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Sq'ép #1 - August Community Gathering

Pictured above are our Members who came together Saturday August 12th at Ruby Creek. We spent the afternoon together discussing how we will all work together to plan for the future. We had Elders, and youth, and everyone in-between! We took lots of time to get re-acquainted with each other. We revisited the vision for the future that community Members have developed in previous exercises. Following-up on our survey, we discussed and debated which topics are of greatest importance for us to consider over the next year as we move forward. Based on what we heard we will be grouping our discussions as per the graphic shown here.

Members shared their thoughts:

We will right it in our time - Lucy

We are all in this together - Bill

Elders believe that education is the key to survival and will help heal and reinvent ourselves - Harvey

Including youth in traditional way of life, it is the only way we are going to survive - Harvey

Special thanks go to Bill Davis for supporting the work with drumming and singing.

Importance of Themes



Sample Size = 15

Land
Forest
People.

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What's that New Logo All About?

Our work will be made easier by having a clear symbol that represents our efforts in defining our future. The logo is a cedar hat displaying the Sq'ewá:lxw First Nation logo. The woven hat symbolizes the weaving together of the community vision through the comprehensive community plan, as well as the protective force of the hat itself. Below the hat are Sq'ewá:lxw people both holding up the planning process, and being protected by it.










What is Comprehensive Community Planning?





Comprehensive community planning is widely seen as an effective tool to build sustainable communities. Sustainability implies a high standard of living and persistence through time. Sustainable communities are adaptive, honour tradition and culture, and exist in harmony with the environment around them. Such communities generate wealth to support the current generation of people, while not limiting the opportunities available to future generations.

The CCP is the umbrella under which all community activity takes place. The other plans under the umbrella address all aspects of Nation life, including governance, administration, land use, environmental management, culture, education, economic development, and housing.

Comprehensive community planning is a Member-driven approach to creating the future that our people desire. The *Sq'ewá:lxw First Nation Vision* will:

-  Have its foundation in the inherent title and rights of the people;
-  Be inclusive of all community members;
-  Describe a long-term vision;
-  Honour the past, embrace change, and evolve with time;
-  Address all aspects of community life;
-  Strengthen governance and build capacity; and
-  Include an action plan that will immediately set us on our path.

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Sq'ép (Gathering)

The *Halq'eméylem* word *sq'ép* means a meeting or a gathering. Our planning will take place within community engagement sessions which we are calling *sq'ép*.



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Fishing, Lands, and Resources

At our September 16th Sq'ép we will be considering what place fish, fishing, lands, and resources will have in the future of the community.

We invite you to put some thought into these topics and come out to the Sq'ép prepared to offer your thoughts.

Sq'ép #1 Prize Winners

Wendy Chapman, Julie Lungal, Deano Chapman, Delores Jim, Shannon Chapman, Bill Davis, and Brett Chapman










Community Vision Statement

We, the Sq'ewá:lxw First Nation strive to achieve a healthy, proud and prosperous community for future generations and for ourselves. We will achieve the goal of building a self-sufficient community with the energy of our Council, the guidance of our community members, and the support of external partner organizations.

Objectives of the Nation Vision Project


With this Nation Vision project, Sq'ewá:lxw has set out to:

-  Empower all Sq'ewá:lxw members through direct involvement;
-  Build the personal and collective strength of the people through coaching and mentorship;
-  Bring forward and celebrate tradition and culture as a common thread in the work;
-  Promote healing and reconciliation through positive action;
-  Protect and enhance all manner of natural and cultural resources which support the community;
-  Boost economic opportunities and entrepreneurship; and
-  Facilitate the growth of a healthy and happy community on Sq'ewá:lxw land.



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Frequently Asked Questions

 What is comprehensive community planning (CCP)?

CCP is a planning process that is driven, designed and implemented by the community for the community. It allows a community to plan its development (both present and future) in a way that meets its needs and aspirations. It is comprehensive because it addresses all aspects of community life, including governance, land and resources, health, infrastructure development, culture, social issues, and the economy.

 Why would a community want to do CCP?

CCP is becoming a priority for many First Nation communities who see it as an effective tool to build healthy and sustainable communities that improve the quality of life in their communities. It is a tool that is already being used by many First Nations in B.C. to achieve short- and long-term results that meet the needs and aspirations of their communities. The bottom line is that comprehensive community planning, like all forms of planning, enhances the probability and capacity for success.

 What are the benefits of CCP?

Undertaking long term planning helps communities to address current needs and build on existing strengths, while preparing for the future. Community development that is driven by a community plan strengthens governance, focuses decision-making and ensures a more cost effective use of funding.

Source: CCP Backgrounder, Strategic Planning Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

How Do I Learn More?

Vision Project Video:

<https://youtu.be/IBCv5maxLC4>

Website:

<http://www.skawahlook.com/comprehensive-community-plan/>

Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/SkawahlookFN/#>



Sq'ép #2 - Fishing, Lands, and Resources

Saturday September 16th, 2017

Noon at Building #10 Stó:lō Nation

7201 Vedder Rd, Chilliwack, BC

We will have lunch and then discussions in the circle until 3 pm.

Save The Date!

