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MINUTES

MEASURING UP SELECT COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL
Wednesday, January, 5th, 2011, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

To be held in the Community Room of the Whistler Public Library

Committee Members Present

Kevin Damaskie
Sarah Tipler
Tom Thompson
Phil Chew
Melissa Deller
Wendy Aitken
Chelsey Walker
Lynn Chappel

RMOW, Sustainability Coordinator
Vice Chair, RMOW Accessibility Coordinator
RMOW Councilor
Paralympic Athlete
WCSS SNAP Coordinator
WhistlerBlackcomb, Director, Guest Services
Whistler Adaptive Sports Society, ED
Tourism Whistler

Staff Members Present

Mike Vance
Erin Morgan
Claire Daniels

RMOW Policy & Program Development
RMOW Village Host
RMOW Recording Secretary

Minutes

Nov. 3 Minutes approved

- Please add the regrets sent by Chelsey and change the minutes of the November meeting on page 2.

Introductions/Presentations

- SPARC's AIP Report: please go through this report and note any issues or changes that need to be addressed; the group should have this feedback in by mid-Jan; Sarah will re-send electronic copy and reminder to comment with exact due date.
 - o Whistler through the Ages Report has recommendations, which will inform OCP update
- Defining Visitable, Adaptable, Accessible and Universal Design
 - o Principles of Universal Design: highest level of usability for the largest group of people, this would be a long-term goal for all public spaces. The committee needs to consider what will be the most effective change to the current building codes that will most positively impact access within our community and how we will capture this in a recommendation to UBCM, which will ultimately need to be passed as a



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resolution at the conference. In order to have as little debate as possible when it reaches the floor of the conference, we will need to have support from some other municipalities prior to the conference.

- Background report as to why we want and need this resolution
- Need this group to review and comment on resolution and report; Sarah and Kevin will take this to Council.
- Try to get all municipalities to adopt a best practice, which is Universal design, to the building code for renovations of existing buildings
- need to send out a universal letter to municipalities throughout BC to see if they would adopt prior to UBCM conference
- be prepared to put a 20yrs horizon on this change
- Need to understand why people would or wouldn't be in favour of such change
- Will be a challenging issue as municipalities are faced with decreasing finances.
- Target will potentially be private dwellings
- Need to target public places and municipal buildings
- Why are we focusing only on renovations rather than re-builds/new buildings; is it not better to target clean slates.
- Need to update the BC building code to include universal design
- Would need to determine what type of renovations would apply to
- Need to determine how much more per sq. ft. it will cost to make a building accessible
- Bottom line is that we are really early in this process
- We want to report to Council in April 2011 if we want



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to get this resolution to conference in the fall.

- This group is championing a cause to try and make things better out in the world. If we aim high we will get high.
- Need to figure out a way to make accessible design changes enforceable
- New barrier free route map
 - Sarah will distribute the map pdf with existing comments to the group; please look at the map and provide comment. Feedback will need to be received in the next couple of weeks
 - Despite an app already existing of the Whistler.com tear-off map, which includes some accessible features of Whistler, ultimately it would be beneficial to have all information available off the same electronic map.

Business Arising from Current

David Stein:

- Will be invited to present Whistler for the Disabled at the next meeting to determine whether the committee wants to include WFTD as a permanent seat on MUSCC or if regular presentations or communications is sufficient
- The committee can also choose to share accessibility content and information, without having to have WFTD as a permanent member. However we should have consistent information available on the RMOW site, TW and WFTD
- After presentation, Mr. Stein will leave and the committee will discuss and vote
- SPARC BC is now running Measuring Up program and we've requested which communities across BC is have signed on to the program and what are the best practices in accessibility and inclusion within the province
- Chelsey, Jackie and Sarah still need to meet to discuss accessible housing stock and story of successful collaboration - looking at May 2011- to schedule this

Other Business/Action Status



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- Sarah is working on a communications plan, which can incorporate some of the good stories that have been going on in the community with regards to accessibility
- Tom would like to see the Paralympic cauldron out with the Olympic cauldron and be placed in Celebration Plaza; at this time is in the possession of the Museum. Would like a letter sent to the Whistler Museum board, asking them to consider donating it to Celebration Plaza, with an accompanying plaque acknowledging the donation from the Whistler Museum and Archives Society. **Motion passed to write a letter.**
- OCP working groups; deadline was yesterday but you could send Kevin an email if you would still like to be on one. **Resend the dates to this group please**

Quick Announcements

- Monday January 10, 7pm at Millennium Place fundraiser for Whistler Adaptive: Slow Death by Rubber Duck
- Champions of Change volunteer; please vote for Lindsay Willos; go to cbc.ca/championsofchange

Ajourn: 4:15pm