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MUSEUM OPENS ITS DOORS

The Whistler Museum & Archives invites the public to a Heritage Open House

Whistler, BC, October 7, 2005 – Important anniversaries are taking place in Whistler this winter. Whistler Mountain is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Blackcomb Mountain is celebrating its 25th. Whistler has come a long way since its beginnings as a small pioneer settlement. During this time of local anniversaries and reflection on community growth, the Whistler Museum & Archives invites the public to learn more about Whistler's heritage at its Heritage Open House.

On Tuesday November 8, the Museum will be opening its doors to the public from 6 to 9 pm. "We have recently updated several of our exhibits," says Cheryl Green, Assistant Curator. "*Whistler: A Dream Realized* follows Whistler's development as a small pioneer settlement of only 25 residents to a vibrant, dynamic, developed community. It highlights important individuals in the development process, information about Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains, significant developments in the Valley and Village, and the history of Olympic Bids in the Whistler area. Highlights include copies of the original design processes and plans for the Village".

Other newly updated exhibits include *Our Mountains: An Outdoor Playground*, which features information on local sports icons and popular sporting activities, *Kids Corner*, an interactive area for younger Museum goers complete with fun and educational activities, and *Mountain Life*, an exhibit space dedicated to current community issues. *Mountain Life*, unlike other exhibits in the Museum's gallery, is designed to solicit feedback and participation from visitors and currently focuses on the upcoming municipal election. In addition to the introduction of updated exhibits, the Museum will be presenting an update on its future plans.

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