

It should be us who goes









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INTRODUCTION



1.1 OUR PEOPLE

Our people have lived on this land from time before memory. Western science has identified the oldest lasting traces of our people in S'ólh T'éméxw as 10,000 years old. Approximately 5,000 years ago the Fraser Valley landscape was stabilizing environmentally, geologically, and culturally. Cultural remains from that time are recognizably Coast-Salish and Stó:lō. Permanent house structures indicate a less mobile people and likely an increase in specialization in society. Previous to the introduction of small pox Stó:lō people numbered in the tens of thousands.

Lexwthíthesam (Garnet/Ruby Creek) is the tribal watershed of the Sq'ewá:lxw people. At the time of contact there was a village of likely 150 to 450 people at the confluence of Lexwthíthesam and Stó:lō. There was also a hamlet of likely 60 to 180 people at Lexwskw'owōwelh (Skwawolt Creek).

Family origins and connections define the land, water, and other resources available for use by Sq'ewá:lxw people. In the past, marriage practices provided security of access to resources such as fishing, picking, and trapping areas. The ancestors of Sq'ewá:lxw include Stó:lō people, Nlaka'pamux from Chapman's Landing and Spuzzum, and Kanaka from the Hawaiian Islands.





1.2 VISION PROJECT PROCESS

The vision project is a particularly Sq'ewá:lxw approach to what is commonly called comprehensive community planning. Simply put, we have worked together to define our future. Sq'ep has been central to this process. The halq'eméylem word sq'ep means a meeting or a gathering. With community participation being at the heart of this work, planning took place within community sq'ep. Together we learned from the past, evaluated the present, and envisioned the future.











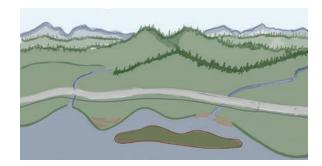
1.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Sq'ewá:lxw would like to acknowledge the many hours of valuable time, and the vast wealth of knowledge and insight provided to the Vision Project process by the family of Sq'ewá:lxw.

We wish to thank the planning team consisting of staff and our friends and colleagues at Land Forest People Consulting Ltd.

We wish to dedicate this work to our Sister, and Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother Gladys Paul who began this work with us, but joined the ancestors before it was complete.

20 OVERARCHING VISIONI



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.

OUR VISION

A healthy, proud, and prosperous community.

OUR VALUES

- Integrity
- Equality
- Accountability
- Transparency

In order to provide a recognizable symbol of our vision planning efforts we adopted a custom logo. The logo is a cedar hat displaying the Sq'ewá:lxw logo. The woven hat symbolizes the weaving together of the community vision through the Vision Plan, as well as the protective force of the hat itself. The hat shows Sq'ewá:lxw people both holding up the planning process, and being protected by it.

Weaving our Future to Become One Heart and One Mind

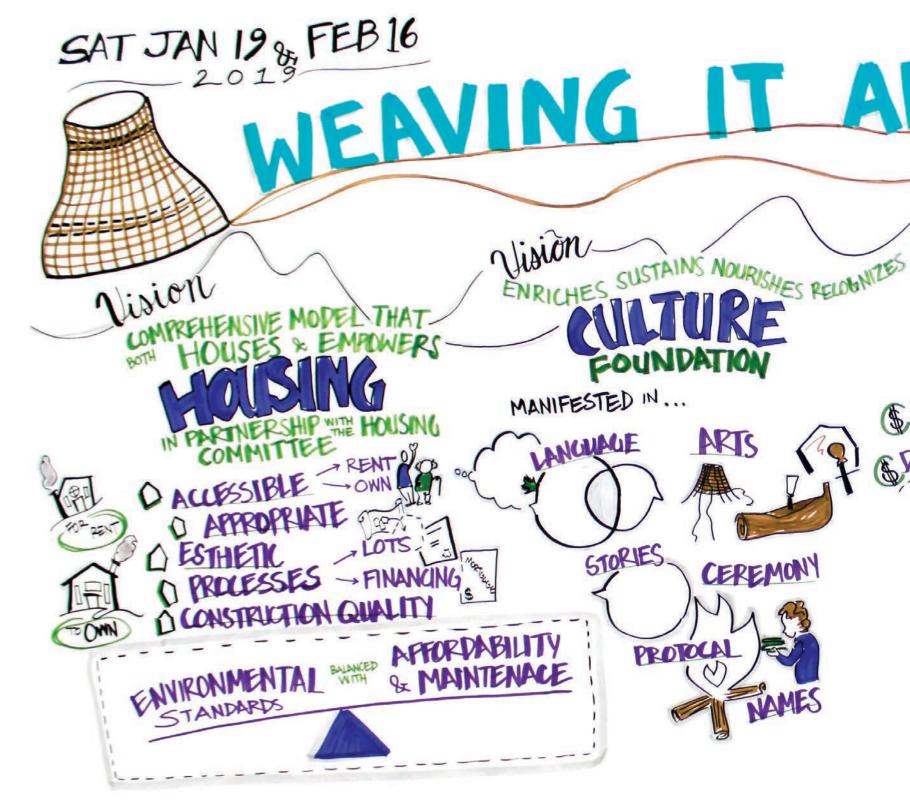


Let'semó:t



xpá:yelhpWe the Sq'ewá:lxw People have gathered in sq'ép to share values, traditions, history, thoughts, and visions – each of which are symbolized by a single strand of xpá:yelhp. Our xpá:yelhp strands are woven together, transformed into the Sq'ewá:lxw yóseqw and collectively honoured and held up by the People of Sq'ewá:lxw.





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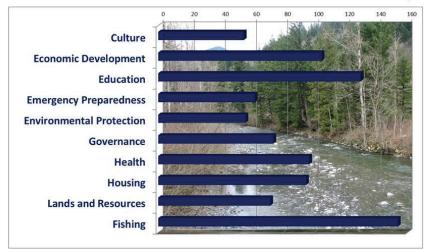


We used community surveys to help direct planning and put priorities to ideas expressed by members.



Importance of Topics





Importance of Themes

Cumulative Budget





3_{EDUCATION}



VISION

With individuals, families, and the community taking joint responsibility for the education of our children, and a strong formal education system integrating culture, we envision our people with all of the knowledge and tools necessary for happy and healthy lives and a self-reliant, resilient, and sustainable community.

GOALS

Sq'ewá:lxw will have a voice in all decisions made with regard to the education of our children.

The contribution of family and community to education of our people is recognized and carried forward.

Every learner will benefit from an Indigenous and Stó:lō and Sq'ewá:lxw education.

Future generations will have the opportunity to engage with the ancestors through language.

Halq'eméylem in our homes and our sq'ép, and demand the teaching of language in all levels of education.





POLICY SUGGESTIONS

Although formal education is not a service provided by Sq'ewá:lxw, it is our policy to be active in promoting and supporting the education of our people. Education happens in many ways and many settings and we will support members, families, Elders, and knowledge holders in their roles as educators.

Whenever possible Sq'ewá:lxw will support the integration of culture and tradition in education, not just content, but the way of teaching, the world view, the way of learning.

Central to the education of our people must be language. Sq'ewá:lxw will encourage and support the speaking of Halq'eméylem in our homes and our sq'ép, and demand the teaching of language in all levels of education.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Consider opportunities for education in all decisions, programs, projects, activities, and undertakings.

Use Halqemeylem in all Sqewa:lxw documents and activities so as to build familiarity and daily use.

Continue to support and advocate to the Stó:lō Nation Education Program for K-12 and post-secondary education, as a conduit to school boards and in the interests of our people.

Acknowledge and lift-up successful learners in community events and sq'ép.

Develop, or cooperatively support, new opportunities for language teaching.

Consider options (bursaries, direct funding) for financial support of Sqewa:lxw post-secondary learners.

Establish support programs to remove barriers to education such as transportation, funding, and day care.

Find opportunities to bring forward positive role models, especially cultural role models, for young learners.

Consider ways of fostering home-based, or cultural/ceremony based, language learning.

Consider ways to encourage adult and life-long learning.

Develop community-based mentoring and tutoring.

Develop cultural immersion opportunities and learning opportunities on the land.

Support mentoring of youth in language by Elders and speakers.





VISION

All members have the opportunity and guidance required to access housing on Sq'ewá:lxw First Nation.

GOALS

Improve the social, economic, cultural, educational, and political conditions of Sqewá:lxw members.

Increase member confidence that Sq'ewá:lxw is looking after their best interests.

Promote member self-reliance.

Clarify the division of responsibilities between members and Sq'ewá:lxw.

Articulate the process for members to access housing.

Develop and implement a strategy to meet the housing needs of Sq'ewá:lxw members.

Develop and implement a housing strategy for Elders to include independent living, intermediate care, and long-term care.



POLICY SUGGESTIONS

It is the policy of Sqewa:lxw to facilitate members' access to housing on reserve and in so doing support the achievement of our vision of Sqewa:lxw for our people.

PROGRAM

The Sq'ewá:lxw Housing Program, led by a Housing Program Coordinator, will be permanent, self-sustaining, and professionally managed using acknowledged best practices.

The Sq'ewá:lxw Housing Committee (hereafter referred to as the Committee), representative of the broad diversity of the community, will advise Council and staff on matters related to housing and assist in the exchange of information between members and Council.

STRATEGY, POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The Committee will implement comprehensive housing strategy and housing policy documents.

The Committee will compile the Sq'ewá:lxw Housing Procedures which will be comprehensive and include appropriate operational controls and implementation measures.

COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION

Sq'ewá:lxw will directly support members to gain access to housing through communication, education, and training as may be necessary.

Increase member confidence that Sqewa:lxw is looking after their best interests.

Promote member self-reliance and clarify the division of responsibilities between members and Sq'ewá:lxw.

AFFORDABILITY

Sq'ewá:lxw recognizes that we can best address affordability of housing for members by focusing on the delivery of infrastructure using the most cost effective mechanisms and the full range of subsidies available to us.

Sq'ewá:lxw will develop approaches to reduce the cost of housing construction and maintenance, and to minimize other living costs for families.

Sq'ewá:lxw will emphasize the use of Nation land for the provision of housing.

Sq'ewá:lxw will emphasize home ownership and encourage the provision of rental housing by individual home owners.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

In all that we do, Sq'ewá:lxw will support the development of a safe and inclusive community.

Improve the social, economic, cultural, educational, conditions of Sq'ewá:lxw members.

ELDERS HOUSING

Develop and implement a housing strategy for Elders to include independent living, intermediate care, and long-term care.

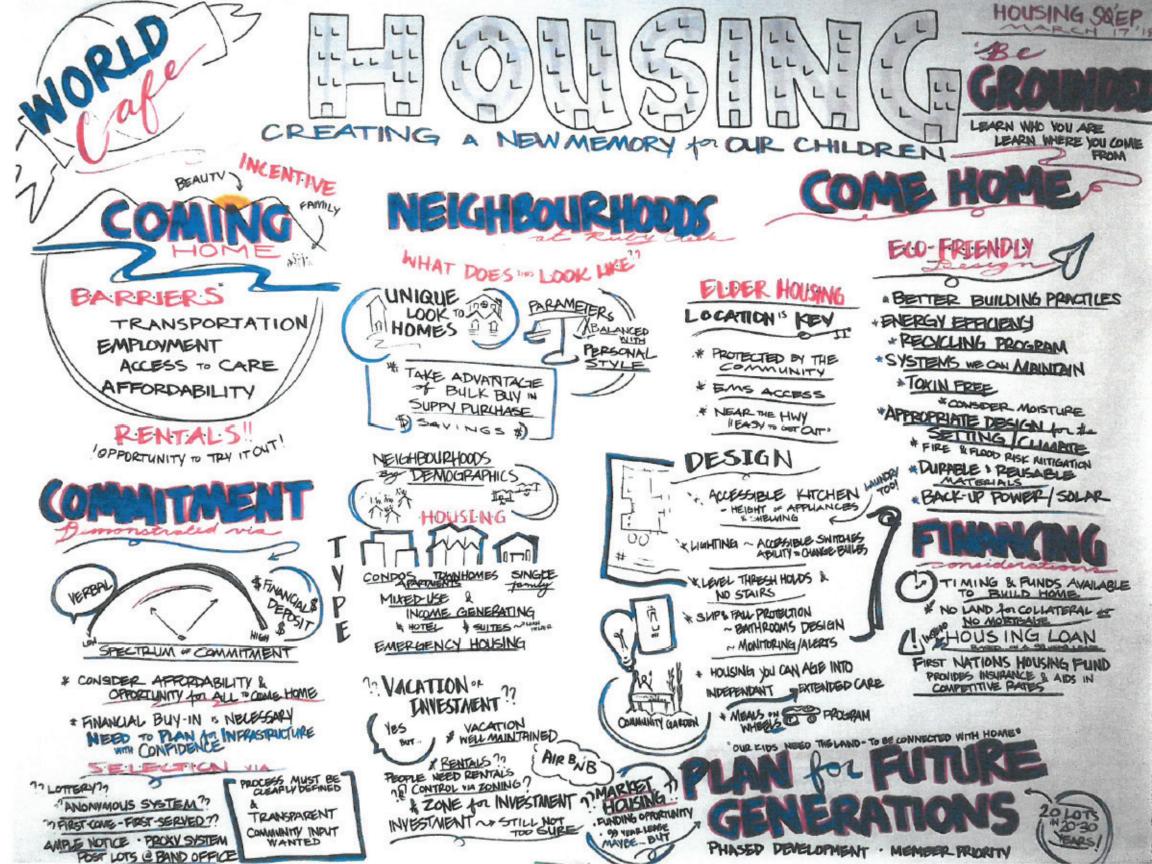
Encourage and support independent living options for Elders at Sq'ewá:lxw.

ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Sq'ewá:lxw, in program planning, community and site planning, and infrastructure design, will, whenever possible, consider opportunities to address energy efficiency and environmental impact.

Sqèwá:lxw will in architectural design and construction take every opportunity to address energy efficiency and environmental impact.





RECOMMENDATIONS

Priorities are: affordability; fair and transparent processes; safety and security; three bedroom houses; and construction by 2020.

Ensure that we address barriers to housing identified by members.

Ensure that appropriate child-care services are available to support success in attracting families to our housing development.

Ensure a component of the housing is suitable for Elders.

Ensure the size of housing fits the needs of the residents.

Members envision an attractive community with design guidelines to ensure a consistent feel to the community without restrictive rules or resulting in a lack of variety.

Housing should be developed using state of the art building practices including the protection of the environment and the health and wellbeing of members.

With a significant investment in infrastructure by Sqèwá:lxw, housing is for members first.

Provide more detail on the qualification process and assignment of lots.

We require detail with regard to taxes and fees and services.

More clarity is required on house loan processes.

Commitment to the program by participants is very important.

Housing should be built within a process timeline in order to ensure full development and return on investment in serviced lots.

Short- and long-term rentals, including suites, can be important to members to finance a home. Policy and controls are required to protect owners and neighbours.

The availability of rental homes and smaller homes will support young people and Elders to come home to the community.

Rental market housing as a component of the development should be considered if immediate member demand is lower than expected.

Use community engagement to lead positive conversations on home ownership and understand members' situations and concerns and fears.

Produce FAQ on housing and communicate pros and cons.

Community education should include personal financial education.

"I have had the privilege of living at Ruby Creek, of the lifestyle of the place, of learning from my maternal Grandparents. Learn who you are, learn our ways. Know where you come from. We are the creek and the river. Some are hesitant, but in my heart I need to be there, and I will make it happen. The ones that will move forward and come home, it will be a big change and connect to something you have never had."

- Crystal Chapman





VISION

We envision a strong community of people honouring the past, empowered to live our lives as we see fit, and defining our own future. We envision our people having access to a full range of high quality health care delivered in a culturally safe and appropriate way.

GOALS

Sq'ewá:lxw is a full partner in all decisions made with regard to our health care.

Every person has access to the services they need for their physical, mental, and spiritual health.

POLICY SUGGESTIONS

Health and health care are arguably the most important elements of a sustainable community.

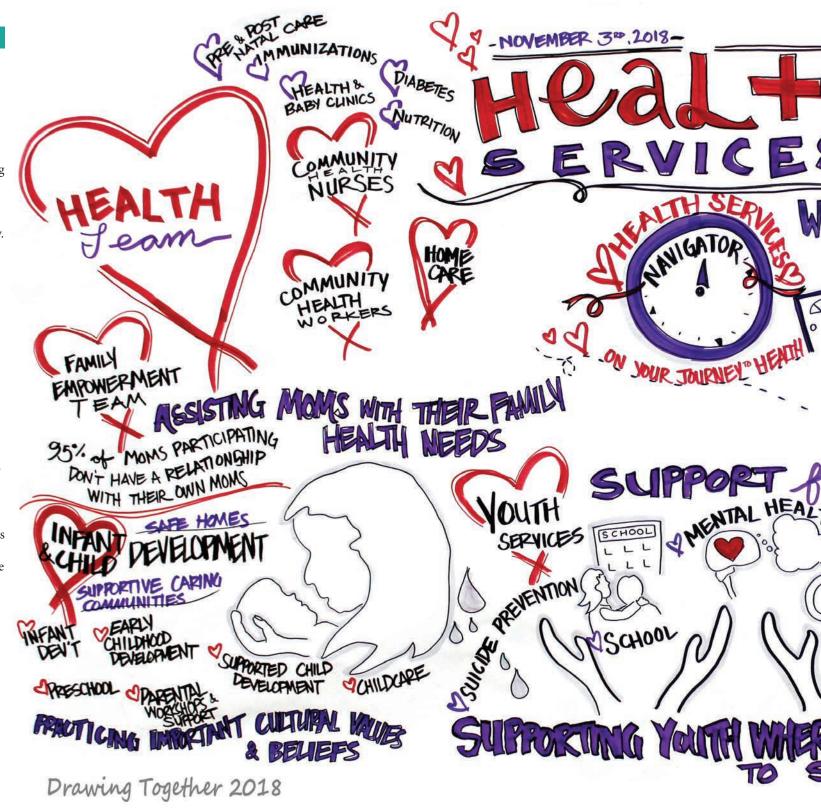
It is the responsibility of Sqewa:lxw First Nation to ensure that health care services meet the needs of our people and contribute positively to the achievement of our vision for the future.

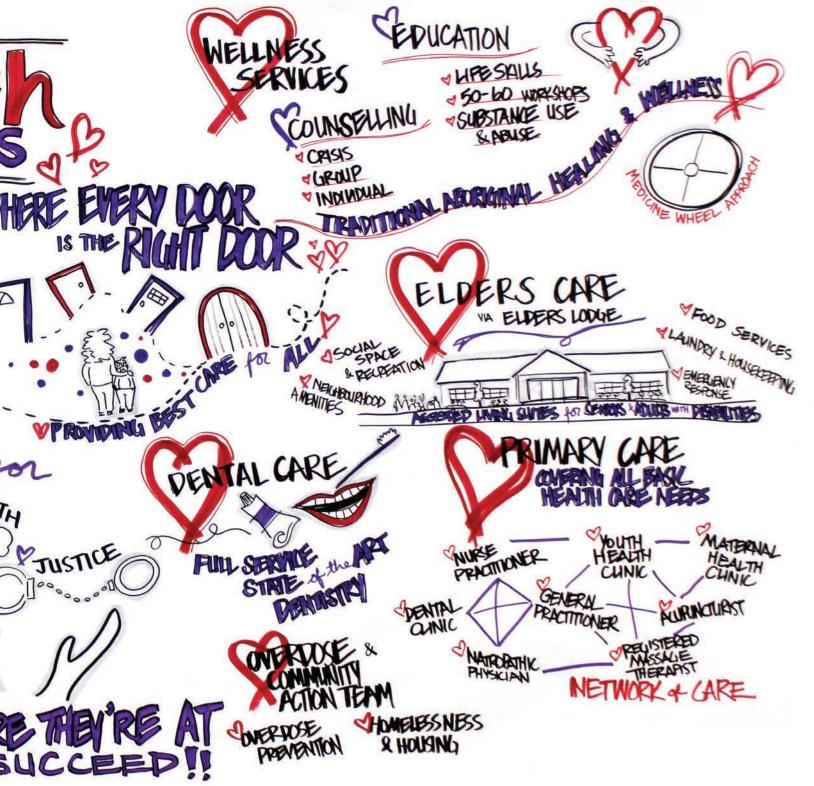
Sqèwá:lxw entrusts the delivery of health care services to our people by Stó:lō Health Services. Our role is to promote and influence the services offered and ensure that our members are aware of and have access to the health care services they require and are entitled to.

Sq'ewá:lxw will ensure that Stó:lō Health Services is fully informed as to the needs and desires of our people with regard to their health care.

Sqèwá:lxw will insist that Stó:lō Health Services provide the needed services and will do everything in our power to support them in that work.

As in all things, Sq'ewá:lxw will provide real and symbolic links between spiritual, cultural, and social health and wellness and health care services.





RECOMMENDATIONS

Continue to participate in leadership and governance of Stó:lō Health Services.

Actively advocate for the needs of our community at the federal and provincial political levels, through the First Nations Health Authority, and directly with Stó:lō Health Services. Areas of particular interest to our members are:

- Pre- and post-natal care
- Diabetes and nutrition
- Education and counselling (life skills, substance abuse)
- Mental health

Report annually to the members on health related activities and accomplishments.

Explore ways of providing innovative and culturally based health services for our members:

- Sweat lodge healing
- Caregiver health
- Staff self-care
- Early child care and primary and secondary education
- Suicide and overdose prevention

Promote community health education and information sharing.

Invite the Stó:lō Health Service Navigator to a community event to provide information on the network of care available.

Support delivery of health services at Ruby Creek as may be appropriate, including vaccination clinics.

Participate directly in Stó:lō health fairs and other health related events.

Work directly with the Stó:lō Community Engagement & Health and Safety Worker to support programs and maximize benefits to our people.

Explore the options for ensuring our Elders and atrisk members have access to healthy accommodation.

6 CONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



VISION

Supported by successful business initiatives, we envision an economically self-reliant and stable community for our children and grandchildren. We envision a local economy providing jobs and wealth as a foundation for Nation self-reliance. Sq'ewá:lxw will be recognized as having strong financial management and as being a centre of business excellence in Nation and entrepreneurial initiatives.

Economic development will allow us to fund social development improving literacy, education, and cultural development, reducing poverty, and ultimately improving health and life expectancy.

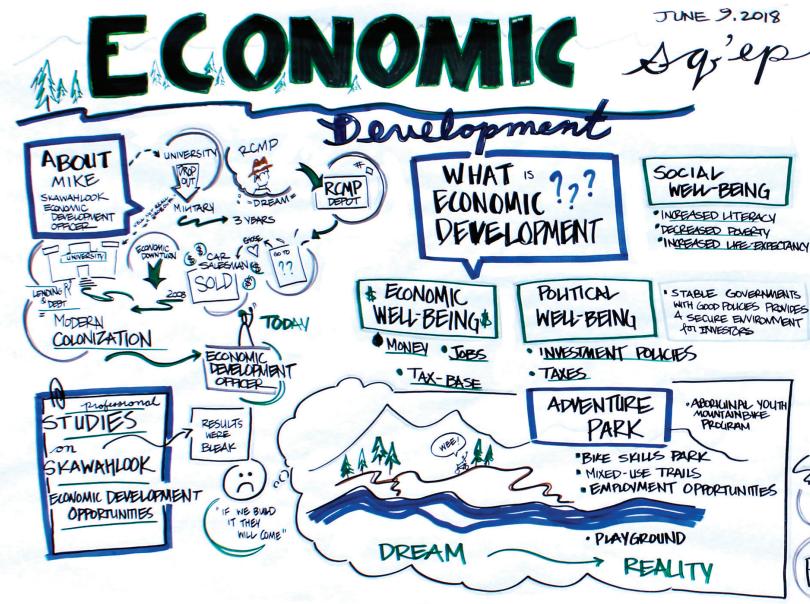
GOALS

Development of policies and procedures that are transparent and collaborative and strengthen trust when doing business with partners and membership.

Establishment of Sq'ewá:lxw-owned businesses that hire members, generate profits, and support member services.

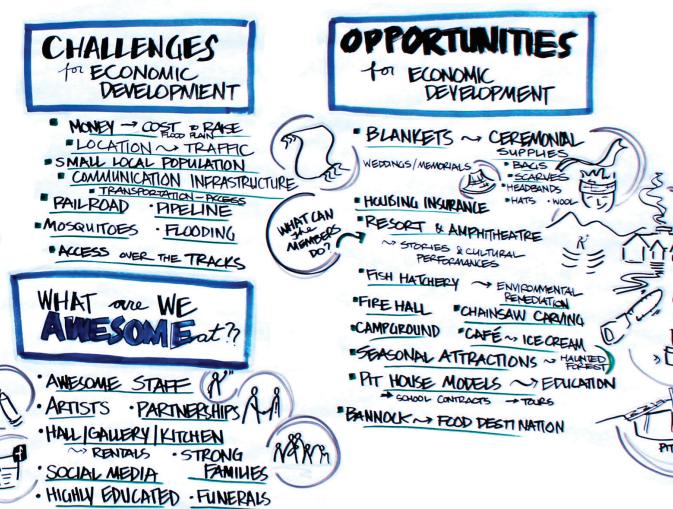
Establishment of member-owned businesses that support our members and our local economy.

Creation of a tax base to support services.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

Develop a strategic economic development plan.

The ability to balance land use and the natural environment has been demonstrated elsewhere. Promote business development while keeping with protection measures of the environment.

Invest in Nation and member businesses with strong business plans and not support businesses with poor financial results.

Assist entrepreneurs with proposal writing, training, education, mentorship, media, and micro-lending and support home based businesses.

Emphasize on-reserve revenue and spend money on reserve.

Taking advantage of Land Code jurisdiction, further develop land and finance programs and policies to support business.

Develop programs and policies to generate Nation revenue such as land leasing and taxation.

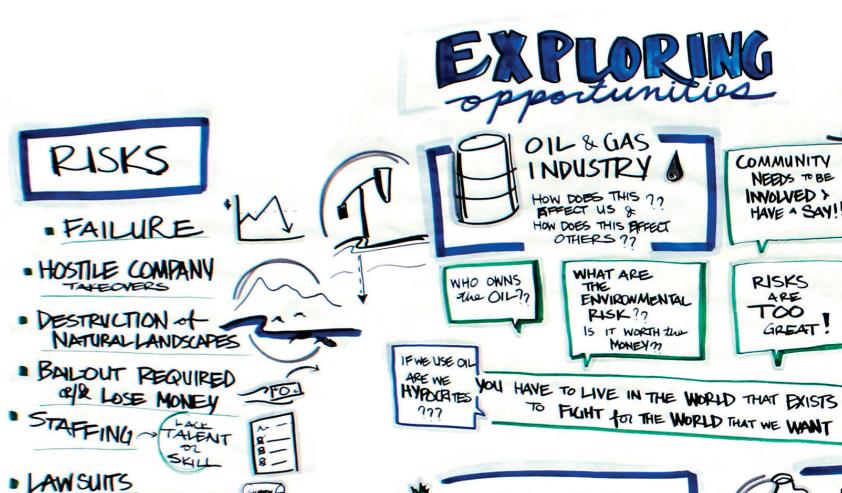
When it comes to hiring for Nation or member businesses it is important to prioritize members or emphasize cultural fit.

The art gallery and gift shop is a source of pride. Showcase members' work and genuine quality art work.

The adventure park provides natural environment, beauty, art, and activities. Further develop the Park into an attractive destination and revenue generator.

Consider business opportunities off-reserve. These can support a sustainable community by generating revenue to support on-reserve programs and services.

Business enterprises related to oil and gas, alcohol, or cannabis are contentious within the community and should be advanced only with community social licence.





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TARGET SPECIFIC GROUP WITH PRICE & IMAGE CONSIDER LIABILITY ~ SOCIAL HABILITY

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WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES Let's KEEP the DIALOUVE GOING

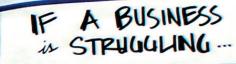
~ IN CONSULTATION WITH COMMUNITY ~



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BAND MEMBER OR INDIVIDUAL WITH COMMUNITY TIES





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THIS IS WHAT PEOPLE WILL



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& ECONOMIC DEN'T

· POLICIES
& REGULATIONS

*CREATIVE DESIGN THAT PRESERVES NATURE

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7.0 CULTURE VISION



VISION

Leaving behind oppression, we envision a strong community of people who know where we come from, what has happened to us, who we are, and what we do. We are a people who listen to the ancient knowledge (sxwōxwiyám) and hear the wisdom in the stories of our lives (sqwélqwel).

Our culture is a gift from those who have gone before and is our way of life. The foundation of our culture is that which has been passed to us. That foundation supports us in holding up future generations. Culture sustains us in knowing what is good, knowing how to nourish spirits and our bodies, and knowing how to enrich our minds. Culture empowers us to acknowledge the gifts we have been given, do good, speak up, and make change.

Culture is practiced and sustained in language, ceremony, protocol, names, titles, art, music, singing, and dancing.

Culture is dynamic and growing and embracing.

GOALS

Sqèwá:lxw will be a full partner in all decisions made with regard to protecting and promoting our shared culture in all its forms.

Every person and every family will have the freedom to develop and express their culture in the way that is meaningful to them.

Future generations will have access to our cultural legacy as it has been handed down and developed across the generations.

POLICY SUGGESTIONS

It is the policy of Sq'ewá:lxw to provide leadership in acknowledging, honouring, and lifting up the culture of Sq'ewá:lxw people in its many forms and origins.

Whenever possible Sq'ewá:lxw will support the practice, development, and sharing of culture. Sq'ewá:lxw will infuse all activities and operations with culture. We will support and foster cross-generational interaction and teaching. We will build community bonds in sharing of culture.

We will defend cultural places within Sqèwá:lxw traditional territory (Core Interest Area) and throughout Stó:lō S'ólh T'éméxw. Xexá:ls (the Transformers) and Tel Swayel (Sky-Borne People) created places that prove our direct link to Chichelh Siya:m (the Creator).

Sq'ewá:lxw will continue to lift-up the efforts of the Stó:lō Research and Resource Management Centre in their efforts to fully understand and protect our heritage.

We will exercise our right to practice culture as we have for millennia.

Look at all decisions, programs, projects, activities, and undertakings through a cultural lens.

Practice culture in all situations using language, ceremony, protocol, names, titles, art, and music.

Lift women up into their rightful place of respect and leadership.

Support all communication activities by representing culture in such a way as to engender pride.

Encourage members to participate in cultural activities and expose them to traditional foods, games, music, and art.

Provide access to members to all manner of information, documents, and tools to support learning our heritage and culture.

Remain an active member in People of the River Referrals Office and utilizing and supporting the Stó:lō Research and Resource Management Centre.

Continue the use of sqep and other culturally appropriate processes such as Qwi:qwelstóm to support community unity and strength.

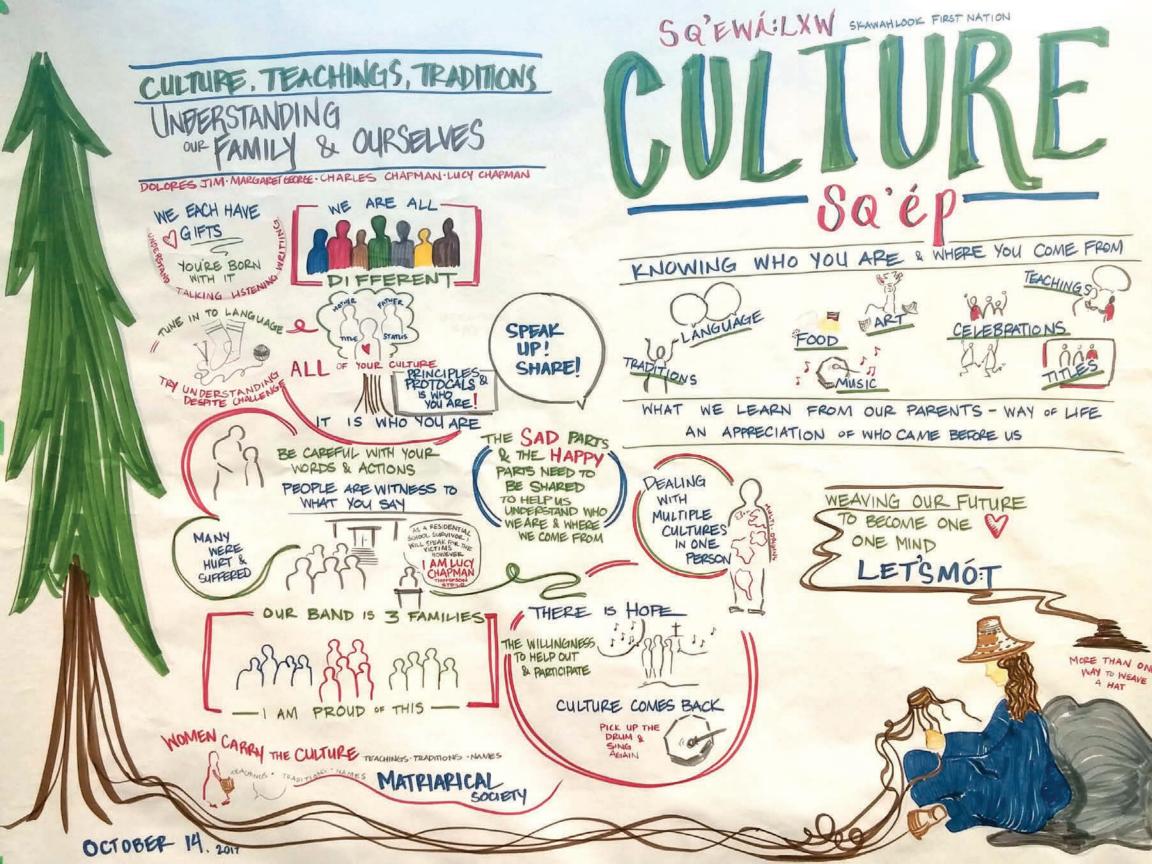
Develop cultural teaching programs such as drumming, singing, dancing, and weaving.

Develop a community kitchen or shared processing facilities for traditional foods.

Support mentoring of youth in ceremony and art by Elders and knowledge holders.

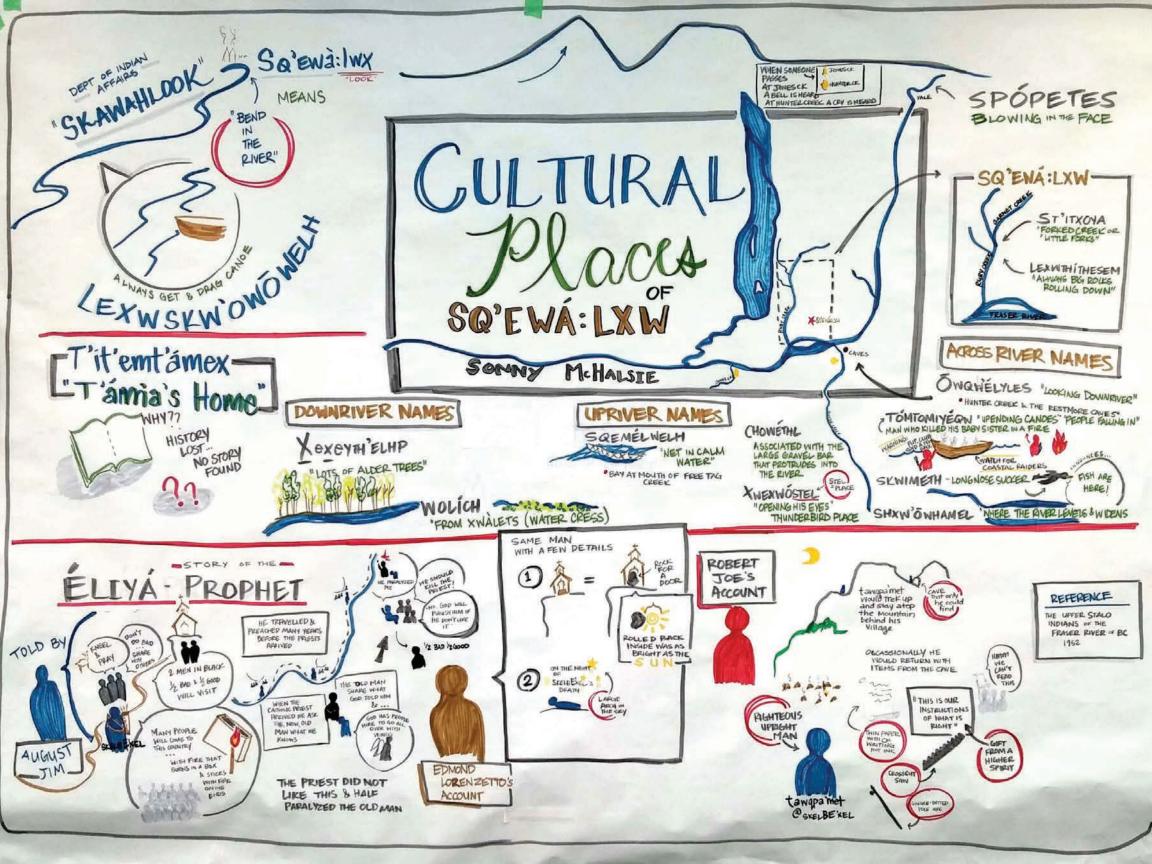
Continue to grow the scope of the Ruby Creek Art Gallery and Syéxw Chó:leqw Adventure Park into a local focal point for development of Indigenous art and design.





























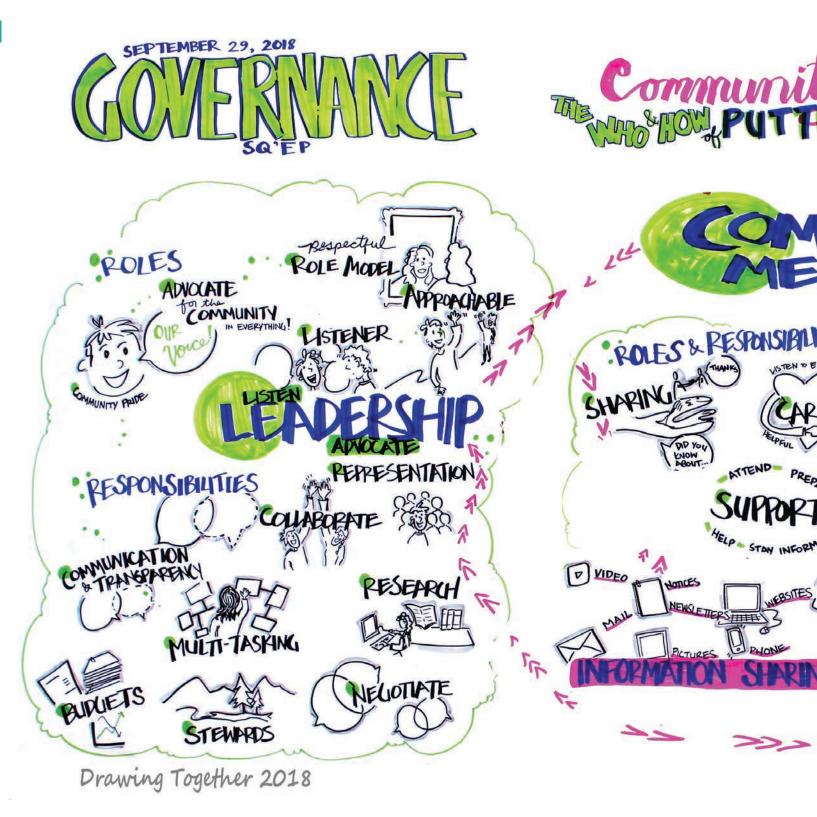
VISION

Membership, Leadership, and Administration respectfully working together for good governance and the achievement of the community vision for the future. Leaders are positive role models and advocates for the community with a responsibility to future generations. Administration manages community operations and facilitates the sharing of information. Community members are active and engaged in the positive growth of the community.

GOALS

To create and support a safe, healthy, proud, self-sufficient and thriving community for us all. We will do this through integrity, professionalism, respect, commitment, and love and understanding.

To become one heart and one mind. Let'semó:t.



Members & Leadership & administration ING OUR PLAN IN MOTION



POLICY SUGGESTIONS

It is the policy of Sq'ewá:lxw to enable Members, Leadership, and Administration to work collaboratively to provide strong governance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Review and update the Governance Policy and Procedures Manual (2010) to reflect the approach to governance expressed by the membership through sqep.

Develop one Sq'ewá:lxw communication strategy for sharing of information between Leadership, Administration, and Members using community events, phone calls, newsletters, meetings, social media, the website, in-person meetings with Elders, minutes of meetings, and other informational documents.

Institute a process for the regular and diligent update of member contact information.



SAFETY & SECURITY



VISION

We envision a community feeling wholly safe and secure. Our society faces many insecurities such as climate change, natural and man-made disaster, accidents, and criminal intention. We see Sq'ewá:lxw having in place the protections necessary for our Members and residents to enjoy their lives to the fullest, and without concern. We envision Sq'ewá:lxw acting locally to support global environmental health.

GOALS

Attain a high level of community resiliency through the development and implementation of policies and procedures using risk-based planning.

When and where our members are present protect and preserve life, safety, health, and the environment.

Build a healthy community based on environmental wellness as our contribution to global ecological balance.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Establish cooperation and service agreements with emergency response agencies and neighbouring communities.

Promote emergency preparedness and first-aid training for all members and staff.

Establish a stock of essential supplies (food, water, first aid, and emergency equipment) to sustain the people in times of isolation or power interruption.

Establish an occupational health and safety program in our administration system, including a first-aid post.

Promote home based emergency preparedness.

Establish a muster point and a family re-unification system.

Review and address railway safety.

Review and upgrade fire suppression equipment and local response capability and preparedness.

Reduce our own contribution to climate change through environmental protection and green infrastructure.

Maintain up-to-date environmental management and land use plans.

Investigate improvements to solid and liquid waste management.

Establish a food security program and consider a community garden.

Take all opportunities to educate members and the public on environmental issues.

Establish a walking trail through the community to reduce reliance on motorized transport.

Turn to traditional medicines for health and social wellness.

To address air quality issues look at use of air conditioners and supply masks.

Participate in river monitoring systems and consider flood mitigation systems.

Undertake FireSmart planning.

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THINKING

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· ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

· EDUCATION &

· LAND CODES · HOUSING STRATEGY

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- · REDUCE · REUSE · RECYCLE
- · COMPOSTING · MINIMALISM
- · HAZARDOUS WASTE REMOVAL
- · SHARING PROGRAMS
- SPRING CLEAN-UP

TRANSFER STATION

11 WATER CONSERVATION

DENERGY CONSERVATION

DEMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & FIRST AID TRAINING

DEMERGENCY PREPAREDNES PLAN

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FLASH FLOODS DISASTERS

TRYING TO PROTECT ITSELF

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MATE CHANGE



- SHARE KNOWLEDGE THE LAND
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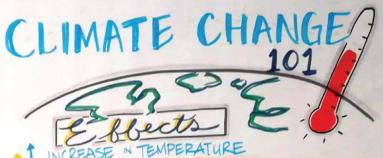
PROTECTAL PRESERVE

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· ROLES · RESPONSIBILITIES TOOLS

GOOD PLAN ENTHUSIASTIC TEAM! ENGAGED COMMUNITY



- SEA LEVEL TRISE SHIFTS IN PLANT LIFE
- · EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS · ICE LOSS

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- CO2 RELEASED due to POSSIL FUELS
- METHANE due to AGRICULTURE/CATTLE
- NITROUS OXIDE due to SOIL CULTIVATION



- · HUMAN SAFETY
 - TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATION NETWORKS



- NEW DISEASES
- RISK TO INFRASTRUCTURE
 - STRAIN ON HEALTH & CULTURE

Listening to our & Idons

WATER POSE

OVER NIGHT

LASTED 1 MONTH

DEVASTATED THE

COMMUNITY

TRAUMA WITH THE



- · FAMILY CEMETERIES WASHED AWAY
- EROSION OF LANDS DECHARDS
- · DECLINE IN FOOD ABUNDANCE

TMPACTS TOPAY

CHANGES IN RIVER TEMP SEDIMENTATION & EPRATIC HOOFLOW



DATA PROVES IT



- FISH CAUGHT
- TREND DECLINE

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CLIMATE CHANGE, ADAPTATION & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Wulnerability assessment

- IDENTIFY HAZARDS
- O CONSIDER VULNERABILITIES & RISK REDUCTION

APPROPRIATE WAYS

- D ESTIMATE LIKELHOOD
- DESCRIBE IMPACTS
- O CHART/MAP ITOUT

- CUT OFF ACCESS TO FROM:
 - FOOD, H20, SUPPLIES, MEDICAL AID
 - OFFICES, HOMES, FAMILY
- ISOLATION DLOSS OF ASSETS/PROPERTY
- POWER INTERRUPTION
- DAMAGE, INJURY, DEATH, HEALTH ISSUES

D POLLUTION DECOLOGICAL CHANGE

CETORISKS

- O FOOD & HZO SUPPLIES
- D FIRST AID TRAINING
- DEMERGENCY EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES
- DAIR CONDITIONERS & SUPPLY OF MASKS I FIRE SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT & FIRE SMART PLANS

DDYKING

RIVER MONITORING

PARTNERSHIPS

DALTERNATE HEATING

-SPRINKLERS - EXTINGUISHERS O SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH NEIGHBOURING COMMUNITIES DEAMILY RE-UNIFICATION SYSTEM IS FIRE FIGHTING

WE'RE





HAZARDS

VERY UNLIKELY - LIKELY - VERY LIKELY

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VISION

Our people and our community maintain our health and happiness in partnership with the fish as we always have. We are stewards of the fish as we have always been. We bring respect, family unity, ceremony, and traditional ways to the work required. We are a resilient community, secure in our own ability to provide fish for our people.

GOALS

Sq'ewá:lxw will be a full partner in all decisions made with regard to our fish and fishing.

We will be active in the stewardship of fish habitat and management of fish harvests.

Every person and every family will have the fish they need for their physical and spiritual health.

Every person will have the option to participate in the work of a Sqewa:lxw fish and fishing.

Each generation will share the same memories of family and fishing, and of fish.



POLICY SUGGESTIONS

Access to sufficient high quality fish is the right of our people. Fish is important our health, our culture, and our ceremony.

It is the policy of Sq'ewá:lxw to provide leadership in the realm of fish and fishing within our territories, as is our inherent right.

We will assert our right as Indigenous people to participate in the development of policy and regulation with regard to the stewardship of fish within Sq'ewá:lxw territories.

We will exercise our rights to fish and to access specific fishing sites as we have for millennia.

Fish belong to Sq'ewá:lxw members collectively and are shared.

Members may sell fish to support their families, once all members have the fish they need.

We will through our actions support the fish and support the people.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Write a fish and fishing policy (one page and to be shared publicly) including defining the Sq'ewá:lxw way of sharing and selling of fish.

Determine the types and volume of fish required for each person and the community.

Build food security, including fish, into our emergency preparedness program.

Expand Sq'ewá:lxw fishing to all modes of catch.

Establish a program of teaching and mentoring new fishers.

Investigate fish habitat enhancement on Lexwthíthesam (Ruby Creek) and Lexwskw'owōwelh (Skwawolt Creek).

Exercise our rights to fish in the way our ancestors did and in the context of modern times.

Support community fishing and food preservation including through the provision of equipment as necessary.

Build a dry rack and re-introduce the practice to the community.

Investigate the construction of a fish weir or wheel in the Vasasus Island passage.

Re-initiate community fishing and processing (drying, canning), as a social undertaking.

Build a communal kitchen facility for processing of fish and sharing of food.

Build a community root cellar.

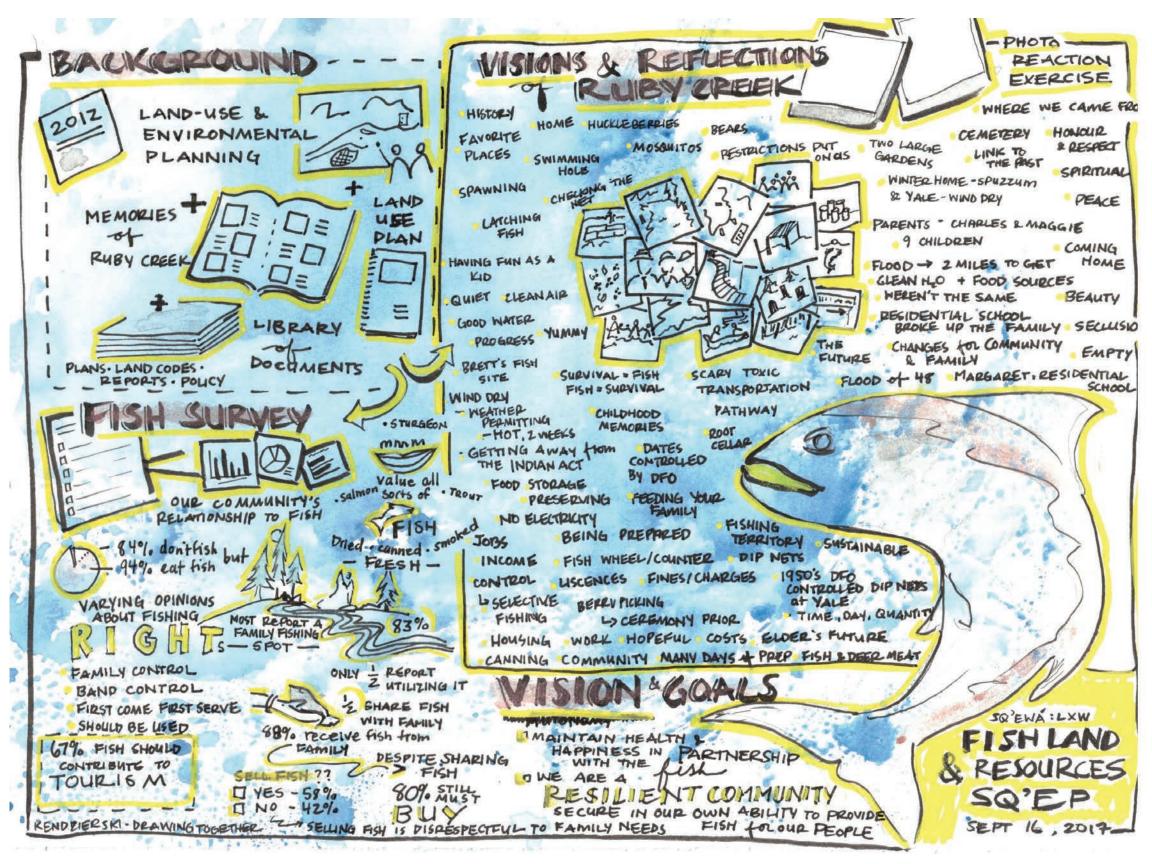
Purchase a community boat and motor and build a launching ramp.

Communicate to our people and outsiders the importance of fish to the sustainability of our community.

Revitalize the first fish ceremony as a community cultural event.

Utilize informational signage at the adventure park to share with outsiders on the topic of fishing.

As part of the policy work, define where family fishing spots are and the history of each to demonstrate rights.

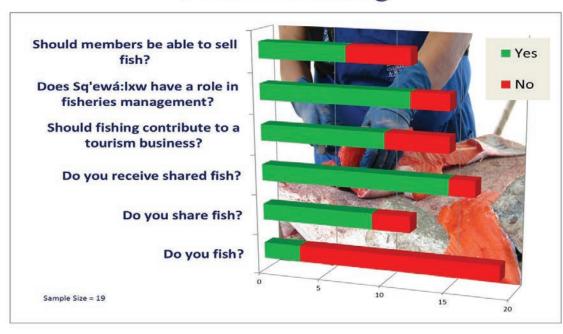








Fish and Fishing







VISION PROJECT TEAM

"Our Vision Project Team pulled together for two years and masterfully inspired, listened, imagined, recorded, and wove together this Vision for a strong future for Sq'ewa:lxw."

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