

Measuring Up/Age-Friendly Communities Grant INTEGRATED FINAL REPORT

Section One - General:

1. Community Name: Sechelt, Sunshine Coast
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Section Two - Initiative Summary:

1. Attached:
 - + a summary of all related activities to date (separate memo)
 - + copies of materials developed (Executive Summary final report, Appendix 6 Media Coverage)
2. Attached:
 - + a list of the members of the integrated community committee (Appendix 2).

Section Three - Evaluation:

Attached:

- + an evaluation of the project (Appendix 7)

Section Four - Employment:

1. a) Have you hired people to help complete this initiative?
 - Yes (please complete this section) No (please skip this section)
- b) How many people were hired? two
- c) Are any of the people hired a person with a disability and/or are an older person?
 - Yes No
- d) Is money from this grant being used to pay the people you hired?
 - Yes No

Section Six - Financial Information:

Please provide updated budget information in the format below -

Expenditures	AMOUNT	IN KIND RESOURCES		MEASURING UP / AGE-FRIENDLY GRANT
		Amount	Source	Amount
Define strategy, build partnerships	\$ 10,000	\$ 10 K 300 hrs 50 hrs	UBCM grant Volunteer District of S.	
Define projects	\$ 10,000	300 hrs 50 hrs	Volunteer District of S.	\$ 10,000
Project 1, workshop	\$ 1,000	Venue 150 hrs 50 hrs	District of S. Volunteer District of S.	
Project 2, playground	\$ 20,000 (allocated but still to be spend)	150 hrs 50 hrs	Volunteer District of S.	\$ 20,000 (allocated but still to be spend)
Project 3, improved busstops	\$ 10,000	\$ 10 K 150 hrs	SCRD Transit Volunteer	
Totals:	\$ 51,000	\$ 21,000 1050 hrs 200 hrs	Third party Volunteer District of S.	\$ 30,000

Section Seven - 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, the Age-Friendly Communities Initiative and the Province of BC are being 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.

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Position: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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Measuring Up was created by 2010 Legacies Now in partnership with the Vancouver Agreement, the Province of B.C and over 80 disability organizations throughout the province. Measuring Up helps BC communities assess and improve how accessible and inclusive they are for persons with disabilities. For more information please visit: http://www.2010legaciesnow.com/measuring_up/ .

The Age-Friendly Communities Initiative, a partnership between the Union of BC Municipalities and The Province of B.C. Senior's Secretariat, works with B.C communities to create age-friendly communities which enable and support older persons to age actively. For more information please visit: <http://www.seniorsincommunities.ca/index.php> .

SEHELТ ACCESSIBILITY CHALLENGE SUMMARY

The District of Sechelt would like to thank the Sechelt Accessibility Challenge volunteers for their efforts in raising awareness for accessibility issues. Over the course of 2009, 32 volunteers (with the assistance of Alofi Consultants) helped drafting an Accessibility Vision and defining the following three pilot projects to improve accessibility and awareness:

- + accessibility workshop for District staff and building industry
- + partnership with SCRD Transit to improve bus stops
- + partnership with Rotary Club Sunshine Coast to improve the playground in the Maritime Gateway Park

The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), 2010 Legacies Now and the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport have provided the District of Sechelt with a \$40,000 grant for the Sechelt Accessibility Challenge.

Relevance of accessibility

Measuring up and improving Sechelt's current accessibility is relevant because:

- + 2,250 people in Sechelt, which is 25% of our residents, is 65 years or older.
- + 1,800 people of all ages (20%) in Sechelt cope with some form of daily limitations as a result of mental and / or physical challenges.

Furthermore, raised awareness and improved accessibility is important for a range of residents such as young families with strollers, people relying on walking, cycling as a way of transportation.

Vision for accessibility

The District of Sechelt and its citizens value and respect individual differences and are welcoming and inclusive to people of all ages, cultures, economic levels and abilities;

- outdoor spaces, buildings and services are accessible;
- people are informed, connected, included and integrated;
- there is a full range of safe and accessible transportation options; and
- housing is adaptable, affordable, pleasing and close to amenities.

The volunteers for this project included seniors, caretakers, parents, people with a disability. When discussing the future of Sechelt it became clear that the Vision for accessibility needed to cover the diverse needs of the community. That is why the vision is not limited to seniors but is relevant for people of all ages and abilities. Also, the Vision looks beyond the accessibility of streets and takes into account the need for housing, inclusion and accessibility to buildings. The Vision will be incorporated in the new Official Community Plan.

Accessibility Workshop and Guidelines

This workshop was developed by the volunteer committee to raise awareness within the local building industry and District building officials, engineers and planners. During the workshop information was exchanged, for example on how some local contractors are already incorporating accessibility features in new construction. The participants felt the District should consider to apply accessibility guidelines and requirements. As a follow up on the workshop, two volunteers of the committee drafted accessibility guidelines. District staff will review the guidelines and prepare a proposal for Sechelt Council's consideration in 2010.

Improved Bus Stops

The Sunshine Coast Regional District – Transit joined the group to gather input for their bus stop upgrading program. As a result of their involvement in this project, it was decided to include four Sechelt bus stops in the upgrading program. The four sites were selected with the help of some of the volunteers and based on the number of travellers at the stops. The Coast Community Builders Association has offered in kind assistance for this program.

Improvements to the Maritime Gateway Park Playground

The Rotary Club Sunshine Coast has been working in the past years to develop the Maritime Gateway Park (aka Rotary Friendship Park). Together with the Accessibility Advisory Committee a plan was made to make improvements to the surface of the playground in the park. The pea gravel will be partly replaced by rubber tiles funded by the Measuring Up grant. The Rotary Club will provide in kind labour support. The playground is scheduled to be upgraded in the first half of 2010.

Grants and leveraging

The combined grant from UBCM / 2010 Legacies Now / Ministry of HLS has been of great help. It allowed the District to hire Christien Kaaij and April Struthers from Alofli Consultancy to facilitate the project. This allowed for intensive follow up in each step, something for which the District would not have had the resources without the grant. Furthermore, the grant money opened up opportunities by putting accessibility issues on the radar at other agencies. In the case of SCRD Transit this resulted in additional bus stops for improvement. In the case of the playground the grant is building on ongoing efforts of the Rotary Club for the development of the park.

Successes and Challenges

The vision and projects are considered successes and are outlined in the previous text.

A challenge was working and relying on volunteers in the project. Working with volunteers means time lines can not be too ambitious and progress is very much dependent on the available time and energy of the people involved.

Aboriginal involvement

At the beginning of the project, Mayor Inkster of the District of Sechelt sent out a formal invitation to the Sechelt Indian Band inviting them to become involved in the project. Unfortunately the Band did not have people available to formally represent an aboriginal focus.

Age-friendly implementation team

Janet Love and Elaine Galagher from the Implementation Team visited Sechelt to outline the backgrounds of accessibility needs and examples from elsewhere in the world. This support was welcomed by the committee members and supported their thinking process about accessibility in Sechelt.

Next steps

The follow up and continuation of the project is two fold:

- + Alofi Consultancy received a grant and is working with a group of volunteers on Faces of Sechelt, a project under the Welcoming and Inclusive Communities Dialogue program.
- + The District of Sechelt will continue to facilitate the volunteer Accessibility Advisory Committee. In 2010 the Committee will continue to advise on accessibility issues. Staff will look for new grant opportunities to continue improving the accessibility of Sechelt.



Executive Summary

The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and 2010 Legacies Now has provided the District of Sechelt with a \$40,000 grant for the Sechelt Accessibility Challenge (SAC). The goal of the SAC is to improve accessibility and inclusion in the community for older people and people with disabilities by raising awareness, building partnerships with local stakeholders and realizing two pilot projects that result in permanent improvement on accessibility and inclusion.

Sechelt has an active Accessibility Advisory Committee, made up of 10 community volunteers. After selecting Alofli Consultancy as the project coordinator for the SAC, more interested parties were invited.

During several workshops the group created a vision for Sechelt, discussed their major concerns, created a list with project ideas and possible community partners.

Vision

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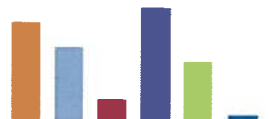
The SAC-Committee identified key areas that should be addressed to ensure Sechelt is moving closer to the Vision.

1. Development of accessible policies
2. Provide accessible transportation options
3. Raising awareness on accessibility
4. Encouraging inclusion

After a broad community meeting in May 2009 three projects were selected and are now completed or underway:

1. Workshop on accessibility – in partnership with Coast Community Builders Association - which was held September 17, 2009
2. Illuminate & accessible bus shelters - in partnership with SCRD-Transit- which are being installed
3. Accessible surface Marine Gateway playground – in partnership with The Rotary Club Sunshine Coast - which will be installed Spring 2010.

Currently accessibility guidelines are being developed by committee members – a follow up from the workshop on accessibility.

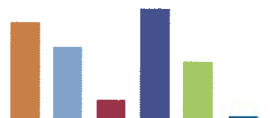




4. Media coverage and Community Activities

This chapter provides a brief overview of the awareness raising activities and media coverage during the SAC-project. Articles are included in Appendix 6.

April 10, 2009 – Interview with two committee members in the Coast Reporter
May 1, 2009 – Article about accessibility and Inclusion in the Coast Reporter
May 23, 2009 – Community Meeting with project updates and request for input
July 8th, 2009 – Project presentation Council
September 10th, 2009 – ½ hr. Television feature show at Coast Cable
October 1, 2009 – Article in The Local
November 25, 2009 – Project presentation Council





Appendix 6: Media Coverage

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SHANNON BOND PHOTO

Bill Conway and his Seeing Eye dog Captain Midnight are on the District of Sechelt's accessibility challenge committee to make the District more user friendly for everyone.

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Accessibility Challenge is on

SHANNON BOND
STAFF WRITER

Living with a physical limitation can alter how a person accesses the community and a committee has formed to take on the challenge to make life a little easier for everyone.

"As a first step, a group of 15 to 20 residents and organizations will work towards a strategy and policy for Sechelt's official community plan," said André Boel, community planner for District of Sechelt (DOS). "Following this, we are planning to challenge local organizations to come up with improvements that they could bring about."

Boel hopes to have the Sechelt accessibility challenge completed by November.

Measuring Up, a program of 2010 Legacies Now, promotes inclusion and access for those with disabilities while age-friendly communities, a program through the Union of B.C. Municipalities, does the same for seniors.

The DOS received \$40,000 from them for two projects to address access in the community.

Sechelt resident Bill Conway faces barriers every day though he said as long as he has his seeing eye dog Captain Midnight with him he manages.

"The most difficult time is between dogs," Conway said.

He said the seven dogs he has relied upon over the last 30 years allow him independence. Without a dog, "I have to learn to be a blind man."

He said he wants to "make the community more accessible to one and all."

He includes moms and dads with children in strollers as needing better inclusion too.

Mike Shanks is also on the committee. The former Sechelt councillor began to see limitations in the community once his wife Gay started using a walker and wheelchair.






He pointed out how downtown beautification flower boxes along the sidewalks created ridges and ate up space. He said many stores have potentially dangerous rises in doorways and clogged pathways inside. He said many doctor offices lack automated doors and he noticed a lack of wheelchair parking leaving him to maneuver parking blocks and gravel to help Gay into theatre productions and other facilities.

"Sometimes your partner wants to go, but you don't," Shanks said with a chuckle. However, he knows that means his wife is counting on someone at her destination to be able to assist her which isn't always possible.

Conway said he narrowed down where he shops based on who is most likely to help if he needs it.

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At Clayton's, there is usually a staff person to take him around and pick out what he needs.

Conway recounted hazards of using public transit. He has been dropped off at wrong bus stops before.

"I had to train the transit system. I didn't know where I was. The dog didn't know the area," said Conway.

Conway is not one to stay at home. He competed in the second winter Paralympics in 1980 as a

cross-country skier. He has run marathons, walked from Lund to Gibsons and all over North America. His work consists of caring for less able people.

All of his dogs came from the same school in New Jersey where they understand Conway's independent and adventurous nature and train an appropriate dog for him. He brought Captain Midnight home in January.

"He was trained on the left facing traffic off sidewalk," Conway said. "I'm introducing him to

[Halfmoon Bay] at a slow and gradual pace."

Safe, affordable housing, functional ramps, updated technology at crosswalks and beach and park access for all ages and abilities topped both Conway and Shanks' wish lists.

Elaine Gallagher is the director of the centre on aging and whose career has focused on improving the lives of seniors. She is a resource to the accessibility challenge committee.

She said other communities have figured out some

"quick and dirty results" by participating in the challenge. In Saanich, they added benches in the town site and increased public washroom hours to encourage people to get out and walk.

Gallagher said attitudes are changing. Seniors want to remain engaged and active and to stay in their homes in their neighbourhoods rather than go into retirement lodges.

The next public accessibility challenge meeting is April 14, 4 p.m. in the Sechelt community room.



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Opinion

Dignity through inclusion and accessibility

During the hour that Accessibility Challenge committee member Mike Shanks and I recently sat in a coffee shop discussing the challenge the District of Sechelt is participating in, two people on chair scooters, one woman pushing a young man in a wheelchair and a man who had obvious difficulty walking passed by the shop windows.

If all of us who are able-bodied stopped for five minutes to consider how different life might be if we had a physical limitation, the world around us wouldn't seem as insignificant. Obstacles abound.

There are ramps and automatic doors on the Coast that, while well intentioned, are so cramped with tight corners they might as well not have been constructed. It makes me wonder who designed them and what building inspector accepted them.

It isn't just the elderly or people with physical disabilities who are limited by ill-thought-out building and infrastructure designs.

I often see a young mom pushing a stroller along the highway into Sechelt with a little one about age four walking alongside the stroller or sitting precariously on the lap of the toddler in it. The lack of a proper, safe sidewalk leaves this family in danger every time they come to town.

No-barrier playgrounds are



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beginning to pop on the Coast this spring, bringing with them opportunity for children and their parents or caregivers to play together no matter who has the disability.

Beach access is lacking. We live in one of the most gorgeous places on earth and there is a significant number of people who are unable to immerse themselves in it fully. They might venture out onto the parking lot or sea wall, but never get to dip their toes in the ocean or help children build sandcastles because the effort to get down to the beach is too much to overcome with dignity intact.

Though the challenge is not designed to address this, inclusion is important to me. It means making room in our lives and our places of employment for those who live with developmental disabilities.

Last Wednesday, I attended the unloading of a Styrofoam compactor at Gibsons Recycling Depot, and as part of the gathering, staff member Barb Hetherington presented employee Wes Harrison

with a company jacket for his hard work over the last year. Harrison got the job through the Sunshine Coast Association for Community Living and is an avid Special Olympics athlete.

I've worked with people of all ages who have developmental disabilities, and I understand when Hetherington said Harrison is one of the hardest working people she has ever met and how amazed she is by his dedication to the job.

The adults with special needs I worked alongside were tireless and devoted to their work. They often did jobs for small wages that the rest of us would not want. There is pride in holding a job for people who have had to fight to have the right to live and work in the community rather than be shut away in institutions or working only with others who have developmental disabilities.

Interacting with all people is what makes life rich and meaningful. There is a gift waiting for those who are willing to change pace or see the world around them from the perspective of a person with a disability whether it is physical or intellectual.

When we are lazy and lack the creativity to invent access or shun the right of anyone to enjoy inclusion, we force people with limitations onto the sidelines and to accept isolation from the community.

That is unacceptable.

Working on Accessibility in Sechelt

In order to achieve the accessibility goals identified in the Vision Planning, District of Sechelt (DoS) council started an Accessibility Committee at the end 2008. Community Planner André Bod was able to secure a \$40,000 grant for this new Sechelt Accessibility Challenge (SAC) Committee from 2010 Legacies Now, Measuring Up.

As a result of the funding, DoS was able to hire Alofti Consultancy who assigned Christen Kasji and April Struthers to work on the project. SAC is working toward achieving the goals of improving accessibility and inclusion in the community for older people and people with one or more disabilities. In the last several months, they have been defining an accessibility and inclusion strategy, based on the DoS Vision Plan recommendations and building partnerships with local stakeholders. They have also been working in cooperation with local agencies on three pilot projects that will result in permanent improvement on accessibility and inclusion.

During several workshops the group created a vision for Sechelt, talked about major concerns and created a list with project ideas and possible community partners. The SAC Committee identified key areas that should be addressed to ensure that Sechelt moves closer to the Vision, these included the development of accessible policies; provision of accessible transportation options; raising awareness on accessibility and encouraging inclusion.

One of the SAC goals was to realize (a minimum of) two pilot projects that would result in permanent improvement on accessibility and inclusion. For each project, SAC had to find a local group to partner the initiative. After a community meeting in May 2009, three projects were selected

and have been underway over the summer. For Project 1, the partner is Coast Community Builders Association (CCBA). The committee and CCBA have been working on accessibility guidelines for residences/buildings. A workshop for builders and building inspectors was organized for September 17. The goal was to come up with accessibility reform that could be built into the DoS building by-laws.

Project 2 was to illuminate and make bus stops more accessible. The partner this time was Sunshine Coast Transit. Committee members selected the bus stops along with input from Cal Bowles of SCRD. SAC was involved with the design of the bus stops as well. The four bus stops that will get a face-lift are in Davis Bay, on Field Road, on the Sechelt Arena route, and Northwest Bay Road in West Sechelt.

Project 3 is to make the surface at Marine Gateway playground more accessible, the partner is the Rotary Club Sunshine Coast (RCSC). According to the Coordinators, the Rotary club has agreed to do the labour and grant funds will take care of the materials.

In the fall, the Sechelt Accessibility Challenge will be focusing on awareness raising around diversity and inclusion to ensure that Sechelt will become even more welcoming and inclusive to people of all ages, cultures, economic levels and abilities. A new grant from Multiculturalism and Inclusive Communities Office was awarded to the Sechelt Accessibility Challenge to help with this initiative. The project will build upon the Community Charter that was signed in July and on the previous work of SAC.

Compiled by Linda White France

New Moon Festival

Hundreds of Coasters came out to enjoy the Fourth Annual New Moon Festival, a celebration of Asian arts and culture, held last Saturday in Gibsons' Douglas Park. This family event was a chance for residents to experience the cultural gifts and heritage of Asia, and to celebrate the presence of diverse Asian communities living on the Coast.

There were performances of Chinese and contemporary dance by Moving Dragon and the Lorita Leung Dance Company; pan-Asian hip-hop by Yugo, Japanese group drumming by Steveston Tera Taiko, and Bharata Naryam (South Indian dance) by Sujit Vaidya of Mandala Arts and Culture. Sunshine Coast artists included Fon Pawakunin, who performed Thai dance, Tombo Taiko, a local Japanese drumming group, and Tinfish, the classical guitar duo of Valerie Jackson and Paul Pinsonnault, plus enjoy storytelling, opera, the traditional lion dance, lantern-making and much more.

Linda White France



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Appendix 2: Sechelt Accessibility Challenge Committee members

Allen Edwards	Accessibility Advisory Committee
Allison Mylymok	Accessibility Advisory Committee
Andre Boel	District of Sechelt
Bev Nielsen	Resident
Bill Conway	Accessibility Advisory Committee
Carole	Resident
Cal Bowles	SCRD transit
Celia Preusse	Accessibility Advisory Committee
Denise Herbert	Arrowhead Centre Society
Don Basham	Sunshine Coast Community Foundation
Don Robb	Stand for Housing
Elaine Gallagher	Legacies2010 Now / University of Victoria
Eleonora Molnar	Vancouver Coastal Health community development
Elise Rudland	Accessibility Advisory Committee
Emma Doman	Resident
Glen McLughan	Sunshine Coast Association for Community Living
Heather Gordon	Chatelech / Sechelt Community School
Henry Hightower	Senior Network Advisory Group
Janice Rafael	Community Resource Centre
Jane Hopkins	Coast Community Builders Association
Joan Graham	Resident
Joanne Scanlan	Resident
Kim King	Accessibility Advisory Committee
Lynn Soloman	Sechelt Medichair
Lynne Forrest	Accessibility Advisory Committee
Michael Shanks	Sechelt Downtown Business Association
Randy Bissky	Accessibility Advisory Committee
Sue Jackel	Capilano Univ. / Comm. Res. Centre / SNAG
Ted Mitravitz	Council of Senior Citizens Organization
Vanessa Knox	Capilano University
Vicki Dobbyn	Sunshine Coast Community Services Society
Warren Allan	Councilor / liaison
Yvette Fleming	Resident

Project Coordination

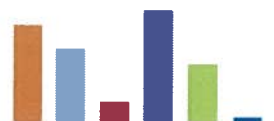
Christien Kaaj	Alof!i Consultancy
April Struthers	Alof!i Consultancy





Overview involved organizations

- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Arrowhead Centre Society
- District of Sechelt
- Capilano University
- Chatelech Sechelt Community School
- Coast Community Builders Association
- Community Resource Centre
- Council of Senior Citizens Organization
- Legacies2010Now
- Sunshine Coast Regional District -transit
- Sechelt Downtown Business Association
- Sechelt Medichair
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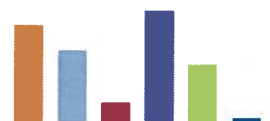
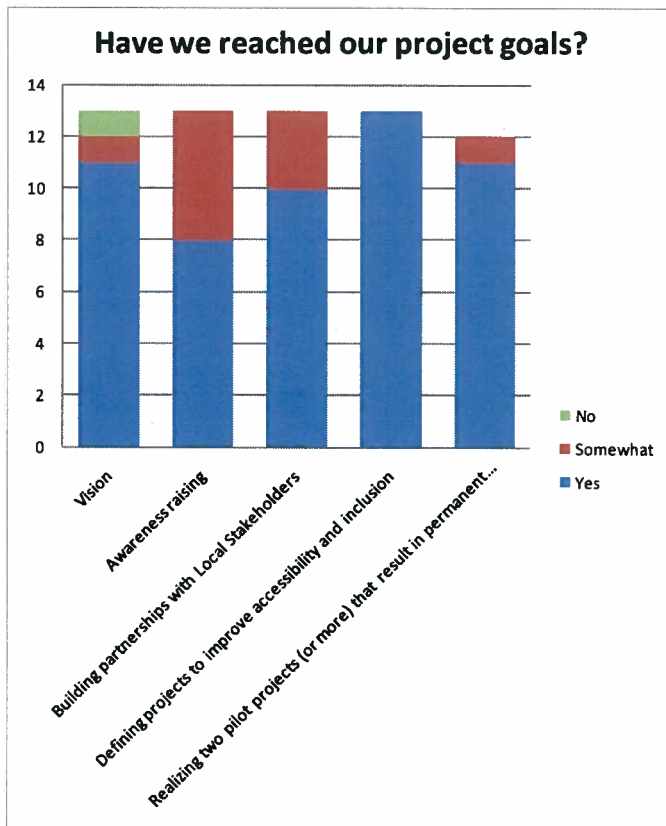




Appendix 7: Project Evaluation Survey Results

Have we reached our project goals?				
Answer Options	Yes	Somewhat	No	Response Count
Vision	11	1	1	13
Awareness raising	8	5	0	13
Building partnerships with Local Stakeholders	10	3	0	13
Defining projects to improve accessibility and inclusion	13	0	0	13
Realizing two pilot projects (or more) that result in	11	1	0	12
If you want, please tel us more:				4
	<i>answered question</i>			13
	<i>skipped question</i>			0

- The project 'Faces of Sechelt' will help to raise public awareness even more. We need to continue to build on awareness so that our Vision will continue.
- try to get more funding for more projects
- there should be a speakers bureau for people with disabilities to be made available discuss topics with various groups / stakeholders in the community
- We were starting from a very low base of awareness around these issues, and this was an important demonstration to local citizens of how complex the issue is, how expensive to remedy, and how important that we create sustaining groups and structures to make sure it doesn't fade from view.

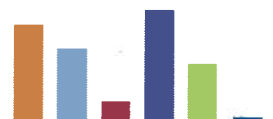
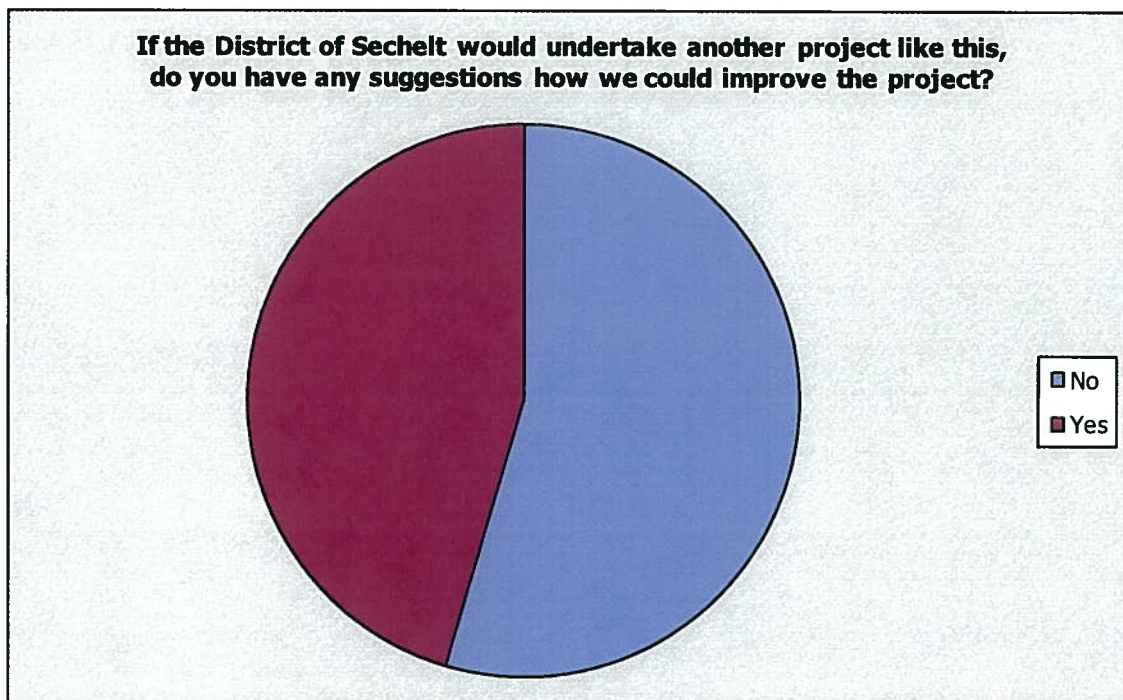




If the District of Sechelt would undertake another project like this, do you have any suggestions how we could improve the project?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
No	54.5%	6
Yes	45.5%	5
If yes, please tell us how:		5
answered question		11
skipped question		2

- More public input and participation in the project building.
- a stonger media coverage
- need more funding
- keep the program going and enhance the ongoing commitments of this past project.
- This was a good start, but needs to find and support its champions. Often accessibility is most vital to those currently with disabilities. The wider non-disabled public needs to be reminded that they could easily be next. Projects to draw in the general public through particular actions--especially around physical infrastructure such as sidewalks, door openers, sills, crossing signals--would give evidence of civic response, even though expensive.

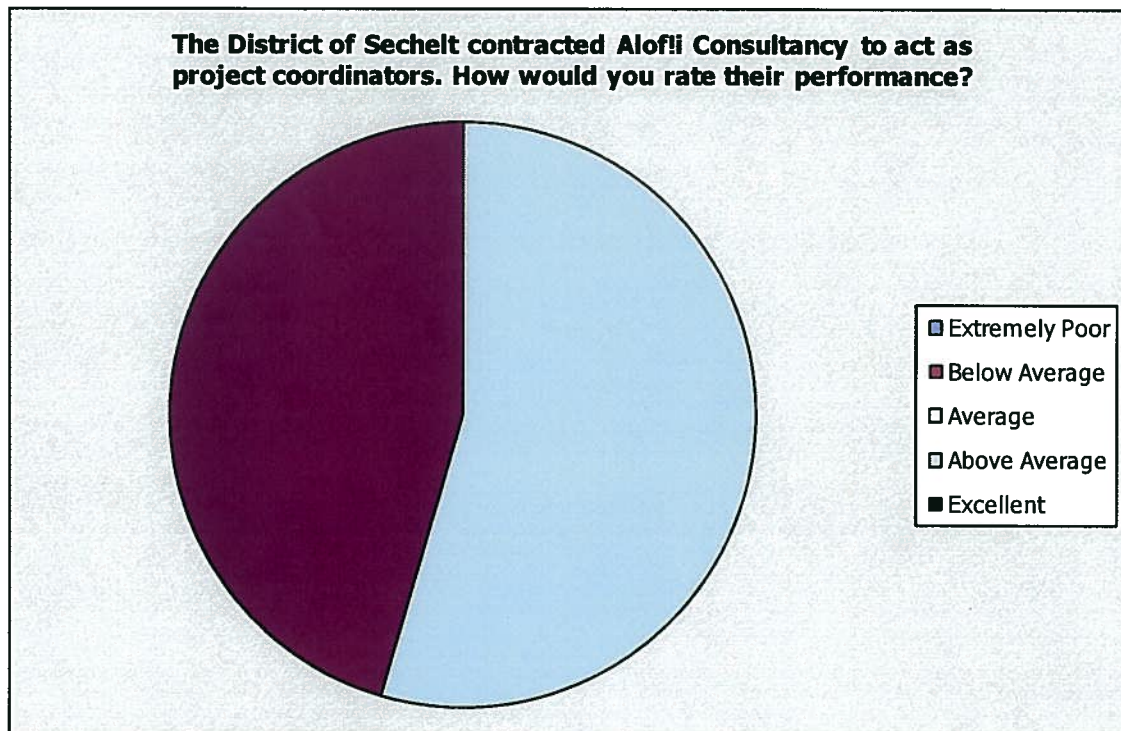




The District of Sechelt contracted Alofi! Consultancy to act as project coordinators. How would you rate their performance?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Extremely Poor	0.0%	0
Below Average	0.0%	0
Average	0.0%	0
Above Average	54.5%	6
Excellent	45.5%	5
If you want, please tel us more:		4
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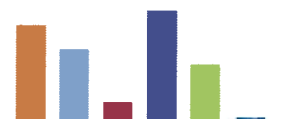
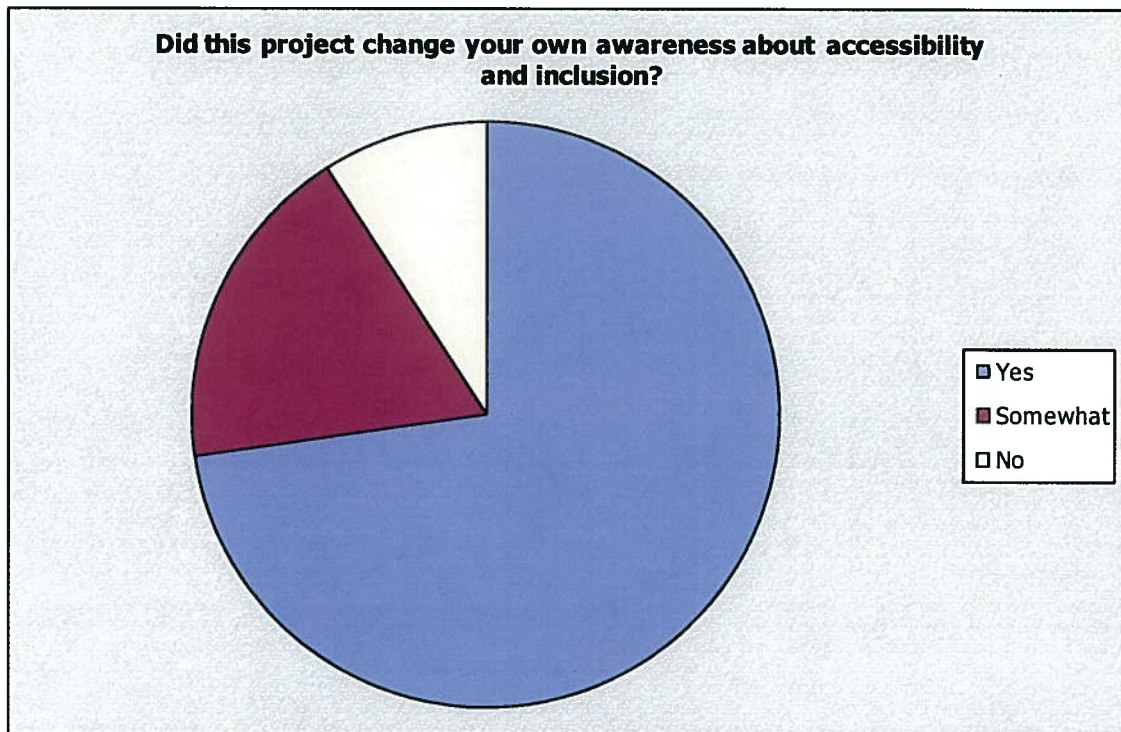
- Everything seems to come together easily. They have great communicative skills and know how to present it well.
- very fortunate to have them on the committee
- they have been an great asset to the community
- Busy coordinators and busy citizens made for some dilution of the possible impact of any given meeting.





Did this project change your own awareness about accessibility and inclusion?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	72.7%	8
Somewhat	18.2%	2
No	9.1%	1
If you want, please tell us more:		4
<i>answered question</i>		11
<i>skipped question</i>		2

- Our lives are so busy day in and day out that unless you are directly affected with a disability or you are new to the community, we often become oblivious to these many important accessibility and inclusion issues.
- nice to see all participants work together and see projects through
- My own enhancement has been enhanced and I in turn enhanced the awareness of committee members because of my disability
- Meetings gave a forum for people with a wide range of disabilities to educate their fellow citizens and create awareness. The project created some new advocates and validated their expertise. People with disabilities are often ignored and marginalized, and that seems ready to change.



**Is there anything else you would like to tell us?**

- Please keep up the good work. This is so important as it will bring about a healthier community.
- I am thrilled to see the District recognizing this important aspect of our community and hope that they will continue to work forward with more projects and awareness opportunities whenever there are District projects such as new gardens, buildings, events....
- Excellent program these types of issue need to be keep in the for front in our community, thank you Andre
- need ongoing support and funding to continue this effort
- I would hope that the District would follow up and complete the recommendations that the committee put forth.
- Prepare a strong report to the funders, so that there will be evidence of the utility of this program.
- I think we have made a good start and have the basis to accomplish much more.

