

Esquimalt Nation Community Plan

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The Chief and Council are pleased to provide this update on the Esquimalt Nation Vision and Community Plan. This process will be an opportunity for the community to embrace our future in the context of change and planning for a better community.

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY PLAN?

A Community Plan is a road map for managing change and creating a better future.

WORK TO DATE

- The Chief and Council, along with Nation staff have been meeting on a weekly basis with our Planning Consultant, Edward LeFlufy, to develop an approach to the planning process and a structure for the final plan.
- Introductory meeting with the individual Heads of the Families, and with the Heads of the Families as a group, started in November and will continue in December.

Process Phases

1 GETTING STARTED:
Confirming the work plan and launching the planning process.
(Sep-Oct 2009)

2 DEFINING THE KEY ELEMENTS OF THE SACRED TRUST:
Identifying the key elements of the Sacred Trust and the Teachings.
(Nov 2009-Jan 2010)

3 MAPPING THE VISION:
Moving from the Sacred Trust and the Teachings to identifying Values and developing a Vision Statement.
(Jan-Feb 2010)

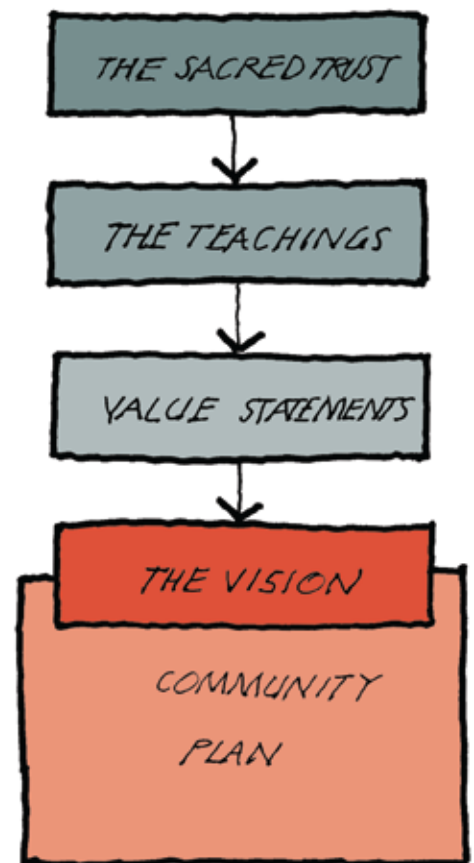
4 DRAFTING THE PLAN:
Preparing the Community Plan.
(Feb-Mar 2010)

MAKING THE PLAN REAL

The process to date has identified the importance of rooting the plan in the "Sacred Trust" and "The Teachings", which define the Esquimalt Nation as a unique community.

The benefits of this approach include:

- Protecting the land, water and resources
- Expanding the knowledge of traditional heritage
- Building skills in the community
- Taking advantage of economic opportunities in meaningful ways



WHAT'S NEXT?

Small group meetings, including meetings with the Heads of Families and a Youth Workshop, are being planned for late November and early December. The purpose of these meetings is to gain input on the process for developing the Plan, the schedule and how best to continue and expand consultation with the community.

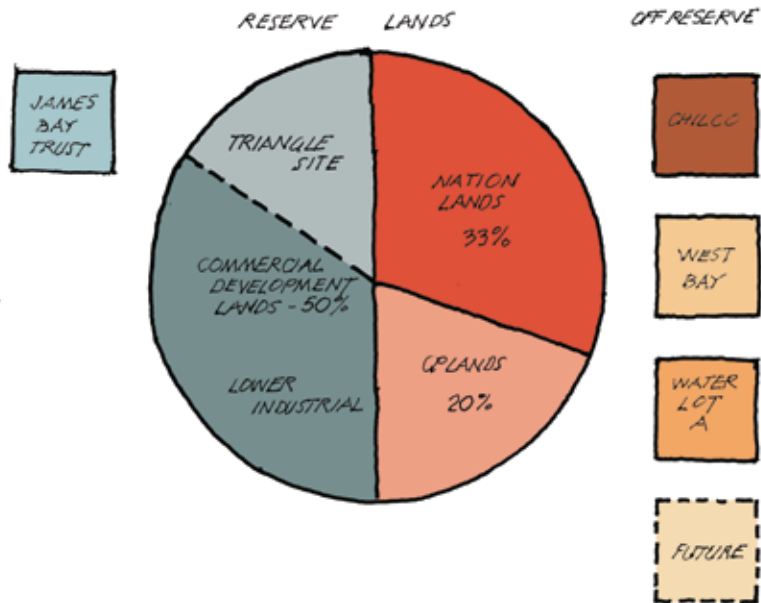
In addition to this, and the second of a series of Newsletters (which will come out monthly), we hope to develop a website and post notices, comments and suggestions at the office notice board.

WHY DEVELOP THE PLAN NOW?

- Remediation of cannery site started.
- Soil testing of triangle site started.
- Admirals Road entry access design started.

THE LAND, WATER AND RESOURCES

- The reserve is 43 acres.
- Approximately 50% of the reserve has been identified for economic development.
- The off-reserve resources include:
 - The Chilco Property (6.83 acres)
 - The West Bay Property (61 lots; just over one acre)
 - Water Lot A
 - The James Bay Trust.



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1, 8, 15
Heads of Families Meetings

December 15 (TENTATIVE)
Youth Workshop

January 5 and 12
Heads of Families Review

January 12
Advisory Committee Meeting #1

HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

- Get on the email list.
- Help with the website.
- Participate in the meetings.

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