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**Wanted: Active Whistler youth!
Museum gets ready for Year Two of Community Now**

Whistler, BC, October 31, 2005 - The Whistler Museum and Archives is seeking enthusiastic Whistler youth to participate in year two of its history-making project Community Now.

The project, a featurette-film, will be a part of the **Celebration 2010™: Whistler Arts Festival 2006** program. "The Museum has been participating in Celebration 2010™ since its creation during the Olympic bid process," says Kerry Clark, Museum Curator. The idea for Community Now came from the success of the Museum's 2005 "Picturing Whistler" exhibit, a photographic exploration of what it means to be a Whistler local. "Everyone has their own ideas of what it means to be a local and the exhibit really motivated people to come forward and communicate those ideas," says Clark. "With Community Now, we want to replicate that motivation. We want to break boundaries and shatter the commonly held perception of Whistler as only a holiday destination. There is a community here with a diverse and interesting history that we want to share with the rest of Canada and the world."

The Museum has developed an interesting method for producing the film. For each **Celebration 2010™: Whistler Arts Festival**, from 2005 to 2009, a featurette-film will be created and screened at a special reception. Each will focus on a different Whistler age demographic. In 2010, the featurette-films will be edited into the final full-length feature film and screened at a larger gala reception.

"We are asking community members to participate by sharing their stories about Whistler, what they contribute to the community, and what the 2010 Winter Games mean to them," says Jimi Galvao, Program and Design Coordinator for the Museum. "By doing this, we aim to promote 2010 Winter Games spirit, foster community pride in Whistler's history, heritage, and culture, and create an archival record that visually documents Whistler people and places in the years leading to 2010."

Since 2003, the Whistler Arts Council has worked with local and regional arts groups and individuals to develop programming throughout the month of February celebrating the cultural component of the 2010 Winter Olympic & Paralympic Games. **Celebration 2010™: Whistler Arts Festival** promotes local culture and heritage in the Sea-to-Sky Corridor and showcases regional and national talent. The festival features over 17 events and 150 participating artists and performers in art exhibitions, film screenings, street performances, literary and performing arts. **Celebration 2010™: Whistler Arts Festival** is funded by the Province of British Columbia, Resort Municipality of Whistler and the B.C. Gaming Commission.

Year one of Community Now focused on Whistler's senior community members. This year the Museum is seeking young adults ages 17-27 to donate approximately ten minutes of time for an interview. For more information, contact 604-932-2019.