Whistler's young people planning for the future

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What do Whistler's young people love about this community? What things need to change, and what needs to stay the same? What do they desire to make their community more liveable?

Five youth from the newly formed Official Community Plan (OCP) Youth Advisory Group set out to get to the bottom of these questions. On June 18, the students of Whistler Secondary School completed a questionnaire to determine just what is important to Whistler's youth. And boy did they have a lot to say! More than 140 questionnaires were completed and of those, 130 proved to be extremely valuable – not bad considering it was the last day of classes before summer vacation and yearbooks were already out.

So what do Whistler's youth really think? The following are the general trends that came out of the WSS Youth Questionnaire.

- Get Input! Youth care about this community and have lots to say!
- The community of Whistler is special, and part of what makes this community so great is the "smallness" of it. The youth of Whistler feel we need to stay a small community.
- The design of the Village and the overall design of Whistler are valued by youth. We need to reinforce and improve upon this.
- Access to nature is important to the youth of Whistler; whether is it the mountains, parks, lakes, trail systems, or pristine wilderness. These spaces must be protected and enhanced.
- The youth of Whistler desire more safe places where they can meet and hang out

bring unique perspectives that need to be taken into account." – United Nations World Programme of Action for Youth in the Year 2000.

Youth mainstreaming is the engagement of youth in governance and policy decision-making; it means consistent, committed youth-adult cooperation at every level. Youth-led development recognizes the ability and need of youth to be agents of change; activities are designed and implemented by youth to improve their lives or the sustainability of their communities. These two complementary approaches have a place in our community, and the OCP update is a perfect opportunity to put them into practice.

Recognizing this, the RMOW, in partnership with the B.C. Real Estate Association, is hosting an Asset Mapping Workshop for youth in our community. Asset mapping is the process of identifying resources, including services, people, economic opportunities, clubs and support networks, in a given locale. What makes it unique is that it starts from the premise that youth are assets to their community.

The International Centre for Sustainable Communities – a Vancouver based NGO – will facilitate a two-day asset mapping and "train the trainer" workshop for 10 to 12 youth aged 13 to 18. The workshop will engage youth in collecting and mapping an inventory of community assets/resources that serve their needs related to the themes of the Official Community Plan. Those young people will then go out into the community and create asset mapping activities of their own with their peers. Important information will be gathered from the perspectives of youth, by youth, which will inform Whistler's

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ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW (Cheak

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the *Local Government Act* RSBC, 199(a Public Hearing to consider representations regarding amendments to Whistler ' of "Zoning Amendment Bylaw (Cheakamus Crossing) No. 1937, 2010" (the ' Millennium Place, 4335 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, British Columbia commencing

AT THE HEARING the public will be allowed to make representations to Cou proposed Bylaw and will be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

SUBJECT LANDS: The lands, which are the subject of the proposed Bylaw are

PURPOSE OF "ZONING AMENDMENT BYLAW (Cheakamus Cro proposed Bylaw is to rezone the subject lands from R-LCCD Zone (Residential – L zones that reflect the existing or proposed development of each parcel. The prop beyond those currently permitted by the R-LCCD Zone. In particular, the proposed house and apartment dwellings, live work units, hostels, an athletes' centre and (uses, motor vehicle parking, parks and playgrounds, and auxiliary buildings anc Bylaw (Cheakamus Crossing) No. 1937, 2010" will sever off a small parcel of "professional office" to the list of permitted uses in the LR9 (Leisure Recreation N floor area from the RLW-1 (Residential Live-Work One) Zone to the LR9 (Leisure

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that a copy of the aforementioned "Zoning A Bylaw including the regulations for the existing R-LCCD Zone, and related docum Municipality of Whistler may be inspected at the reception desk of Municipal Hall Whistler, British Columbia, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., from I (statutory holidays excluded).

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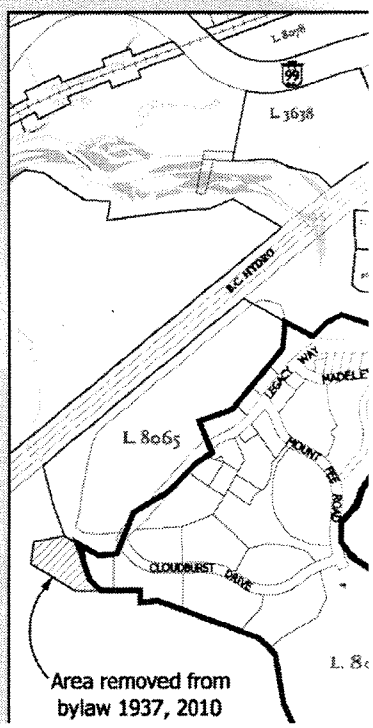
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