



Sharon Shepherd
Mayor
City of Kelowna
City Hall
1435 Water St
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Re: 2010 Legacies Now Measuring Up

Your Worship Mayor Shepherd,

The Kelowna & District Society for People in Motion is dedicated to the inclusion and equality of children and adults with disabilities throughout the city of Kelowna, the Okanagan Valley and visitors from around the world. People in Motion promotes its mission of inclusion by developing and sponsoring programs, services, and advocacy efforts on behalf of, and with, people with disabilities.

2010 Legacies Now has received a \$2-million grant from the Province of BC to establish the Measuring Up Accessibility and Inclusion Fund (www.2010legaciesnow.com/measuring_up/.)

This fund will support community projects aiming to improve how people with disabilities can actively participate in, and contribute to, their communities.

The fund, which provides approximately 70 grants of up to \$25,000, supports the provincial government's goal to build the best system of support in Canada for people with disabilities.

The Kelowna & District Society for People in Motion has been approved for a \$25,000 grant and has received \$12,500 to begin to facilitate the Measuring Up process in Kelowna.

As the host agency for the Measuring Up grant, People in Motion will facilitate the process of reviewing the Measuring Up guide; prepare an inventory and initiate the assessment of accessibility and inclusion in our community.

2010 Legacies Now sees passing a council motion or resolution as one of the first, and one of the most important, steps that our community can take to begin implementing the Measuring Up guide and process. The intent is that it will reinforce our community's commitment to increasing accessibility and inclusion and influence others to participate in this process.

We respectfully submit the attached Measuring Up Resolution for consideration.

In addition we request the most recent survey's, studies and audits that address accessibility issues in Kelowna.

Sincerely

Paul Arney
Executive Director
The Kelowna & District Society for People in Motion

2010 Legacies Now Measuring Up Resolution

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

WHEREAS accessibility and inclusion are fundamental factors in empowering people with disabilities to fully participate in and contribute to society and the City of Kelowna strives to take a leadership role in creating an accessible and inclusive community for all its citizens;

AND WHEREAS The City of Kelowna has established an Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities to advise Council on the issues of Accessibility and Inclusion.

AND WHEREAS The City of Kelowna wishes to continue to build on the excellent work that has been accomplished by community organizations to create a community that is both accessible and inclusive;

AND WHEREAS The City of Kelowna recognizes that this work is important to all its citizens and there is still much to be done to make even more progress in the future and maintain our reputation as leaders in this field;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council endorse Measuring Up as a resource to improve accessibility and inclusion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City propose a resolution that a formal request be made to the Provincial and Federal governments to allocate infrastructure funding to support accessibility and inclusion initiatives in the City of Kelowna.