

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 VISION STATEMENT?

A Vision Statement describes, in general terms, what the community desires, values and wants their future to be like, say in 25 years. It should be bold, yet realistic — not an unobtainable dream.

WORK TO DATE

- The Chief and Council and staff have continued to meet with our consultants on a weekly basis.
- Newsletter Volume 1, Issue 4 was published in February, 2010.
- Coordination meetings were held with the consultants who are documenting important aspects of the Nation's history.
- Our communication consultants, CitySpaces, has been retained to design the Community Plan website.
- The Open House boards remained available for viewing at the Nation's offices.
- Work has begun on securing funding for the next phase of the process.

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-Mar 2010)

4 DRAFTING THE PLAN:

Preparing the Community Plan.

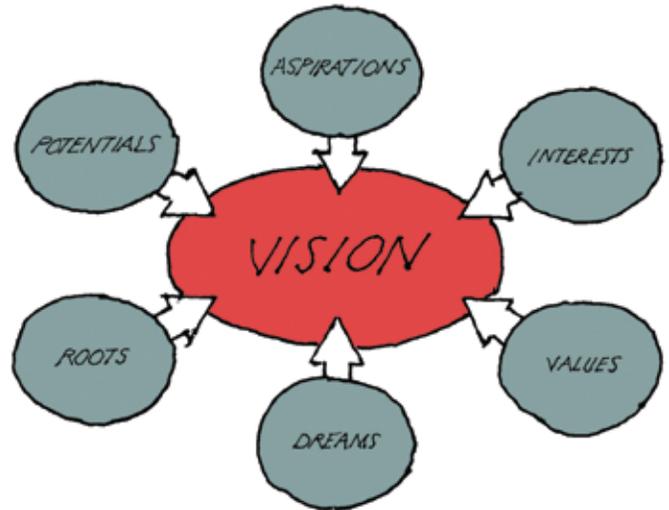
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THE ESQUIMALT NATION VISION STATEMENT

The planning process to date has determined that the Vision for the Esquimalt Nation must be rooted in the Sacred Trust. The following draft statement has been developed based on meetings held to this point. It is a draft for consideration and discussion by members of the Nation, and will be the focus of the next Open House:

The Esquimalt Nation seeks to be a community strongly rooted in its unique spiritual heritage, which guides the community towards a socially and economically sustainable future in which the social, physical and economic health of the community is in balance for the benefit of all members of the Nation, equally and equitably.



WHAT'S NEXT?

Monthly meetings with the Heads of the Families are proposed to continue through the next phase. The intention is to activate the Advisory Committee for ongoing advice. The intent of these meetings will be to first review the work to date, and then begin building the goals, objectives and policies that will form the substance of the Plan.

We will continue to publish monthly newsletters. The response to the Special Projects — The Nation Chronology, The Language Dictionary, The Photo Album and the Nation's Family Tree — was very positive. We will be looking for volunteers to head up each of these projects.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 9 or 23
Heads of the Families Meetings

March 30
Open House #2

March 31
Launch of Website

HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

- **Talk with the Heads of the Families.**
- **Volunteer for a Special Project.** Contact Michael McCarthy at: fusioninc@hotmail.com or sign up at the office.
- **Make sure everyone in your family reads the newsletter.**
- **Plan to attend the next Open House.**

