

**Comprehensive Community Plan
2010 – 2011 Project Summaries**

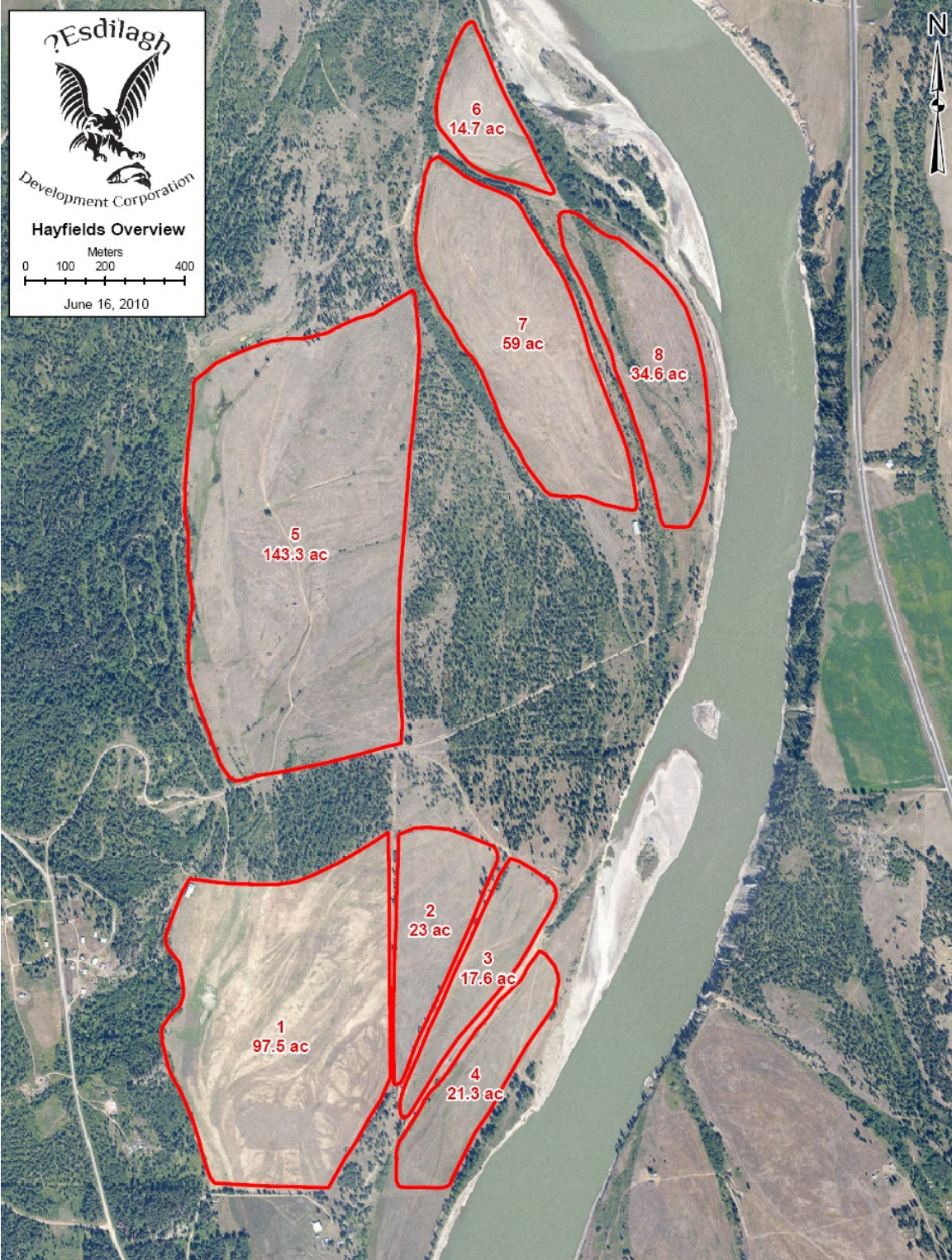
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Agriculture Development

Alexandria has a valuable on reserve agricultural resource which includes of 400 ha of fields and irrigation infrastructure on IR 3 (see map below). In addition there are fields on IR 3a and IR1 and free growing meadows on the western reserves. The band has not actively worked their fields since the early 1990's.

Under the 2010 CCP the team developed a pilot project to create employment and bring irrigation infrastructure back into operation. This was achieved with contributions from the Worker Opportunity Program and Own Source Revenue from the Band. This capacity building project has highlighted some of the community challenges that will have to addressed to move the community forward

Our short term goal is to create stability on the existing operation in the system and in the capacity to manage. Medium term goal is to bring Field 1 into production and long term goal we will continue to develop capacity and bring all fields into operation.



Transfer Station

The Alexandria Dumpsite is located on Alexandria IR 3. The site has been used by band members and local residents for over the past 2 decades. It is located adjacent to the main community housing subdivision. This unregulated dump presents potential water and soil contamination, increased bear activity and presents local air quality problems.

CCP Resources have allowed the Band to secure funding to have the potential environmental effects of the dumpsite assessed through water and soil sampling and a Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment. Removal of existing garbage is also scheduled for 2010.

The site assessment for current contamination is complete and we will have the existing garbage and any contaminated soils removed for the end of 2010. Our plan is to build a new "Eco Depot" in partnership with Regional District including recycling and share shed for 2011.

Water System Upgrades

Water quality and quantity have been key issues in the ?Esdilagh Community. The community has been subjected to boil water advisories over the years and potable water remains an issue. New housing will require expanded water supply

The Band has secured \$1.5 million in funding for water system upgrades and improvements. TRUE Consulting is currently in the final design stage including bench scale testing of water supply and testability. Constructed is scheduled to begin in September 2010 and for completion in 2011.

We have finalized design and proven water quality and quantity that will provide safe drinking water to membership and maintain community health. During construction we will maximize benefits to the community with employment and contract opportunities. The new water system upgrades and improvements will support community health and new housing.

Highway Trespass Negotiations

The Band Entered into Negotiations with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways in March 2009. Through these negotiation we have identified Trespases for which the Band is due compensation. Roads on reserve lands that are in trespass include: Highway 97, West Fraser, Twan, Cuisson and Hill. Current Negotiation are focusing on Hwy 97 and West Fraser Road. As part of the negotiations the Province is paying for all costs associated with the settlement including: legal fees, consulting, travel and honoraria. We are targeting a settlement for 2011. The settlement would include:

- Cash compensation for use of land and historic trespass;
- Replacement lands for land taken;

- Other benefits including, better access, safety upgrades, fencing etc.

Gas Bar Development

One of the priorities is to get access improvements to IR 1 to support the development of an on reserve Gas Bar. As we progress with the Highway issues we will also be working on preparing the land for this development. This will include a community referendum early in 2011. We are targeting late 2001 to have the Gas Bar completed.

Forestry Resources

The Band has acquired Over 300,000 cubic meters (m3) of tenure over the last 2 years. Currently were are looking for partners and markets for the Woodlot, Forest and Range Opportunity and a new 5 year Non Replaceable Timber license (NRFL). The forest industry is currently in a state of decline and we are proceeding with caution looking for the right partner to minimize risk and maximize benefits. The band also take an active role in forest management and will continue to run the Band forestry crew and Interface Fire Management programs in partnership with local industry and government agencies.

Gravel Resources

There estimated to be millions of tonnes of high grade gravel resources on Alexandria Reserve lands. Opportunity for commercial use is highest on Reserves 1 and 1a with readily available access to rail and Hwy 97. Westside reserves also have high potential for community use. Over the next year we will be conducting an assessment to determine quality and quantity and identifying market opportunities so we can realize benefits from this resource.

Mining and Oil and Gas

The ʔEsdilagh First Nation is situated in the heart of mining country. Gibraltar Mine is a major Copper producer located adjacent to Cuisson IR 12. There is also the world class Australian Coal Deposit north of IR 1 and Major oil pipeline owned by Spectra Energy that bisects Alexandria IR 1a. We are currently working with Gibraltar on ensuring that the mine is not contributing to contamination of food in the area. We will continue to meet with industry in 2010 and 2011 to establish relationships and realize benefits from the resources in our territory.

Land Use Planning

The Band has been working over the last two years on land use planning for resource activities in the traditional territory. The image to the left shows a leak in the discharge pipe from the tailing pond at Gibraltar mine. The objective of this planning is to identify community values as it relates to activities on the traditional lands and ensure that all industry and government respect these values on the land.

Community Development Projects

In addition to the project listed above the community has identified the following community development projects. It is the intention of the Band to continue to seek capacity and resources to move these projects from the “wish list” category to planning and implementation.

- West Side Band office
- Playground
- Meeting Facilities
- Subdivision development on Eastside

- Highway frontage residential development on IR 1
- Increased Housing on Westside reserve
- Develop hayfields at the Meadows
- Health Center on reserve
- Community Gardens
- Cultural Camps
- Training and Education facilities
- Community Center / Recreation facilities
- Ball fields, hockey rink
- Pow Wow Arbour
- Cultural Tourism attractions
- Campgrounds