

Esquimalt Nation Community Plan

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Chief and Council are pleased to provide this update on the Esquimalt Nation 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.

Community Plan Update #3

The last newsletter was published earlier this year. Since that time, the Community Plan process has continued. In July 2011, additional funding was secured under the *BC Capacities Initiative*. This funding has allowed the Nation to continue the Community Plan process, and take the next steps in developing a Plan that reflects the unique cultural heritage of the Nation.

The outline of the Plan has been revised to make it more user-friendly. The chapters have been re-titled as questions (see below ▼):

WORK TO DATE

- **Addition-to-Reserve Process:**
The fill sites located along the foreshore of the Western Commercial Lands are in a lengthy process of being added as Reserve lands.
- An **Elders' and Heads of Families' Lunch** was held on August 6th.
- **2011/12 Community Planning process was funded for this year to March 31, 2012.** An updated work plan is available at the office.
- The **Economic Development Team** is working with regional employers to find jobs for all employable Esquimalt Nation members – all employable members will be contacted for job searches.
- The **Big House** has been cleaned, and the dining area and kitchen repainted.
- The **Breakfast Club** is open four days week.

Preface / Welcome / Chief Andy Thomas

- 1.0 What Are We Doing?
- 2.0 Who Are We?
- 3.0 Where Are We?
- 4.0 Where Are We Going?
(Goals, Objectives and Initiatives)
- 5.0 Appendices
 - 5.1 Community Profile
 - 5.2 Generalized Land Use Plan
 - 5.3 Housing Strategy
 - 5.4 The Triangle Site
 - 5.5 The Western Commercial Lands
 - 5.6 Background Papers



WHAT'S NEXT?

Drop-in Tuesdays have been 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 next **Community Open House** is planned for November to review the revised outline for the Community Plan.

The Nation is completing a **Community Profile** with basic information about those members living on Reserve.

The previous **Open House presentation boards** can be seen at the Nation's offices.

We will continue to publish **newsletters** every other month.

The **website** will undergo a major update in October.

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?

RECENT ACTIVITIES AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Skipping rope.



Fun at the playground.



Building the Children's Garden.

LEKWUNGEN DICTIONARY

silu
grandparent

slheni nu silu
my grandmother

men
father

ten
mother

ngunu
child, offspring

slheni nu ngunu
my daughter

sway'qe nu ngunu
my son

sechs
person's kin, parent's sibling
(aunt, uncle)

UPCOMING EVENTS

October (TBD)

The next "Community is a Medicine" Workshop is being scheduled to take place in October.

Tuesday, October 18th

Elders' and Heads of Families' Meeting

Tuesday, November 8th

Community Plan Open House

HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

- **Talk with the Heads of the Families.**
- **Volunteer for a Special Project.** Contact Georgia Dixon at: georgia@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 3rd Tuesday of each month to talk with our Planning Consultant.**
- **Visit the website:** www.esquimaltnation.ca

