

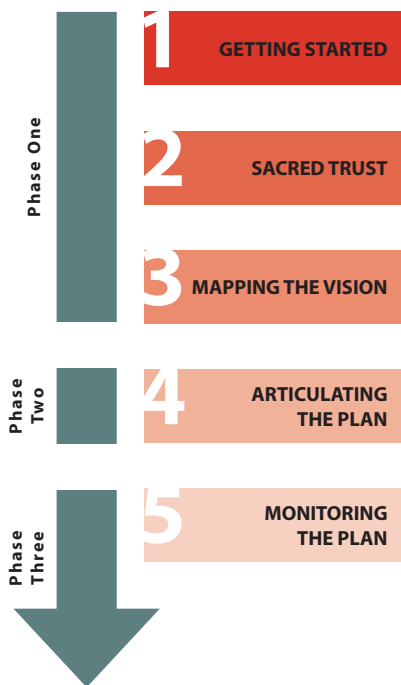
# Esquimalt Nation Community Plan

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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.



## 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.

## What is The Douglas Treaty?

The Esquimalt Nation was one of fourteen Nations who signed a treaty with Governor James Douglas almost 150 years ago. The British Parliament established aboriginal possession of the land in 1849. In that context, Douglas negotiated the treaties. The Esquimalt Nation signed its treaty in 1852.

The treaty granted the Nation the right: “to continued use”, the “liberty to hunt over unoccupied lands”, and “to carry on their fisheries as formerly”.

The Douglas Treaty(s) have been held up through many court cases as being valid and binding on the Crown (governments). This means that the Federal and Provincial governments are obliged, by law, to provide access to resources “as formerly”. The question today is, what do the Nation’s rights mean if the resources (to hunt and fish) are not available due to urban development and fisheries management? That is the challenge of current discussions.

The Esquimalt Nation Community Plan will help define some of what the “resource” needs are, and how the Nation wants them fulfilled.



### Commercial Area Remediation

The contract for the remediation of the ATM and Fibermax sites has been awarded. Work began on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

## WORK TO DATE

- The Chief, Council and staff continue to meet weekly with our consultants.
- Newsletter Volume 1, Issue 8 was published in September 2010.
- We have continued to update the Community Plan website. ([www.esquimaltnation.ca](http://www.esquimaltnation.ca)).
- An application for additional 2011/12 funding for the Community Plan process was submitted to INAC.
- A funding application for the construction phase of the new access road was submitted.
- The next background paper, “Reef Net Fishing”, is now on the website.
- Our consultants attended the INAC Conference on Community Planning held in Duncan (October 5-7). Our work to date was of great interest.

For more updates, visit:  
[www.esquimaltnation.ca](http://www.esquimaltnation.ca)

## WHAT'S NEXT?

**Monthly meetings with the Heads of the Families** are proposed to begin again in November. 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.

**Drop-in Tuesdays** are being formalized for the third Tuesday of every month. This is an opportunity to drop-in, meet the planning team, ask questions, make suggestions, or just see how we're doing.

The **Sooke Nation Youth** have offered to come and talk with our Youth about the success of their energy conservation program. Any interested Youth, please contact Michael McCarthy or Edward LeFlufy.

A second **Youth Workshop** has been rescheduled for early November. Any interested Youth, please contact Michael McCarthy or Edward LeFlufy.

A third **Open House** is being planned for early December, and we will continue to publish **monthly newsletters**.

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

## RELATED EVENTS

**September 1<sup>st</sup>**  
*South Island Wellness*  
 YOUTH PHOTO WORKSHOP

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
*South Island Wellness*  
 ELDERS' MEETING

**September 28<sup>th</sup>**  
*South Island Wellness*  
 GENERAL MEETING

**October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 COMMUNITY-BASED SUICIDE AND  
 CRITICAL RESPONSE TEAM WORKSHOP

Many aboriginal communities face challenges as they strive to prevent and respond to youth and adult suicide. This workshop was attended by 15 members of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, and government representatives. The workshop focused on preparing community-based response and assistance programs for individuals in crisis.



*Suicide and Critical Response Team Workshop*

### Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 ABORIGINAL YOUTH HEALTHCARE CAREER WORKSHOP

For youth, aged 14 to 17, this workshop will provide an overview of career opportunities in the field of healthcare, including a tour of Royal Jubilee Hospital. *Please register with Millie at the Nation's offices by November 5<sup>th</sup>.*

### LEKWUNGEN DICTIONARY

**chuq**  
 be big (verb)

**chuq tu st'echung**  
 low tide; "big tide"

**chuq sway'qe**  
 big man; headman

**chuq-sat**  
 enlarge; make (itself) bigger

**t-hwuchuq**  
 become big; flood;  
 become swollen

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Late October** (date to be confirmed)  
 Sooke Youth Exchange

**Early November** (date to be confirmed)  
 Youth Workshop

**December** (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 the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month to talk with our Planning Consultant.**
- **Visit the website:** [www.esquimaltnation.ca](http://www.esquimaltnation.ca)

