

Section Two - Financial Information

Please provide final budget information for your initiative in the format below:

Expenditures	AMOUNT	IN KIND RESOURCES		MEASURING UP FUND
		Amount	Source	Amount
Wages	\$8875	\$1200	Special Needs Rec	\$8875
Admin (Mileage)	\$300			\$300
Advertising	\$650			\$626.85
Supplies	\$6020			\$6020
Workshop Facilitator		\$300	Emergency Services	
Facility Rental		\$500	Courtenay Rec D'Esterre Seniors Centre Berwick	
Workshop Supplies		\$200	Special Needs Rec	
Resources manual	\$3000			\$3000
Info Brochures	\$1000	\$200	Courtenay Rec	\$1000
Totals:	\$19845	\$2400		\$19845

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)

See Interim Report

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

Yes (please complete this section) X No (please skip to Section Four)

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

Section Four - Other Information

Attach any other information, stories or comments you would like to include that reflect on your initiative.

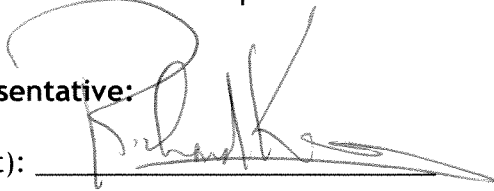
Section Five - Report Declaration

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):



Signature: RICHARD KANIGAN

Position: Chief Administrative Officer

Date: May 28, 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.

Section 1-3

COMOX VALLEY MEASURING UP TOWN OF COMOX

Final Report

The Town of Comox Measuring up project was one of three Measuring Up Projects in the Comox Valley and as such was a continuation of the City of Courtenay Project and a complement to the Comox Valley Regional District Project. The local Measuring Up Committee was the committee for all three projects.

The direction of this project was determined by the work done on the earlier City of Courtenay project and the direction taken by the Regional District. Four areas became the focus of this project: emergency preparedness for people with disabilities; improved involvement of the business community; increased dialogue with Comox residents and assessment and improved accessibility of trails and facilities.

Emergency Preparedness: In conjunction with our Emergency Preparedness Coordinator a meeting was held on November 20, 2008 to discuss emergency planning for people with disabilities. Over two dozen people attended from various agencies and an excellent discussion took place. As a result of this a subsequent meeting will be held on March 9, 2009 to pilot a new emergency preparedness for people with disabilities training program. This program will be critiqued by those involved and a final version will be developed. This version will again be presented and those attending will become trainers for the program. They will then be available to conduct emergency training programs for individuals and community organizations needing this specialized training. Although much of this is volunteer oriented, Measuring Up dollars are used for the development and printing of resource materials and other needs in the delivery of this program.

Business Involvement: As access to many businesses was a concern noted by numerous individuals we wanted to increase the dialogue around accessibility and inclusion with business. In order to do this a report card (sample attached) was developed and circulated to businesses in Comox and Courtenay with hope for some feedback. Although returns were minimal considerable dialogue did take place as these were hand delivered which often resulted in considerable discussion. The Report Card was also posted on the Chamber of Commerce website. (Christmas and snow are not conducive to business surveys.) This process was covered in the local newspaper (copy attached). Continued discussion with the Chamber of Commerce and Courtenay and Comox Business Improvement Associations is recommended. The Comox Valley Economic Development Commission was contacted and invited to take a role in promoting awareness and tourism accessibility.

Comox Dialogue: Although most of the previous meetings involved people from throughout the Comox Valley, public surveys and focus groups tended to be located more in the Courtenay area. To balance this out a general survey was done in the Comox Mall, a focus group was held at Berwick Retirement Home and several discussion groups happened at D'Esterre Seniors Centre. Although many comments were very specific several general issues

arose: sideways blockages (poles & vegetation), more stepdowns from sidewalk, more housing options and more people with disabilities on Town committees (especially building).

Facility/Trail Accessibility: A general feeling in most of the discussions is that people wanted to see some concrete things happen as a result of these projects, not just a plan or list of recommendations. Keeping this in mind we have looked at strategies to increase accessibility to facilities and assess how we can improve some of the many walkways we have in our community. As making major renovations to facilities to improve accessibility is out of the scope of this project we have agreed to purchase a portable ramp system that can be used throughout the community for a variety of community functions. This will make a considerable number of community facilities more accessible. In addition we are undertaking an accessibility assessment of a number of our walkways to improve accessibility on some and to look at ways to make some inaccessible ones accessible. Unfortunately this part of the project is still in process as weather conditions have not been suitable.

The final part of this project will involve bringing all Comox Valley projects together in a final report to various local governments with recommendations of steps to be taken to continue to improve accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities. There are also several initiatives that will continue to move forward supported by community members and agencies.

We believe that the Measuring Up process has and will continue to have significant impacts in making our community the kind of community we want it to be - one where people of all abilities can actively participate in all aspects of community life.