossed agency boundaries and would require a strong sense of collaboration to be achieved, were discussed by the committee. The added complexities of working in the Comox Valley and within the regional district/municipality/unincorporated area structure were also noted in passing.



Materials Gathered

At previous meetings that day with Darcy and Joanne Gesell, the following items were either gathered or promised:

- Materials from the Courtenay/Comox Measuring Up project: proposal; final report; invitation to and agenda package of the April 9 meeting; general Backgrounder (undated).
- Current project application for funding and contribution agreement
- Strategic Plan (dated June 2008).
- Report of consultations with other BC communities.
- Report of the Focus Group at the Chronic Pain Workshop.
- Various contact lists.

History of Initiative and Progress to date

The Measuring Up project in Courtenay/Comox started in February 2008, with Joanne Gesell as the coordinator. The CVRD/Cumberland project needs to pick up where the other project left off, as well as focusing on the two areas of transportation and sport and recreation.

There was a concern around the table that there had been 'enough talk...we need concrete projects'.

- Various projects had been started, but the focus of the initiative was very much on promotion and planning in the first iteration.
- The steering committee was an extension of the region-wide Accessibility Committee, and had good support although only the 'regulars' came to meetings. The elected officials on the committee were supportive, as were most other organizations represented. Certain organizations/sectors were not well represented: organizations serving people with developmental delays /mental health issues; the school district; disease specific groups, such as heart/stroke, MS, etc (where reduced mobility was an outcome of the disease).

The final report of the Courtenay/Comox Measuring Up project was circulated by Jim Stevenson, and reviewed.

Review Process and Accomplishments

Discussion around the table indicated the status of projects underway included:

- Strategic Plan – vision and goals are laid out for all areas, but actions and projects, timelines, etc are still being developed for most areas.
- Disability Resource Guide – the concept has been developed/agreed, but the nature of the end product and how it will be disseminated, have yet to be agreed.
- One page info sheets – text is written, but still need in house graphics/DTP.
- Brochure - text is written, but still need in house graphics/DTP.

Other projects which have been discussed but are not yet started include:

- Sensitivity Training, such as for taxi drivers and bus drivers.
- Emergency Preparedness – use/implementation of the Red Cross Program.
- Building Code Issues Analysis
- Visitability Workshop – resource person from USA.
- Business Access Guide – there are good models from Whistler and Powell River, and this project could follow the format of the Accessible Tourism program.

Review of Terms of Reference

The TOR identified transportation and sport and recreation as two areas for work in this next phase of the project. These were selected since they were both regional district mandate areas. Discussion of analyses for these two areas was as follows:

- Need to create a clear business case for additional investments.
- Clear identification of demographics and change over time, especially related to an aging community.
- Description of current service providers.
- Full range of accessible transportation modes, from trails, to transit.
- Options for increasing recreational and sport opportunities.
- Human resource needs for both sectors: coordination, skills, training, etc.
- A set of clear suggestions and recommendations of both small and large improvements to the system.
- A strategic forecasting plan

Consultant and Committee Roles

The consultants would brief the project coordinator every two weeks and the steering committee every four to six weeks.

The consultants would contact individual members of the committee as required, based on their particular areas of expertise.

Timeline

It was anticipated that there would be a draft report in early December.

The Measuring Up Interim Report would be prepared and sent to Darcy for submission by Sept 19.

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