

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 IN A COMMUNITY PLAN?

A Community Plan contains broad objectives or goals, and outlines policies and strategies to achieve the objectives or goals.



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)

WORK TO DATE

- The Chief and Council and staff have continued to meet with our consultants.
- Newsletter Volume 1, Issue 2 was published in December of 2009.
- Weekly meetings with the Heads of the Families have continued. The focus of these meetings has been to define the Sacred Trust and The Teachings that will form the basis of the Community Plan.
- A workshop was held with members of the youth to discuss their ideas and ongoing involvement.
- Research on Nation history and the make up of the community has continued.

THE CONVENTIONAL COMMUNITY PLAN

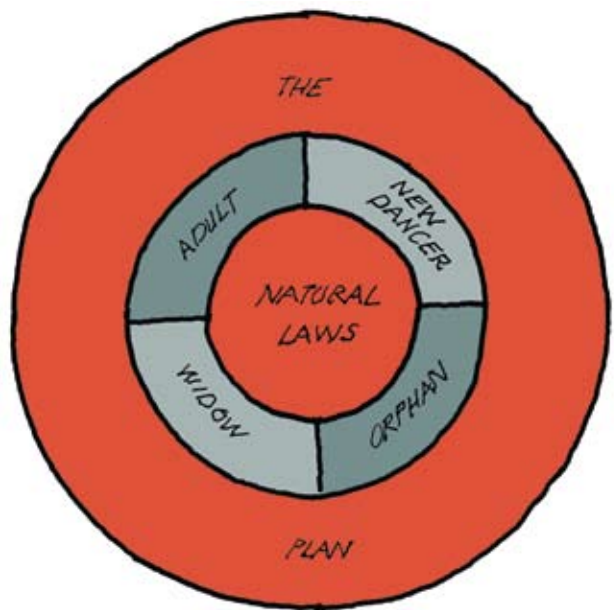
All non-Nation communities in British Columbia are required to have an Official Community Plan by law. A conventional Community Plan usually has a Community Vision Statement at its core. The Vision Statement is a generalized statement of how a community sees itself.

This informs a series of policy objectives and strategies covering a range of topics, including the environment, development (commercial and residential), health, education and governance, to mention a few.



ESQUIMALT NATION COMMUNITY PLAN

This diagram represents the structure of the Esquimalt Nation Community Plan. At the core of the plan are the Natural Laws, which guide the Cycle of Life. These, in turn, inform the Plan, which will consist of a series of objectives and policies covering topics of importance to the community.



WHAT'S NEXT?

Small group meetings, including meetings with the Heads of the Families, will continue through January and February, as required. The intent of these meetings will be to document the Teachings and Natural Laws that will form the basis for the Community Plan.

A Community Open House will be held in January to present the work to date, and to receive comments from the community as a whole.

Site investigations on the Triangle Site will continue, as will soil remediation investigations on the Cannery Site.

We will continue to publish monthly newsletters. The response to developing a website has been very positive, and we hope to start building the website over the month of January. If space permits, a Community Plan Notice Board will also be installed in the Nation offices.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 5, 12, 19
Heads of the Families Meetings

January 11 or 12
Advisory Committee Meeting #1
(tentative)

January 28
Community Open House
(time and location TBD)

HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

- **Talk with the Heads of the Families.**
- **Get on the email list.**
Send yours to Michael McCarthy at: fusioninc@hotmail.com
- **Help with the website.** A work group will be formed this month.
- **Participate in the Community Open House.**

