

Initiatives to Support an Age-Friendly Abbotsford

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City in the Country

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



City of Abbotsford

**ASDAC / Measuring Up
Working Group (MUp)**

MUp Co-Chairs

**Access
Abbotsford**

**Out &
About**

I Can Play 2

Community

Community

**Business/
Employers
Accessibility
& Inclusion**

**UBCM
Funding
(Scooter &
ASTI Projects)**

**Accessibility
Audit**

**Recreation
Opportunities
(Programs &
playgrounds)**

Community

Community

**10 by 10
Challenge**

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)

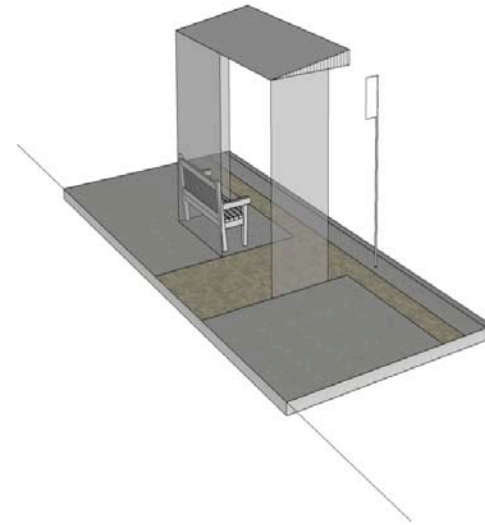
Getting Around the Town (Scooter Project)

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



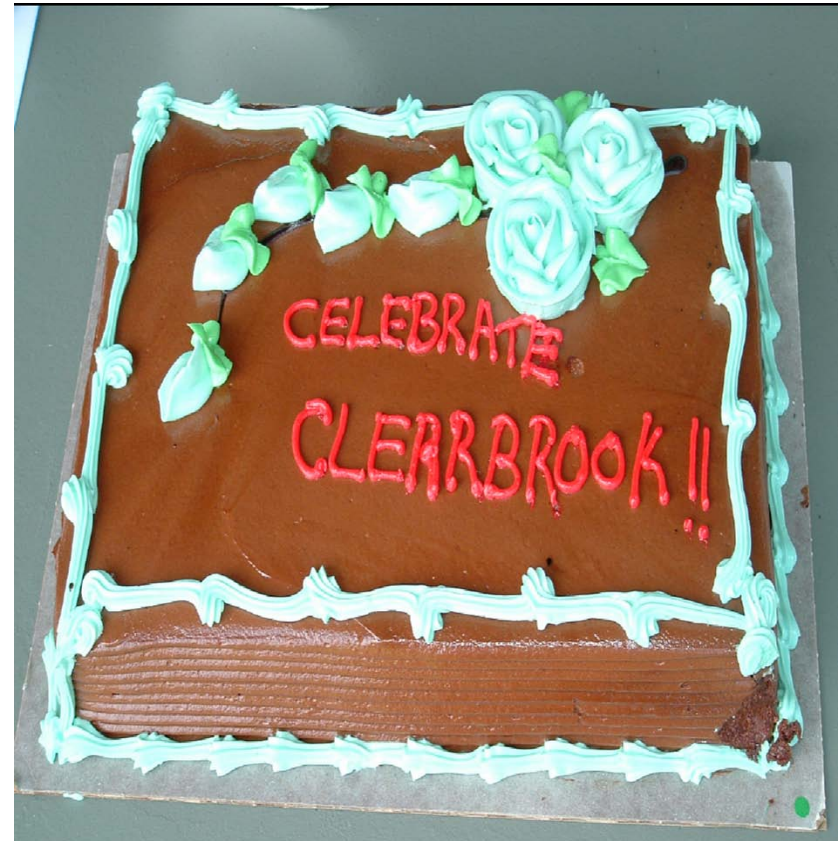
Abbotsford Seniors' Transportation Initiative (ASTI)

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



Seniors and Neighbourhood Associations

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



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



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



Thank you!

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