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## MINUTES

MEASURING UP SELECT COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL  
Wednesday June 1, 2011, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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

Committee Members  
Present

Kevin Damaskie  
Melissa Deller  
Wendy Aitken  
Chris Fudge  
Freda Cook  
Phil Chew

RMOW, Sustainability Coordinator  
WCSS SNAP Coordinator  
WB, Director, Guest Services  
Tourism Whistler  
Mature Action Committee  
Paralympic Athlete

Staff Present

Claire Daniels

RMOW Recording Secretary

Regrets

Sarah Tipler  
Chelsey Walker  
Tom Thomson

VC, RMOW Accessibility Coordinator  
Whistler Adaptive Sports Society, ED  
RMOW Councilor

Minutes

May 11, 2011 Minutes approved

Updates/Business Arising

- June 4<sup>th</sup> SPARC BC's Access awareness Day; launch new barrier free route map
- SWOT Analysis of Mapped Assets

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Assets- part 1 Village

*Village Assets (Red): 10, 6, 4, 29, 2, 11, 34, 35*

## 6: Whistler Gondola

### Strengths

- 1 lift to Alpine
- Most accessible in resort context
- Weather protected



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- Location in Village
- Operates 4 seasons
- Transportation to and from work
- Accessible Peak to Peak
- Experience mountains and alpine- all ages
- Gondola access to underground parking
- Guide/support gets free lift pass
- Accessible parking (6 cars)

## **Weaknesses**

- Reliability/age/hours
- Closed for maintenance 2x per year
- Cost to access
- Private business- limited hours/\$

## **10: Accessible Lodging**

### **Strengths**

- First Tracks and Legends
- Village/Upper Village
- WFTD www inventory
- Cheak Crossing Athlete Lodge

### **Weaknesses**

- Accessible by default
- Limited number by property
- Location in valley and transportation access/links
- Building codes (inadequate, not highest standard)



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- Accessible Housing- decommissioned through use/devalued
- Need to make some policy/clause that once accessible/always accessible- if make changes have to return to accessible state once sell.
- Multi level seniors housing- does not exist

## **29: Whistler Public Library**

### **Strengths**

- Its here
- Accessible/central
- Computer lab
- Caters to locals and tourists
- Community room/programs
- All ages access/programs
- Accessible computer
- Parking
- Staff
- Design/lighting- green aspects
- Is a community priority

### **Weaknesses**

- Financial Viability
- Publically funded
- Potential opportunity
  - o for sponsorship/private interests
  - o events (\$)
  - o open more



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- Lack of awareness of programs
- Free events (strength and weakness)
- Technology- online everything/role/identity of libraries changing
- Transient population influence and use (non-tax payer)
- No RMI for guest use- potential to subsidize because is important resource to visitors and transient resort employees

## **4: Gateway Loop**

### **Strengths**

- Accessible/welcoming point
- Sizable/central
- Works well (new ramp)
- Transit/transportation
- Access to accommodation/services
- Inukshuk messaging

### **Weaknesses**

- Sometimes crowded (and wrong crowd)
- Club hours, late night safety
- Traffic flow/signage

## **11: Village in General**

### **Strengths**

- Connected/accessible
- Pedestrian focused
- Ski in/out
- Variety of services/central



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- Hub of Whistler
- Special in resort context
- Underground parking
- Well maintained/attractive
- New barriers free route map coming out
- Village Host program
- View corridors
- Programming/animation
- Public art
- Celebration Plaza
- Tourist/local interface/integration
- 2hour free parking at Market Place

## **Weaknesses**

- Size and geography to get around
- Physical barriers to access/bad access design
- No access from Gondola Loop/transit (Wayfinding)
- Wayfinding
- Poor design of building services
- No low cost activities (indoor)
- Public washrooms
- Snow dumping in accessible parking- lack of staff training/awareness
- Crowded and noisy at times
- Service/driving
- Accessible parking challenges (inside Village)



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- Unpermitted parking in accessible spots.

## Next Steps

- July 6<sup>th</sup> next meeting scheduled
- The group would like to meet sometime this summer, to continue the SWOT Analysis of Assets, even if it cannot be in the first week in July.

Ajourn: 4:36pm



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## Action Status Table

Date Action Proposed	Who	Action	Action Due Date	Completed
02/02/11	Kevin/Sarah	ask John Ray about any VANOC accessibility studies	March meeting	x
02/02/11	WASP Chelsey	ask if any surveys or testimonials have been collected by WASP of the participants experience in Whistler	at next meeting if available	
02/02/11	Sarah	burn copies of WAVE accessibility study & village audit for committee members	06/04/11	x
02/02/11	Sarah	include information on accessible features in the Passivehaus facts sheet	12/02/11	x
02/02/11	Kevin	To talk with Lee from the Whistler Museum about Paralympic cauldron being used in Whistler Olympic Plaza	March meeting	x
02/02/11	Jackie	Send Life Skills Support Worker job posting information to Sarah	February	x
06/04/11	Kevin	To follow up with David Stein, by an email, to arrange a different meeting time, in room at the Hilton to make a special presentation to MUSCC on WFTD.	Sometime in April	x
06/04/11	Sarah	To draft a letter from MUSCC to BC Transit about retaining our accessible buses.	Before May 4 meeting	
06/04/11	<b>All MUSCC Members</b>	Be prepared to share Current Reality Piece:  Look at your own business/organization and put together a high level accessibility and inclusion current reality; max 2 page	<b>May 4, 2011</b>	
06/04/11	Sarah	To research volume of usage of accessible transport in Whistler: public transit, cabs, inter-city bus services and shuttles.	04/05/11	
06/04/11	Anyone interested	Any comments on the PTB discussion paper should be submitted to them directly.	by April 18	x



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