



Measuring-Up Fund Final REPORT

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Section One - General

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- Attach a final summary of your initiative. Please include specific details about activities undertaken as a result of receiving a Measuring Up grant. (3-pages maximum).
- Attach a list of members of your Measuring Up Committee.
- 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

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

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



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): Bob West-Jells

Position: Councillor

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: August 20, 2008

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.

Summary of Kimberley Measuring Up Initiative

The Kimberley Accessibility & Inclusivity Advisory Committee used funds from the Measuring Up grant to hire Caprice Hogg for the position of Accessibility Administrator. As a person with a disability, Caprice welcomed the opportunity to address issues regarding accessibility and inclusivity, which she knows only too well. To this end, the following report discusses what has been accomplished in the past months.

One focus was in creating a database of what is available in Kimberley for People with Disabilities. Caprice spent a great deal of time talking with members of the community, with program coordinators and business owners. Our community is more inclusive than we were originally aware of. Many organizations such as the Girl Guides, are very inclusive stating "Guiding is available to everyone, regardless of ability or disability". Other places like the Community Gardens offer special raised gardens to make them available for people with mobility issues. Steele O'Neille and Associates have programs available for People With Disabilities to assist them with employment. These are just a few of the services that we did not realize were available in Kimberley.

Bringing awareness of the benefits of being an accessible business was also something that Caprice focused on. Some businesses were hesitant to spend money on modifications, while other businesses in Kimberley were very open to making their businesses more accessible. It was discovered that many businesses were already actively working towards accessibility.

Caprice also spent time communicating with people that work at City Hall, informing them of our committee and the work that is being done. Our Committee was very well received and offers of assistance came from all city employees. One project that is underway is members of our committee are working with City employees to develop a list of all accessible trails in the city. A goal of our committee is to have all new projects and upgrades put forth by City Council to pass through our committee for accessibility consideration.

Due to this request, Caprice researched Universal Design, on how to make changes to buildings and on what is classified as "accessible". In early June, Caprice assisted 2010 Legacies Now in facilitating accessibility surveys in Kimberley and attended their training session. This session provided

Members of the Kimberley Accessibility & Inclusivity Advisory Committee

Councillor Bob West –Sells

Councillor Bob McWhinnie

John Houston

Elma Stewart

Doug Blanchard

Graham Bulcock

Valarie Carey

Caprice Hogg, Accessibility Administrator

Comments & Suggestions on the Measuring Up Guide

The Kimberley Accessibility & Inclusivity Advisory Committee has benefited from the Measuring Up Guide. It has been a good springboard for discussion and has helped us to identify local issues.

It would be helpful if the Measuring Up Guide could provide possible solutions and troubleshooting for common issues that communities face. A great deal of time has been spent, for example, researching Universal Design and it would be useful if Measuring Up could provide adequate information on topics such as this.

Our committee would like to see the Measuring Up Guide be made mandatory for all communities.

**ACCESSIBILITY SURVEY
WORLD CUP DISABLED SKIERS**

1. What is your medical classification?
2. How accessible did you find the Resort area?
3. How accessible were your accommodations?
4. How accessible did you find the downtown area businesses, shopping and restaurants?

CADS Family Ski Festival ♦ Canadian Disabled Alpine Championships ♦ March 2007

Please assist the Accessibility and Inclusivity Advisory Committee for the City of Kimberley by answering the following questions. Your comments would be most valuable to us!

1. What is your disability or race classification? _____

2. Where did you stay while visiting Kimberley? _____

3. How accessible was your accommodation?

Poor Fair Average Good Excellent

Comments: _____

4. How accessible did you find the resort facilities, lifts and terrain?

Poor Fair Average Good Excellent

Comments: _____

5. Did you go to the downtown Platzl area? Yes No

If no, why not? _____

6. How accessible did you find Kimberley businesses and restaurants?

Poor Fair Average Good Excellent

Comments: _____

Additional Comments: _____

Please leave this form with Reception at your hotel or at the Festival office. Thank you!

Accessibility & Inclusivity Committee Report

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Record of the Accessibility and Inclusivity Committee meeting held Thursday August 21, 2008 in the Kimberley Public Library meeting room.

Present: Councillor Bob West –Sells John Houston
 Elma Stewart Caprice Hogg, Recorder
 Doug Blanchard

Guest: Andy Christie, City of Kimberley Building Inspector

Regrets: Valarie Carey

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and there is one correction. The man in the wheelchair went off the cliff between the hospital and the Pines Nursing Home. It was above the Nurses trail that there were no guards on the edge of the road.

The accessibility issues at JulyFest were brought forth to Doug Smith at the Operations Committee meeting.

Councillors McWhinnie and West-Sells will address the issue of extending the hours of the local Handi-bus at the upcoming UBCM in September.

Caprice contacted Janyce Bampton to arrange for a City of Kimberley email address to be used as a contact for the committee. Janyce is on holidays.

Laurie Cordell from City Hall has resigned. Doug can contact Don at City Hall regarding a map of trails for him to assess for accessibility.

The committee welcomed Andy Christie to the meeting. He showed the committee the "Building Access Handbook" which documents barrier-free design. He uses this book extensively and if businesses in Kimberley would like information on accessible design they can contact him for copies of this handbook. The new Passport Office in Cranbrook is an excellent example of Barrier Free design.

Mr. Christie informed the committee of the new ramp that has been installed at the liquor store, which is beneficial since they also have automatic doors. Elma discussed some building issues at the Bear Tree Cafe building, which Mr. Christie was already aware of and he is working with the owner of the building to resolve.

Discussion followed about plans of a possible Platzl Revitalization. There is an issue with the one step in front of several stores, as wheelchairs have to go to the end of the Platzl to get down to the next level. It would be difficult and expensive to alter this and as the Platzl is accessible and this is merely an inconvenience, our committee would prefer to focus on making ramps that are to code to access the buildings in the Platzl. This can be brought forth from our committee when this project comes to fruition.

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July 31, 2008

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Record of the Accessibility and Inclusivity Committee meeting held Thursday July 31, 2008 in the Kimberley Public Library meeting room.

Present: Councillor Bob West –Sells Councillor Bob McWhinnie
 Elma Stewart Caprice Hogg, Recorder
 Doug Blanchard

Regrets: John Houston

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and there are no corrections. List of action items and completed action items were handed out.

Letter was read from Rebekah Mehaffey asking to share contact information with other Measuring Up communities. Caprice will contact Janyce Bampton to arrange for a city of Kimberley email address to be used as a contact for the committee.

At July Fest there were some accessibility issues when trying to access Volleyball. The Folk Dance Festival will also be doing some presentations in this area but it is possible that the Bocci Pits made access difficult. This issue needs to be addressed for next year.

Doug stated that the new ball diamond in Marysville had good access so far, although at this time, due to the trees being cut down, there was no shade.

There was discussion about possible grants. Some possible projects to be funded would be making Marysville Falls accessible and way finding projects, similar to what Whistler has done, i.e. maps to accessible washrooms & TTY phones. Councillor West-Sells will contact Carol McGregor to help Caprice with applying for grants, especially to apply for funds to extend the position of Accessibility Administrator. Laurie Cordell and Wendy Moore are also possible contacts for grants involving tourism.

Doug reported that Kimberley will be getting a new wheelchair accessible bus in September, but unfortunately we did not qualify for funding for extra hours. This is a big disappointment to our committee.

Caprice is to draft a report to City Council documenting the work to date, the successes and the recommendations from the Accessibility & Inclusivity Committee. One recommendation will be to extend the hours of the bus. Another recommendation will be to complete Access Guide Surveys of local businesses and services.

Doug informed the committee about the Wheelchair Accessible bus that is now available from Riverside Campground to Kimberley. Riders must phone to make an

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appointment on the bus. At this time, not many people are taking advantage of the bus.

It was brought up that a man in a wheelchair was in the hospital parking lot and went off the edge of the cliff, as there were no guards at the end of the parking lot. This is a potential hazard that should be considered.

Discussion followed about the Measuring Up Final Report due August 29th. Recommendations for the Measuring Up Guide is that our committee would like to see it be made mandatory that communities make more accommodations for people with disabilities. The Guide has been a good springboard for discussion and gave us guidelines to identify local issues. It would be helpful if the Guide would offer helpful solutions to problems that most communities face.

Councillor McWhinnie informed the committee that the ramp leading to the upper level of the museum is going to be fixed and electric doors will be installed. Caprice informed the committee of plans for the library to renovate the washrooms, making them accessible. The librarian has asked for recommendations on the renovation. Caprice contacted the new building inspector and he is putting together a package with information from the CSA manual and other handbooks on Accessibility, as well as a list of contractors who are familiar with accessibility standards.

Doug gave an update on the list of Accessible Trails. He has been in touch with Laurie Cordell and is waiting for her to compile a list of trails for him to assess.

Caprice has been uploading businesses onto the Access Canada Guide website. The surveys are much easier to fill out than the Legacies Now Surveys and she has not encountered the same problems that they had. Doug has also found the business community to be very open and he is filling out the surveys.

The Kimberley Active Community Guide has agreed to put accessibility icons in the next printing. Discussion followed about various listings and what the accessibility criteria should be for places such as golf courses, whose facilities may be accessible, but no accessible golf carts are provided, etc.

Caprice discussed an email from Heather Harper stating that she is waiting for the letter of resignation from Jamie Hargreaves, so that his resignation and that of Harry Green can be accepted at the next Council Meeting on August 11th. At that time, a Call for New Members will be published in the newspaper. Maya Huppe and Joyce Maxwell are possible new members. Letters of thanks have been drafted to Jamie and Harry.

Discussion followed about the Powell River and Whistler Measuring Up Committees. Whistler has done extremely well and would be a good contact for our Kimberley committee.

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Next Meeting will be August 21, 2008 in the Kimberley Public Library meeting room at 2:00pm.

Meeting adjourned 3:45 p.m.

ACTION ITEM: Councillor McWhinnie to email list of discounted revenues that was compiled by Randy Feduik.

ACTION ITEM: D. Blanchard to talk to Laurie Cordell and develop a list of the trails in Kimberley that are wheelchair accessible. -ongoing

ACTION ITEM: Invite Jared Bell from the Riverside Campground to a future meeting. Another possible contact could be Andy Grey from the Purcell Park Soccer Project.

ACTION ITEM: The committee will hold an information session for businesses prior to doing surveys for Access Guide Canada.

ACTION ITEM: Complete surveys for Access Guide Canada & Chamber of Commerce list. -ongoing

ACTION ITEM: Recommend to City Council that they provide Utility bills and Tax bills in alternate formats, upon request, for people who have visual impairments.

ACTION ITEM: Recommend to City Council that they move the wheelchair accessible parking spot next to the library to an alternate position on level ground. -postponed

ACTION ITEM: Invite the new building inspector to a future meeting.

ACTION ITEM: J. Houston to attend an Operations meeting and an Administration meeting to request that all projects pass through our committee for accessibility considerations. B. McWhinnie will contact J. Houston with time and date of next meetings.

FUTURE ACTION ITEM: Our committee to prepare a presentation to City Council requesting that any future building or development should be considered by our committee for accessibility considerations.

ACTION ITEM: Contact the Rotary Club and Randy Fediuk regarding the Bocci Pits Expansion, to ensure accessibility is considered.

ACTION ITEM: Invite Kevi Remple from the COTR to attend a future meeting.

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Record of the Accessibility and Inclusivity Committee meeting held Thursday June 26, 2008 in the Kimberley Public Library meeting room.

Present: John Houston Councillor Bob McWhinnie
 Councillor Bob West –Sells Caprice Hogg, Recorder
 Valarie Carey

Regrets: Doug Blanchard

Guest: Kent Goodwin, Nature Park Society

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

Kent Goodwin gave a brief description of the Nature Park Society and shared a map of the Nature Park. The Society is interested in possibly making some of the trails wheelchair accessible. They would be interested in assisting another group in fundraising for a "Trail Rider Wheelchair" or electric off-road wheelchair that would enable wheelchair users to use the trails. Discussion followed and it was agreed, that at this time, it is more feasible to focus on areas such as the Nordic Trails, as they offer the nature experience and are more easily made accessible. When more developments are made and there are more entrances to the Nature Park, then we can re-visit the possibility of making parts of the Nature Park accessible.

ACTION ITEM: D. Blanchard to talk to Laurie Cordell and develop a list of the trails in Kimberley that are wheelchair accessible.

ACTION ITEM: Invite Jared Bell from the Riverside Campground to a future meeting. Another possible contact could be Andy Grey from the Purcell Park Soccer Project.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and there are no corrections.

There was a discussion on the Accessible Tourism 2010 Legacies Now Surveys. The surveys that were completed in Kimberley will not be shared with the City of Kimberley or the Accessibility Committee.

ACTION ITEM: The committee will hold an information session for businesses prior to doing surveys for Access Guide Canada.

ACTION ITEM: Councillor West-Sells will get the list of businesses that need to be surveyed in Kimberley.

ACTION ITEM: Complete surveys for Access Guide Canada & Chamber of Commerce list.

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ACTION ITEM: Recommend to City Council that they provide Utility bills and Tax bills in alternate formats, upon request, for people who have visual impairments.

ACTION ITEM: Recommend to City Council that they move the wheelchair accessible parking spot next to the library to an alternate position on level ground.

A letter of resignation from Harry Green was read. Caprice will draft letters to Harry Green and Jamie Hargreaves thanking them for their contributions to the Accessibility Committee and to the City of Kimberley.

Discussion followed about the Kimberley Measuring Up Priorities and final report. There was some confusion regarding the report; Caprice will contact Rebekah Mehaffey for clarification. The committee reviewed past action items and Caprice will compile a list of items that are ongoing.

ACTION ITEM: Invite the new building inspector to a future meeting.

ACTION ITEM: J. Houston to attend an Operations meeting and an Administration meeting to request that all projects pass through our committee for accessibility considerations. B. McWhinnie will contact J. Houston with time and date of next meetings.

FUTURE ACTION ITEM: Our committee to prepare a presentation to City Council requesting that any future building or development should be considered by our committee for accessibility considerations.

ACTION ITEM: Contact the Rotary Club and Randy Fediuk regarding the Bocci Pits Expansion, to ensure accessibility is considered.

Letters from Kevi Remple and Lana Rauch were read. Caprice will contact both parties via phone and inform them that the City of Kimberley has endorsed the 10X10 Challenge, as well as explain some of the issues involving employment of people with disabilities.

ACTION ITEM: Invite Kevi Remple from the COTR to attend a future meeting.

A discussion followed about possible funding and grants. Caprice will contact Carol McGregor about grants the City is already applying for and will research more grant opportunities. Caprice will also draft a letter of inquiry to be submitted to the Vancouver Foundation to apply for "Disability Supports for Employment Fund".

Next Meeting will be July 31, 2008 in the Kimberley Public Library meeting room at 2:00pm.

Meeting adjourned 4:15 p.m.

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Record of the Accessibility and Inclusivity Committee meeting held Thursday May 29, 2008 in the Kimberley Public Library meeting room.

Present: John Houston Kandace Aylward, Secretary
 Elma Stewart Caprice Hogg, Recorder

Regrets: Councillor Bob McWhinnie, Councillor Bob West –Sells, Doug Blanchard

Guest: Carol McGregor, Economic Development, City of Kimberley

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

Copies of the last minutes, and a proposed Agenda were available. There are no corrections

Kandace informed the committee that a letter had been sent by City Council requesting 1000 additional hours for the transit bus, with extended hours Monday to Friday and adding Saturday. The contract went through and the amendment to the contract is in progress.

Kandace also informed the committee that Albert Hogland has been made aware of the issue of the crosswalk at the intersection of the 4th Street Trail and the Medical Centre. He is looking into it, but there is a private driveway that must be taken into consideration.

Kandace informed the committee that there were water advisories on the radio, as well as the newspaper. People at risk, seniors, and health centers are also phoned by the city when advisories are put in place. Some advisories are only in certain areas.

Kandace wrote a letter of resignation for Jamie Hargraves and Doug Blanchard will give the letter to Jamie to sign.

Carol addressed questions raised at the last meeting regarding the grants for the Curling Rink and the Civic Centre. There will not be a lift or elevator at the Curling Rink, at this time, as the grants will not cover the cost. If someone in a wheelchair wants to access both levels, they will have to go outside to do so. The size of the grant will determine the scope of the project. There will be a ramp down to the ice rink for the athletes.

Information regarding guidelines for lighting, contrasting colors and textures is needed. Caprice found some websites on accessible design and will email links to Randy Feduik. Caprice mentioned that the type of public telephones need to be considered, as

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there are special pay phones that have volume control and other adaptations for people who are hard of hearing. John mentioned that special fire alarms with flashing lights also should be considered.

Caprice gave a report about the Accessibility Surveys being done by Kimberley Vacations, 2010 Legacies Now and Tourism BC. Caprice assisted in hiring 3 people to conduct the surveys. The surveys are not only for Kimberley, but also for Cranbrook and Fernie. In total, 62 businesses in Kimberley will be surveyed and many will not be applicable to our Committee, as they are obviously not orientated to people with disabilities. There will be many businesses, restaurants and accommodations that will need to be surveyed by members of our committee. Caprice will prepare a list of businesses that will need to be surveyed. A letter of introduction by the mayor has been drafted and can be sent out to the businesses prior to the committee doing the surveys.

Caprice has been submitting information to the Access Canada Guide on Kimberley. She also contacted the Girl Guides and received a letter from the coordinator stating "Guiding is open to all girls, regardless of ability or disability." The Girl Guides meet in the basement of the United Church, but if necessary, would gladly move their meetings to accommodate anyone in a wheelchair. Caprice also contacted the coordinator of the Chronic Disease Self Management Program. This takes place at the Medical Centre and people in wheelchairs have attended.

Caprice also contacted the new librarian, Karin Von Wittgenstein. Karin is very interested in making the library more wheelchair accessible, especially the washrooms. She inquired about possible funding for this. Caprice requested that Karin post information about the Daisy Readers on the Kimberley Library website. This was done, as well as information about large print books and books on audio. The library will also deliver the Daisy Reader and any books to people who cannot get out to the library.

Caprice contacted the Social Planning and Research Council (SPARC). They have a BC Community Accessibility Network. They have a publication and sharing of information for communities. She is waiting to hear back from them.

Caprice has done research on the Internet about possible funding sources. The Kimberley District Community Foundation offers grants for the betterment of the community. There is also a grant from the Rick Hansen Foundation for making wheelchair accessible playgrounds. The City would have to contribute some funds in order to receive this grant. Carol stated that the City has to generally rebuild playgrounds every 3-4 years and would be interested in more information on this grant. Carol mentioned another grant called "Active Communities Initiative Grant Program" and it will be available in the fall. Carol stated another grant available is from Direct Access BC Lotteries.

Caprice has been using the "Kimberley Active Community Guide". Kandace is the editor. Caprice asked if the Guide would state which activities are wheelchair

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accessible at their next printing. Kandace agreed and stated that the deadline for the fall issue is Aug. 15. Caprice will continue to research the submissions and will let Kandace know which are accessible.

Caprice did research on Steele O'Neil. They offer various programs such as the "Community Assistance Program" which offers assistance to PWD and PPMB, as well as Expected to Work Clients. Another program is "Targeted Wage Subsidy" which helps individuals who find it difficult to find full time employment. Wages are subsidized by up to 60%. Another program is called "Older Workers Program", which offers business advice and training. Caprice suggested that a committee member should do a presentation to Steele O'Neil, with the information about the importance for businesses to be wheelchair accessible. There is valuable information on the Access Guide Canada website about the amount of revenue that is lost to businesses that do not have access. This is not being taught in business education.

There was a discussion about the development of the website page that will be linked to the City of Kimberley website. Caprice will look into the website called www.measuringupthenorth.com from another Measuring Up Community. Our page will link to the Access Guide Canada. John talked about having an Accessible webpage with links that are easy to follow and graphics that have descriptions.

Next Meeting will be June 26, 2008 in the Kimberley Public Library meeting room at 2:00pm.

Meeting adjourned 3:05 p.m.

COMPLETED ACTION ITEMS

SNOW REMOVAL

Discuss options with the City regarding snow removal practices on existing trails.
-Trail machine was purchased.

Raise awareness with City snow removal crews regarding the Library parking spot.
- snow is no longer dumped in the Library parking spot.

Arrange for a letter from the City of Kimberley to be sent to Shopper's Drug Mart regarding the signage for the handicap parking spot.
-there is now proper signage for the handicap parking spot.

TRANSPORTATION

Obtain more information on the Kimberley Transit System and invite S. Segal of BC Transit to a Committee meeting.
-Carole Rausch attended a meeting to give more information
-S. Segal did not attend meeting when he was in the Kootenays

Open a dialogue with the City of Kimberley regarding the Transit System limitations.

Speak to the local taxi company owner regarding adding lift equipment to existing vehicles to allow for wheelchair access and look into funding for such equipment.
-taxi owner is open to having a van retro-fit, funding is needed.

Look into which disabilities are allowed free passage on the Handi-Dart buses. Contact BC Transit regarding subsidies allowing free transportation of the transit system.
-some people with mental illness are allowed free transportation, as well as people with a current CNIB card.
-BC Transport will transport disabled children to school and parents can receive up to \$10.00 per day to transport a disabled child to and from school.

Contact BC Transit to see if there is a better solution to the transit coordination issues.

Send a letter to City Council recommending that Kimberley Transit be requested to extend hours of service to 11:00 pm on weekdays and provide a Saturday service.
-this has been done, awaiting announcement of extended hours and the Taxi-Saver program

Meet with Carole Rausch and check into other funding programs.
-Carole attended a meeting.

Contact the Variety Club of BC regarding funding for a van in Kimberley.
-funding is only available for vans to transport children with disabilities.

E-mail associations asking for letters of support and inquiring about funding.
-letters on file

Have a Committee member sit on the board meetings of Kimberley Transit
-D. Blanchard attends the meetings

Obtain the cost breakdown for the transit service to determine the percentage that is paid by the City of Kimberley
-on file

Contact the Canadian Mental Health Association to obtain more information about their needs for a more effective transit system.
-received letter of support

Audible signals would be beneficial for the one intersection in Kimberley with traffic lights.
-this has been installed

SPORTS

Obtain copies of PWD reduced rate policies from Sunshine Village and Panorama Resort
-on file

Recommend to Council that a Paralympic Training Centre display be set up at the awards ceremonies to promote awareness and provide information on the Centre.

Contact Alpine Canada regarding opening and closing ceremonies for ski events.

Provide detailed information to Committee members on the Paralympic Centre so that they can answer questions.

Prepare accessibility survey questions to be distributed at the upcoming February World Cup Ski Event. Advise the coaches at the World Cup about the accessibility survey that will be distributed by Committee members.
-surveys were completed and are on file

Contact Aquatic Centre about the handicap parking spots and the spring loaded doors on the change room doors.
-both issues have been fixed

Create an Accessibility survey to be included in the packages for those participating in the CADS ski event being held in Kimberley on March 18, 2007.
-surveys were completed and are on file

Train all staff at the Aquatic Centre on use of special equipment for PWD's.
-this has been achieved

HOUSING

Determine what waiting lists exist for accessible facilities. Determine how many units are universally equipped.
-on file

Look into RRAP grant that is available through the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) for those with limited income to remodel existing homes in order to provide appropriate access for those who are disabled.

-on file

Open lines of communication with those responsible for building codes, i.e. City of Kimberley Building Inspector and Planning Coordinator, to determine what minimum standards are and how to improve on them.

-Laurie Cordell came to meeting and did research on this

SERVICES

Issue a press release regarding the availability of the Daisy Reader Machines.

-Karin Von Wittgenstein, the librarian, contacted the radio station & posted the info on the Library website

TRAILS & SIGNAGE

Discuss options with the City regarding paving of existing trails.

-suggested that 1st to be done are 4th Avenue trail, Peak to Platzl trail, Rail to Trail.
-The 304th Street Trail is now fully accessible.

Recommend to Council that the 4th Avenue trail (Hospital Hill) be paved.

-this was completed, with lights and a snow removal machine was purchased.

Open a dialogue with the City of Kimberley regarding the trail signage and marking of paths.

-E. Richert attended a meeting March 15, 2007

Contact the Nature Park Society to discuss the possibility of keeping and maintaining the landed areas.

-Kent Goodwin attended a meeting June 29, 2008; reconsider this at a later date.

Recommend to the City of Kimberley that trail signage include handicap access symbols.

-this was made a resolution with City Council

SPECIAL RATES FOR PWD'S

Contact ski resort communities to obtain copies of policies that may be in place in consideration of persons with disabilities.

-on file

Approach the organizers of Summer Theatre and the Chamber of Commerce to request that special rates be offered for persons with disabilities at the festivals and theatre productions.

-Summer Theatre said they could not afford it. The Chamber will offer discounts to PWD's who form a Bocce Team during JulyFest.

ACCESSIBILITY TO BUILDINGS

Obtain more information regarding services offered through the Active Living Alliance.

-we are on their mailing list

Speak to Chris Dadson/Karen Cook at Kootenay Rockies Tourism in order to have accessibility icons added to the festivals and venues listed in the Kootenay Explorer's Guide.

-Karen agreed and will contact the committee at next printing, once every two years (2009)

EMPLOYMENT & BENEFITS

Determine the percentage of persons with disabilities in the community. Investigate the Provincial Challenge 10X10 Program

-The City of Kimberley would need to hire 20 PWD's

-10X10 Challenge brought to Council as a resolution, but aware of the significant downsides including issues with pensions, medical and equipment.

Clarify the rules surrounding income levels and clawback of PWD benefits.

-info on file

MISCELLANEOUS

Recommend moving crosswalk in Marysville to in front of the video store and putting handicapped parking spot in front of the Barking Gecko.

-handicap parking spot is now in front of the Barking Gecko

Recommend to Council that water advisories are on radio as well as the newspaper.

-advisories are on radio and in the newspaper, as well as some high risk people are phoned.

Contact Whistler Measuring Up Committee to compare notes.

- <http://www.whistlerforthedisabled.com/accessiblewhistlerbc.htm>

- good contact

Research Powell River Measuring Up Community and www.measuringupthenorth.com

-info on file

ACTION ITEMS

SNOW REMOVAL

Open dialogue with those responsible for snow removal in handicap parking spaces and enforcement of parking bylaws to raise awareness of difficulties associated with these issues.

-ongoing

Address the issue of sidewalk snow removal with the Bylaw Enforcement Officer and look into what might be done with respect to snow covered signage in private commercial parking lots.

-Shoppers Drugs posted a visible sign in their parking lot, as well as the Aquatic Centre.
Garden Market Ag Foods still does not have a posted sign.

TRANSPORTATION

Look into the Handi-Dart and Taxi Saver programs

-in progress, a request has been sent for both programs

SPORTS

Invite someone from Resorts of the Canadian Rockies to attend a committee meeting to discuss the possibilities of increasing services to persons with disabilities.

HOUSING

Invite new building inspector to a future committee meeting.

SERVICES

Investigate issue of website accessibility.

-in progress.

Add webpage to City of Kimberley website, with services that are available to PWD's and links.

Ask Kevi Remple, Disability & Learning Support Coordinator for the College of the Rockies, to attend a committee meeting.

Ask Sly from Lee Haskell Youth Centre & Lori Joe from Seniors Helping Seniors to attend a meeting.

TRAILS & SIGNAGE

Request that the City consider curbs and lighting for Peak to Platzl trail.

Open a dialogue with the City of Kimberley regarding accessibility issues at the future skate park & railway trail. **COMPLETED**

Recommend to City of Kimberley to consider putting a ramp on the opposite side of Marysville Falls to allow for wheelchair access.

D. Blanchard to talk to Laurie Cordell and develop a list of the trails in Kimberley that are wheelchair accessible.

-L. Cordell is going through the City Trail Map to decide which trails could be considered wheelchair accessible & will contact D. Blanchard

Invite Jared Bell from the Riverside Campground to a future meeting.

Another possible contact could be Andy Grey from the Purcell Park Soccer Project.

SPECIAL RATES FOR PWD'S

Prepare a list of facilities and discounted rates for PWD's for publication/distribution.

-in progress

Recommend to City Council that special rates be set in City operated venues for persons with disabilities.

Recommend that a letter be sent to RCR requesting that they consider discounted rates of 50% off the regular rates for PWD's who are members of CADS and free passes for guides.

-item on hold

Recommend to City Council that any Societies and Festivals seeking funding be encouraged to offer special rates for persons with disabilities.

ACCESSIBILITY TO BUILDINGS

Contact the Daily Bulletin to arrange for a photo-op regarding accessibility at the Edge Pub.

- COMPLETED

Open a dialogue with the City of Kimberley to ensure that future Development Permits include greater incentives to developers to build better access for PWD's. Identify city staff members who have been trained or who require training in universal building principles. Look into the BC Building Code to determine what the minimum universal design requirements are for construction of public facilities.

-Ongoing with Laurie Cordell

-discussed with E. Richert when she attended meeting on March 15, 2007

Invite the new building inspector to a future meeting.

- COMPLETED

Conduct an accessibility study within the local community with the intention of creating a list of premises or services and their level of accessibility. Research websites to locate a set of objective criteria to use.

-using the Access Guide Canada website and uploading info to the site

-sub-committee was created to work on this

The committee will hold an information session for businesses prior to doing surveys for Access Guide Canada.

Councillor West-Sells will get the list of businesses that need to be surveyed in Kimberley.

- List has been received and Caprice will complete the list.

Write letter from committee to be handed to businesses when doing surveys.

-a letter from the Mayor is on file and will be mailed at such time

Invite a member of the Chamber of Commerce to a future meeting.

Request that Council adopt a policy addressing accessibility issues in all future developments.

-Motion on books September 6, 2007

J. Houston to attend an Operations meeting and an Administration meeting to request that all projects pass through our committee for accessibility considerations. B. McWhinnie will contact J. Houston with time and date of next meetings.

FUTURE ACTION ITEM: Our committee to prepare a presentation to City Council requesting that any future building or development should be considered by our committee for accessibility considerations.

Invite person planning the upgrades to the Civic Center and Curling Rink to a future meeting.

Recommend to City Council that they repaint the crosswalk at intersection of 4 Street Trail and the Medical Centre.

-ongoing with Albert Hogland

Recommend to City Council that they provide Utility bills and Tax bills in alternate formats, upon request, for people who have visual impairments.

Recommends to City Council that they move the wheelchair accessible parking spot next to the library to an alternate position on level ground.

“Kimberley Active Community Guide” will post accessibility icons in their next publication. Research which are accessible and inform Kandace Aylward (editor) by August 15, 2008

- COMPLETED

Committee member to do presentation to Steele O’Neille about importance of wheelchair accessibility in businesses.

Contact the Rotary Club and Randy Fediuk regarding the Bocci Pits Expansion, to ensure accessibility is considered.

COMMITTEE

Increase Membership on committee to 10. Put ad in local paper

Prepare report of Measuring UP Issues and distribute to Public. Advertise in “Extra” and copies available at City Hall and on City Website.

-Committee held information session & “Celebrate Achievements” at the Aquatic Centre on December 5, 2007

ACTION ITEMS FROM ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS REPORT

Safety plans that take into consideration PWD’s who are working or visiting facilities and emergency preparedness.

Find a way to get bottled water to those who cannot get it.

Find volunteers to read to the blind.

Contact Steele O'Neill to find out how many PWD's are actively looking for work.

Raise awareness in the community through select Committee members attending service club meetings or visiting the facilities in question.

Have someone in the community to provide sign language services for assemblies, speeches, council meetings etc.

Only one local architect is trained in universal principles. Meet with architects who are designing the Paralympic facilities to obtain more specialized information on accessibility.

FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

Create an awareness program for employers.

Recommend to City Council that all local government tenders stipulate that any company bidding on tender must have a policy of promoting accessibility and Inclusivity within their organization.