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## The Newsletter of the Sq'ewá:lxw First Nation Vision Project Issue #7 May 2018



### April Sq'ép: Bringing it All Together

This gathering was focused on bringing all of our discussions and outcomes together for further consideration and most importantly to begin developing the action plan.

For each topic (fishing, culture, education, climate change, emergency planning, housing) we brought forward suggested action items and those present voted on priorities using the "dotmocracy" approach (in action in the photo above).

Planning for year two of the process was also discussed. We will have seven sq'ép in the coming fiscal year with the first three addressing specific programs - economic development, health, and governance. The remaining will be focused on finalizing the plan by once again reviewing, validating, and driving vision to action.



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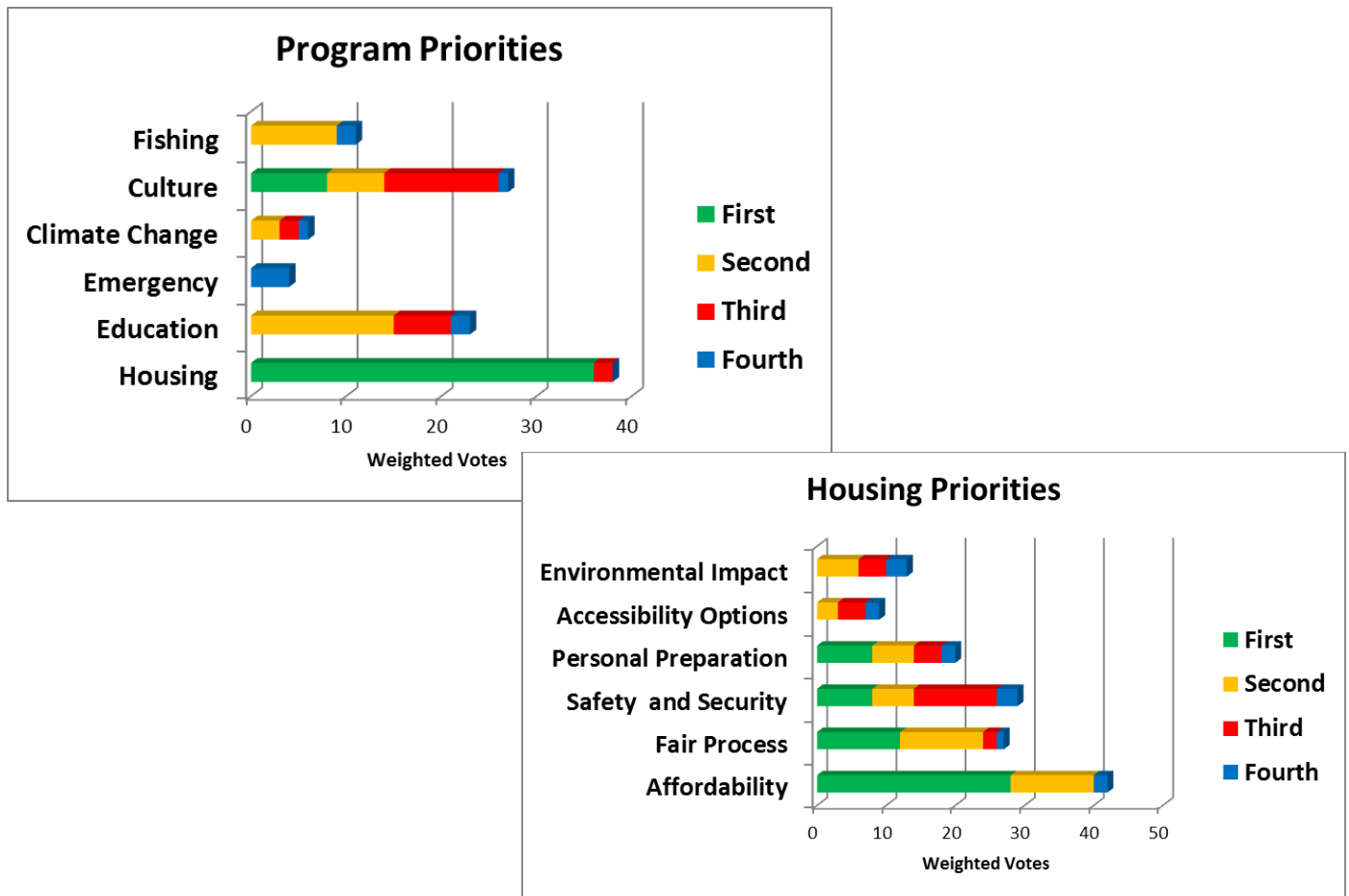


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## Program Planning

Using the dotmocracy process, a weighted ranking of top four priorities, we invited members to prioritize programs for input to Sq'ewá:lxw administrative planning. Below are the results. As you can see housing is by far and away the members' highest priority - in first priority and total votes. The housing program was also submitted to the process of ranking action items and the results are also below.

The ranking results of the other five programs are presented on the next page.



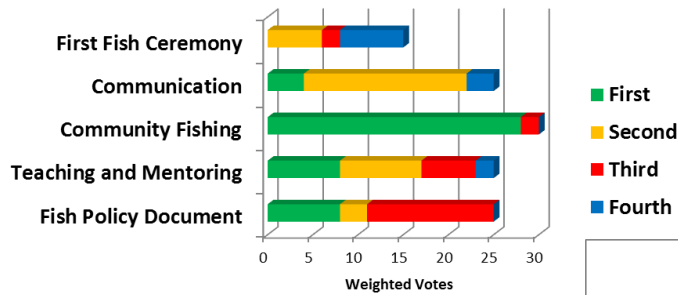
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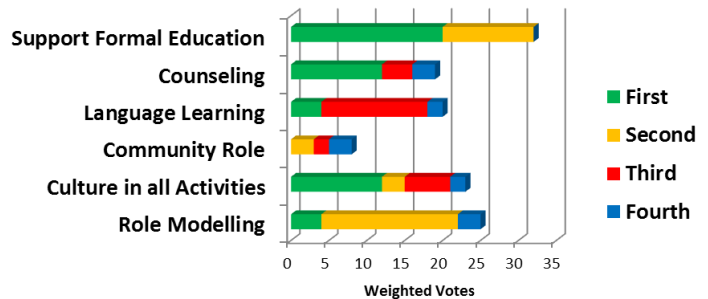


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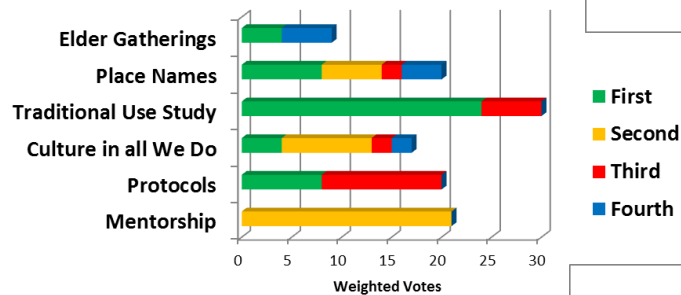
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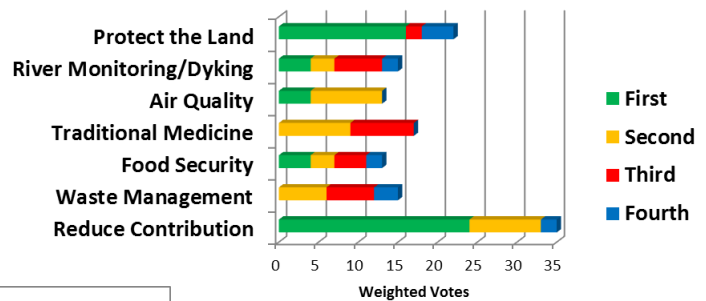
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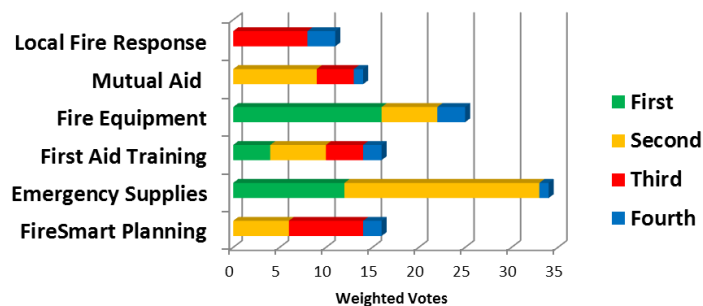
## Culture Priorities



## Climate Change Priorities



## Emergency Planning Priorities



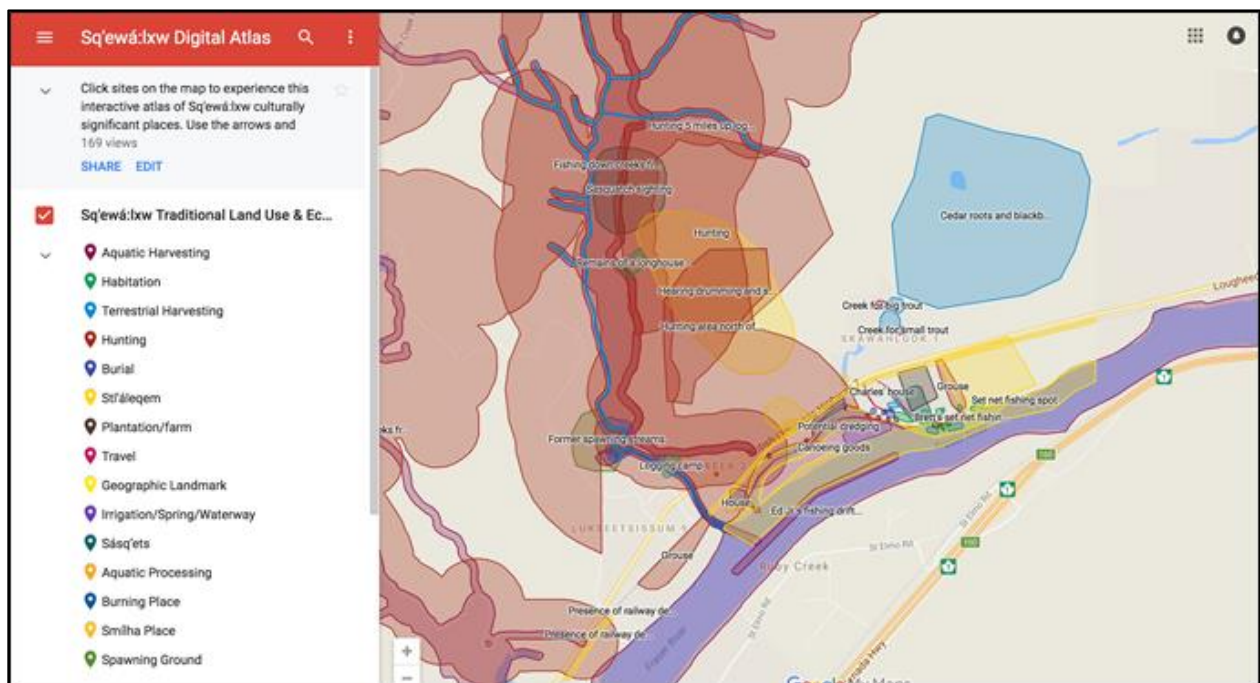
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## Traditional Land Use and Ecological Knowledge

At the April sq'ép Jonathan Taggart of Land Forest People provided an overview of the traditional land use and ecological knowledge (TLUEK) project recently completed. Jon, along with Elder Charles Chapman and youth researcher Kecia Prevost worked with 11 Elders and knowledge holders to document and map our knowledge of Sq'ewá:lxw lands and resources.

A mapping tool was used to present the information and it is available at the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=105EI92a78Wa5b8TaCz2FoUS3ybtvxvBX&usp=sharing>



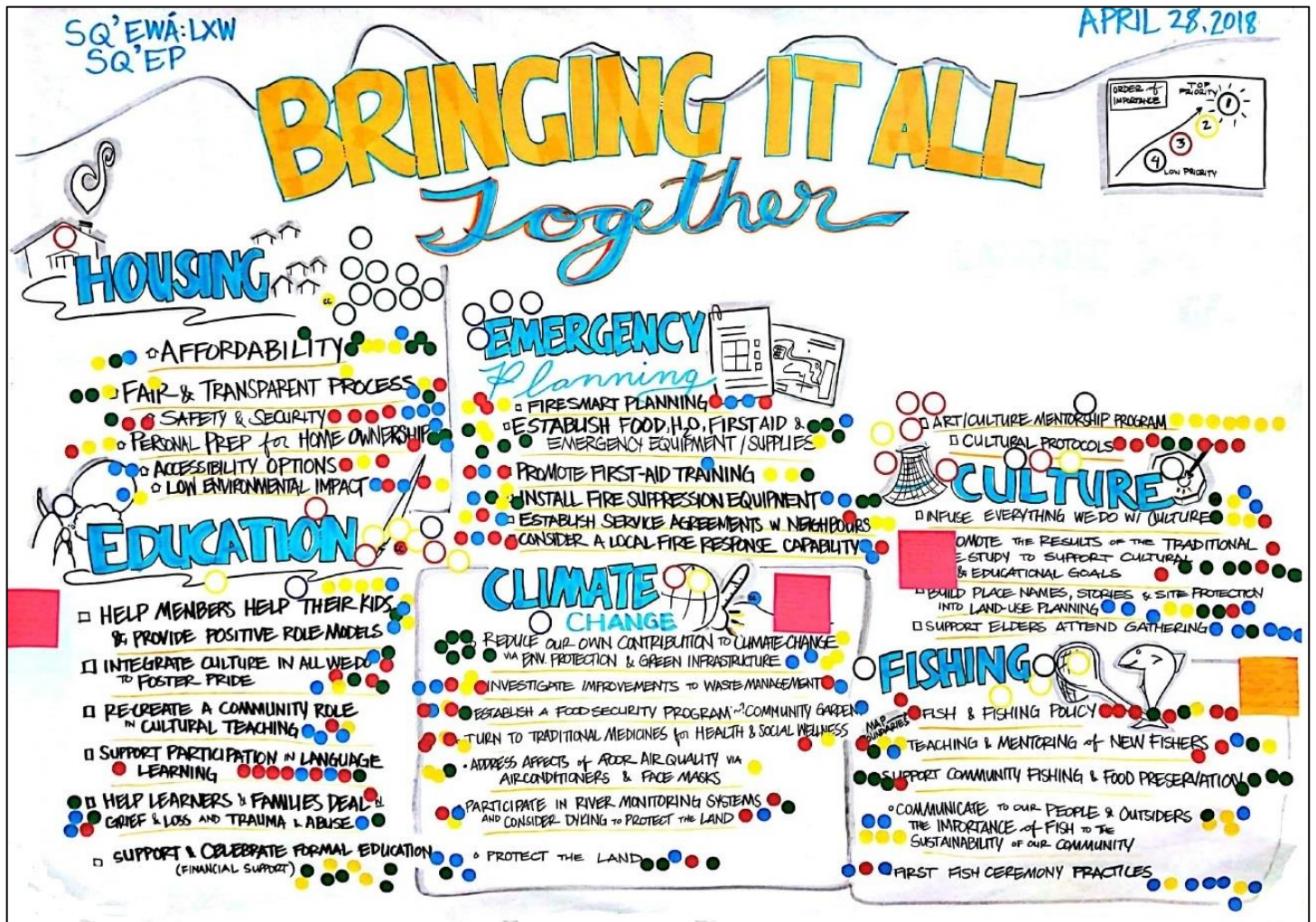
## Sq'ép (Gathering)

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





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## Recap of the Recap:

Our recap video from the Bringing It All together sq'ép:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8C6ofNLofs>



## Prizes!

We have door prizes at each sq'ép. In addition we are offering a grand prize of \$1,000 at the end of the year with entries accumulated by members by:

- Attendance at each sq'ép including attendance via Facebook Live;
- Submission of the feedback form from each sq'ép;
- Filling out surveys either online or in hardcopy;
- Submitting pictures, stories, etc.; and
- At the discretion of the planning champion in recognition of valuable contributions.

We also will be giving a guaranteed prize of \$50 for the ones who attend all meetings and complete all surveys.



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## Grand Prize Winner!

Congratulations to Shannon Chapman who took home the big cheque at our April sq'ép!



**Sq'ép - Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Economic Development**

At our next sq'ép we will be exploring the community vision for economic development.

**Note the location: Community Hall at Ruby Creek.**

We will come together at 11:30 am, have some lunch, and finish up at 3:30 pm.

