

?ESDILAGH COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLANNING BULLETIN

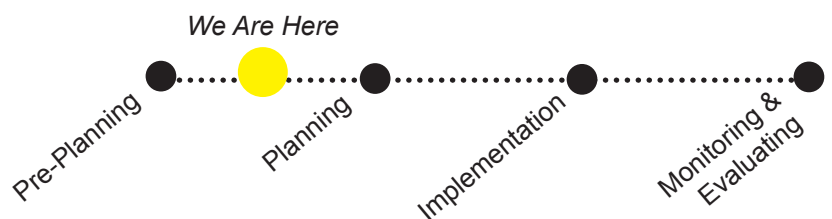
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WHERE ARE WE AT IN THE PLANNING PROCESS?

The community has held two community planning sessions. One October 25, 2017 and one November 30, 2017 on the Westside at the Frank Joe Health Clinic.

There will be planning sessions held up to the middle of March and sessions will also be held off reserve.

TIMELINE



Information from our First & Second Planning Sessions

October 25, 2017 & November 30, 2017 at Frank Joe Health Clinic (Westside)

1. What would you like to see in the community?

INFRASTRUCTURE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- A bridge between the East and West side of the reserve (with a bike/walking lane)
- Small Animal Farms
- School on reserve (Elementary & Preschool)
- Daycare
- Gymnasium
- Healing Centre
 - Deal with drugs, alcohol, addictions to prescriptions, even video game & tv addictions
- Investigate alternative energy options:
 - Develop a solar panel plant
 - Bioenergy - Create seedlings
- Rodeo Arena
- Industrial Park
- Gravel Business (sand, supply concrete)
- First Aid & Security Building
- Funeral Home
- Water bottling facility
- Cannery - for food
- Elders long-term care & support centre
- Accomodations (for contractors/workers/mine employees) with laundry facilities
- Develop new cabins in traditional hunting area
- Resort
- Briquette plant
- Elk farm
- Fish hatchery/food

East Side

- Gas station/trading post with:
 - Truck stop, showers, card lock & transfer station
 - Gift shop with indigenous arts/crafts
 - Car Wash
 - Tire Repair Shop
- Restaurant, coffee shop
- Fire Hall
- Cultural Tourism:
 - Pow Wow Arbour & Grounds
 - River Tour Centre
 - RV Park (with golf course)



1. What would you like to see in the community? (Continued)

INFRASTRUCTURE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

East Side

- Traditional butcher-shop & smokehouse
- Start agriculture
- Housing: Subdivision of housing
- Cemetary cleanup & expansion
- Fix Church
- Fort Alexandria (next Barkerville)

West Side

- Band Office
- Community Hall:
 - Kitchen
 - Built In sound system
 - Stage
 - Washrooms
- Training Building (for education & trades) with:
 - a kitchen
 - gathering place
 - business centre
- Candy Shop
- Cultural Tourism:
 - Pow Wow Arbour & campgrounds (with showers)
 - River Tour Centre
 - Pit house
 - Indigenous health spa with traditional medicine
- Traditional butcher-shop & smokehouse
- Church restoration & expansion
- Housing: Additional houses (bigger)
- Gas Station: with convenience store & cultural crafts
- Casino/Bingo Hall
- Recreation:
 - Baseball field
- Rodeo Grounds:
 - Arena
 - Horse stable & riding tours
- Firehouse
- Develop new cabins in traditional hunting area

CULTURE & LANGUAGE:

- Hold gatherings
- Speak and learn our language
- Learn to fish & trap
- Lehal (to learn our songs and drum)
- Make cultural products
- Collect and learn about medicines
- Preserve traditional food
- Cultural Centre - have cultural exchange

GOVERNANCE:

- Chief and Council
 - With educational background or with training
 - Speak the language
 - Effective communication skills
 - On both sides of reserve and on & off
- Follow a structured path
- Compassionate
- Use simple language
- Honesty
- On the path to healing themselves and the community
- Have a facilitator at meetings with humor and respect to track and capture community ideas

EDUCATION:

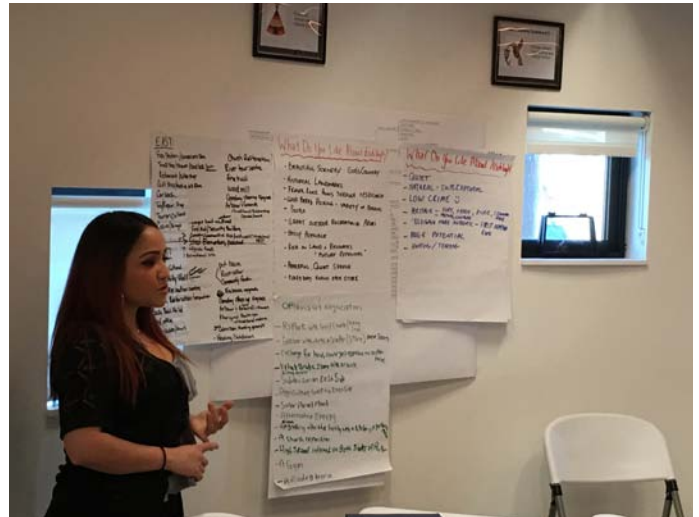
- Courses in the evenings
- Photography course
- Upgrading courses
- Entrepreneurship Training

COMMUNITY, SOCIAL & HEALTH:

- More band members living on the reserve to build a larger community
- Zero tolerance – no drugs on the reserve
- Events where there are music for everyone to join in and play as well
- Healing
 - Connected to culture
 - Re-learn what was lost from residential school from our Elders
 - Teach youth the culture
 - Build self-awareness
- Long Term Goal – A healthy community & healthy people
- Continue to maintain the garden yearly
 - Develop u-pick blueberries
 - Produce potatoes, garlic (like Likely Mountain)
 - Expand to have greenhouses
- Develop a root cellar
- Services:
 - Regular public transporation on East/West Side
 - High speed internet on East/West side

EMPLOYMENT:

- Don't leave people behind
- Have outside workers to train the community
- Hire a Youth Coordinator for youth centre



PICTURES FROM NOVEMBER 30, 2017 PLANNING SESSION

2. What do you like about ?Esdilagh?

- We are Carrier, Chilcotin and Shuswap
- Strong community
- Like to visit with people and everyone knows each other
- The people - family & Friends are here, we are one large family, we are all related
- Its beautiful
- Its heaven
- Its natural and supernatural
- Authentic
- The land (nen)
- Location
- Creeks and fresh water lakes
- Fertile soil
- Celery, onions, medicines
- Flowers, trees
- Hills
- Beautiful scenery & nice view
- Baseball
- Playground
- Its quiet and peaceful
- Work is here
- Good weather
- Abundant wildlife, animals, birds and nature
- All we need is provided
- Hills
- The environment
- The potential for our agricultural fields and opportunities for fences
- Modern community
- Central to Williams Lake & Quesnel
- Community is 'out of town'
- Low crime
- Historical landmarks (ie. Fort)
- Cultural history (ie. trade)
- Fraser River runs through ?Esdilagh
- There is good berry picking with a variety of berries
- Great outdoor recreation area: we have an area to live, play and explore
- Easily accessible
- Rich in land & resources - there is a 'future potential'
- Peaceful, quiet and serene
- Room for growth
- Strong community
- Traditional activities: Fishing, gathering medicine plants, hunting, trapping
- Small community
- Our Elders' knowledge
- Our Youths' knowledge
- Good relationship with neighbouring communities
- Community planning for recreational activities
- Good water system
- Strong leaders
- Our conservation towards the lands & wildlife
- Luncheons
- Youth involvement in cultural activities
- Elders still practicing culture
- Community support
- Communication access; cell service
- Access to school bus
- Infrastructure:
 - New health centre
 - Youth Centre
 - Upcoming hockey rink

