

Measuring-Up Fund Final REPORT

Section One - General

1. Community Name: Village of Lions Bay
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3. Primary contact information:

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

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

7. Attach copies of any media coverage related to your initiative. N/A
8. 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
Fence and Bench at Beach		\$5,500.	Own forces	\$2,750.
Interconnectivity Trails		\$7,500.	MoT and own forces	\$3,750
Tidewater Trail		\$10,000	MoT and Own forces	\$5,000
Bathroom*				\$3,500
Totals:		\$23,000		\$ 15,000

* on hold until new municipal complex is built.

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) X 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): Don Reid
Position: Administrator

Signature: _____ 

Date: November 12, 2008

Mail completed AND signed Final Reports to:

Measuring Up Fund
2010 Legacies Now
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Measuring Up Committee

Our Committee was made up of volunteers from the Village all of whom had a special need or a member of the family had a need. Members included

Wendy Conway - Mair
Isobel Chester
Bernice LeBoutillier
Sally Pollock
Heather Mossakowski

Don Reid Administrator Village of Lions Bay

Events

As part of the planning we actually did two reviews. The first one had to be disregarded because of a number of changes in the process we used and the fact that some plans for future development of the municipal complex changed. In developing this accepted review we looked at all facilities in the municipality, even the ones that we felt most of the public did not use. These included the parking lots at Kelvin Grove Beach and at the central Lions Bay Beach. These were identified to have a shortcoming it that there were no designated spaces and that residents had to cross a railway track to access the beach. The sign matter will be addressed when we initiate a new bylaw to allocate at least one space in each lot. They are small, 15 vehicles each, so this is the best we can do. We have contacted CN but they say that the crossings are about as smooth as they can make them. There are flashers and warning signs, so that will have to suffice. We also explored the possibility of a special set of parking spaces closer to the beach but this would entail the blocking of emergency routes.

The Beaches themselves give a challenge as well. At the Kelvin Grove Beach the trail down is rough and steep. We have installed a fence along the one side and placed a bench down at the beach itself. Large logs have been removed but it is still a challenge to access in wheel chairs. One resident who uses a cane and whose wife is on the committee says that it is much better and he can get around. (See attached photos)

In the case of the main beach there is a need, as in most municipal buildings, to make the washroom facilities more accessible. The beach has two problems in that the ground is soft and thus chairs and narrow wheeled assist devices would have a challenge to navigate the area. We can install a ramp system but that will have to wait until the new Council is elected. We have improved the access by widening the gates and making the path down to the shelter more accessible.

All of the washrooms in the municipality are not easily accessible. We are limited in what we can do because the space available is not sufficient to make the necessary changes. We are planning a new community hub and this will be a priority in the design. The same holds true for the access to the municipal hall and other community buildings. To install the ramps necessary would mean that we would have to eliminate the parking lot to get the incline right as the hall is built on a hill. The Fire Department, ambulance service and the Works Office are accessible at least to the first floor. As in the case of the lots, we will install special parking signs to designate a place for special needs.

We are installing a Community Policing office, in the Village, early next year. The office is on the third floor and there is no space to install an elevator. We will assist people by installing an intercom at the front door and the police will come down to meet and talk with them.

Parks and trails are a challenge. Because of the terrain, the trails tend to be rough and steep. There is one interconnectivity trail that will be accessible but it is yet to be completed. Work has started (see photo) and we are hopeful that most of our residents will be able to use them. The small parks are completely accessible, (see photos), but they are small and mostly for passive use.

We did not spend the full amount of the allocated grant because the main feature that of access ramps to the municipal hall is on hold because we plan a new municipal complex. The layout of the hall would mean that we would have to extend the ramps into the parking lot and that would eliminate the four spaces that are there. Insomuch as there is only five spaces in total this is a major consideration. The Library on the second level is accessible so it will remain untouched. When the new complex is designed and built accessibility will be a primary consideration.

Many of our residents enjoy walking about the Village and some need places to rest from time to time. We have started a program of installing custom made benches at various locations around the Village on the more active walk ways. This will continue with a goal of having benches in most walking locations in the Village.

We have enclosed some photos of the things we have done and wish to express our appreciation to the 2101 Legacies Fund for their help.



Beach park and walkway down to it.



Bench at the Buss



Bench for walking trail

trail.



Walking Trail



Passive Park at end of road



Parking lot that requires signage.

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.