

?ESDILAGH COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLANNING BULLETIN

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The community has begun the process to update the ?Esdilagh Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP). In 2010 a CCP was created and can be found on our website at www.esdilagh.com. The plan covered the topics of Agricultural Development; Transfer Station, Waste and Recycling; Water System Upgrades; Highway Trespass Negotiation; Gas Bar Development; Forestry Resources; Gravel Resources; Mining, Oil and Gas; Land Use Planning; and options for Community Development Projects.

Alot has happened since 2010 and the advancements of the community needs to be documented and new plans should be made.

WHAT IS COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLANNING (CCP)?

CCP is a community owned and community driven approach to community planning.

Comprehensive means that it covers all aspects of our lives such as health, children, our language.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

It is important for us to move towards self-governance in a way that is responsible to the land, the animals, the water and our children. We need to share our stories and empower our youth to become involved in planning every step of the way.

The Nenqay Deni Accord agreement that was signed by the six communities and the Province of British Columbia on February 11, 2016 outlines 8 areas that we want to improve upon through the negotiations.

Together we can identify what we would like to see in the 8 areas and beginning dreaming for future generations.

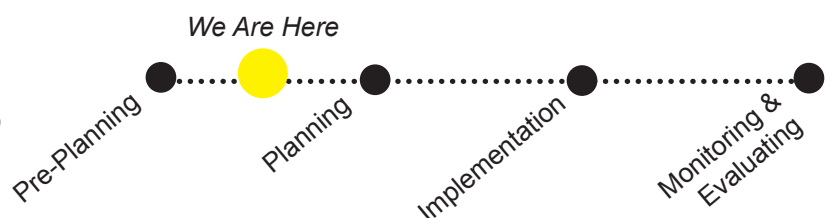
EIGHT AREAS OF PLANNING

Governance	Justice
Strong Culture & Language	Education & Training
Healthy Children & Families	Lands & Resources Management Role
Healthy Community	Sustainable Economic

HOW WILL WE MAKE A PLAN?

We can not identify where we want to go until we know where we are. We we work together to identify where we are already. We will hold many meetings to between now and March 2018 which will create the content for the 2018 CCP.

TIMELINE



Our First Planning Session

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

The first session covered a review and any advancements to the ?Esdilagh 2010 CCP Plan. The community then moved into groups and answered the questions outlined below:

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

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

INFRASTRUCTURE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

- A bridge between the East and West side of the reserve
- Candy Shop
- Small Animal Farms
- School on reserve
- Housing
 - More houses on the Eastside
 - Bigger houses in general
- Daycare
- Band Office (on reserve)
- Gymnasium
- Training Building (for education & trades)
- Healing Centre
 - Deal with drugs, alcohol, additions to prescriptions, even video game & tv addictions

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

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

EMPLOYMENT:

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

2. What do you like about ?Esdilagh?

- Its beautiful
- Its heaven
- The land (nen)
- Water, trees, berries, animals, river between the community, creeks,
- Fertile soil
- Celery, onions, medicines
- Flowers
- Hills
- Very nice view
- Baseball
- Playground
- Its quiet
- Work is here
- Like to visit with people
- Good weather
- Animals, birds and nature
- All we need is provided
- Hills
- We have an area to live, play and explore
- The people - family & Friends are here, we are one large family, we are all related
- The environment
- The new health center
- Youth Centre
- The potential for our hayfields

Our First Planning Session

Frank Joe Health Clinic (Westside)

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The meeting concluded with drawing for with door prizes. There was eight people in attendance and there were eight door prizes. The door prizes were gift certificates for Visa Cards, Grocery Card, Gas station, Subway and Itunes and two reusable water bottles.

As well, we will be scheduling individual meetings regarding membership concerns over the next few months.



?ESDILAGH CCP PLANNING

OCTOBER 25, 2017
11AM - 2PM

NEXT ?ESDILAGH CCP PLANNING LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 30, 2017

11AM - 2PM

FRANK JOE HEALTH CENTRE

**THEME: Planning Around Highway
Negotiations**

AGENDA

11am: Opening
Review of October 25, 2017
Session

12pm: LUNCH

12:30pm - 2pm: PLANNING!



Let's get together, share a meal, visit and talk about the strengths, goals, needs and wants for our community!