

# Esquimalt Nation Community Plan

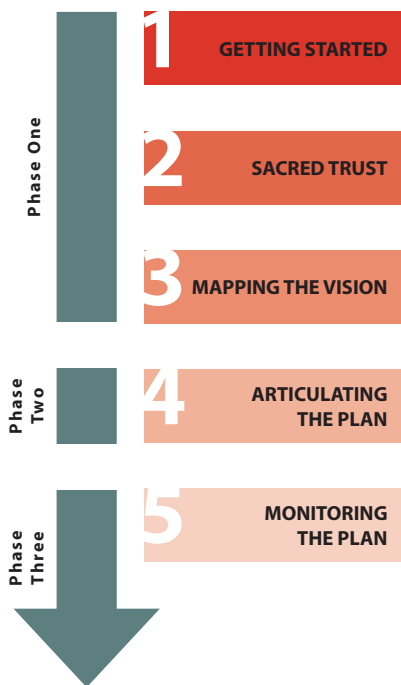
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The Chief and Council are pleased to provide this update on the Esquimalt Nation Vision and Community Plan. This process will be an opportunity for the community to embrace our past, present and future in the context of change and planning for a better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



August 25<sup>th</sup> – Successful Safety Day!

## PROCESS PHASES AND STEPS



We have refined the phases and steps of the planning process to better reflect the work to date and the work to be completed. This includes the ongoing monitoring and refinement of the plan into the future.

## Community Plan Update

The last newsletter was published in May and distributed in June. As September marks the end of summer, and is the start of the new school year for many of our youth, it is appropriate to provide an overview of the past few months. The following are major highlights of the work underway since June:

### Triangle Site Access and Land use

INAC funding has been extended for the design of the Seenupin Road extension through the Triangle Site. This includes traffic lights on Admirals Road and a new crossing of the railway. Final design of the road will be completed this month and submitted for approvals, with construction targeted for Spring 2011, subject to further funding.

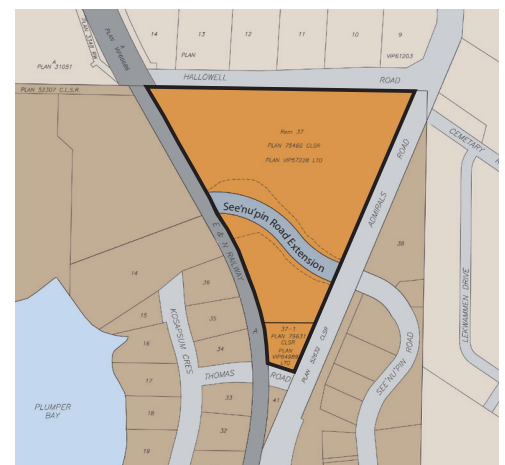
Funding has been secured to continue the Community Plan process. A number of land use concepts have been explored for both halves of the Triangle Site to assist in the road design, and in identifying other access opportunities and concepts prior to development.

### Triangle Site: Proposed Road Design

For a larger view of this map, and for further detailed drawings of design options, please go to [www.esquimaltnation.ca](http://www.esquimaltnation.ca) and click on the link in the "What's New" section.

### Commercial Area Remediation

Further sediment samples within the waterlot were taken earlier this month when tides were low. Hydro carbon analysis on the Triangle Site has been received and is being reviewed with the road design. A meeting was held with prospective contractors regarding the ATM and Fibremax sites. Bids are expected on October 4<sup>th</sup>, with work to start on the 11<sup>th</sup>.



## WORK TO DATE

- The Chief, Council and staff have continued to meet with our consultants on a weekly basis.
- Newsletter Volume 1, Issue 7 was published in May 2010.

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- Our communication consultants, CitySpaces, have continued to update the Community Plan website. ([www.esquimaltnation.ca](http://www.esquimaltnation.ca)).
- A new application for additional funding has been approved by INAC for the Community Plan Process.
- Three background papers documenting the Nation's history and language have been drafted. The first two, "No, We're Water People" and "Traditions Still Continue" are available on the website. The next paper, "Reef Net Fishing" will be added to the site in October.

## SAFETY DAY

More than a dozen youth turned out to participate in Safety Day on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. In addition to meeting local police officers, fire fighters and paramedics, the children participated in a Bike Rodeo where they had their bicycles checked for safety, learned the rules of the road, and received tips for safe cycling.



## WHAT'S NEXT?

Monthly meetings with the Heads of the Families are proposed to begin again in September. The intent of these meetings will be to first review the work to date, and then begin building the goals, objectives and policies, which will form the substance of the Plan.

We will continue to publish monthly newsletters. A second Youth Workshop is being planned for October, and a third Open House is being planned for early November.

Work has started on the Nation's Photo Album. We will be looking for a small group of volunteers to seek contributions from each family – do you have any old photographs of people or special events?

## UPCOMING EVENTS

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
Heads of the Families Meetings

Mid October (date to be confirmed)  
Youth Workshop

November (date to be confirmed)  
Open House #3

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

- Talk with the Heads of the Families.
- Volunteer for a Special Project.  
Contact Michael McCarthy at: [michael@esquimaltnation.ca](mailto:michael@esquimaltnation.ca) or sign up at the office.
- Make sure everyone in your family reads the newsletter.
- Drop by the Nation's offices to see the Open House boards.
- Drop in any Tuesday to talk with our Planning Consultant.
- Visit the website: [www.esquimaltnation.ca](http://www.esquimaltnation.ca)

