


Initiatives to Support an Age-Friendly Abbotsford

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Active Aging Symposium 2008 **June 6, 2008**



Overview

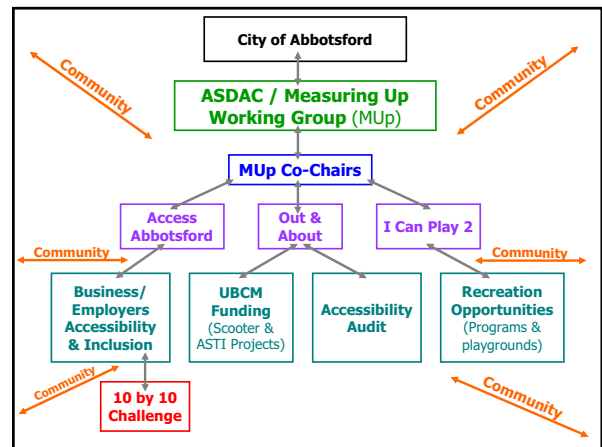
- **Social Planning Initiatives**
 - Seniors Dialogues
 - Measuring Up Working Group
 - Scooter Project
 - Abbotsford Seniors' Transportation Initiative (ASTI)
 - Neighbourhood Associations and Seniors
- **Parks, Recreation & Culture Initiatives**
 - Senior Tours
 - Discovery Trail
 - Abbotsford Community Recreation Centre
 - Abbotsford Cultural Centre
 - Entertainment and Sports Centre



Seniors' Dialogues


- **March 2006: Elders of Abbotsford: An Exploration of Strengths and Issues**
 - Transportation and Housing Issues
- **May 2007: Getting Around: Transport and Mobility of Elders in Abbotsford**
 - Mobility Issues







Measuring Up Working Group

- Focus on access and inclusion for everyone = an age friendly community
- **Highlights:**
 - Completed accessibility audit tool
 - Business recognition initiative
 - Report for Council with recommendations (forthcoming)
 - Access Abbotsford Website (forthcoming)




Getting Around the Town (Scooter Project)

- Received funding from UBCM
- Outcome of Seniors' Dialogues
- Recommendations to Council
- Scooter Smart – Mobility Scooter User Guide

Abbotsford Seniors' Transportation Initiative (ASTI)

- Received funding from UBCM
- Partners include Abbotsford Community Services
- Four components:
 - Medical Transport
 - Adopt-A-Stop
 - Bus Buddy
 - Model Bus Stop



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Seniors and Neighbourhood Associations

- Received funding from UBCM
- Participation and inclusion of the seniors population in Neighbourhood Associations
- Dialogues July-August 2008



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Parks, Recreation & Culture

Highlights include:

- Senior Tours
 - Fun includes the Capilano Suspension Bridge or Chemainus for a South Pacific Overnighter
- Discovery Trail
 - Once completed, the paved 35.5 km, 3-metre wide all season corridor will connect the east and west end of the community for all ages and abilities




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Parks, Recreation & Culture

- Abbotsford Community Centre
 - Connected to Abbotsford Recreation Centre
 - Will include designated space for seniors, plus programming throughout the facility
 - Complete October 2008
- Abbotsford Cultural Centre
 - Complete September 2008
- Entertainment and Sports Centre
 - Complete May 2009



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Thank you!

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