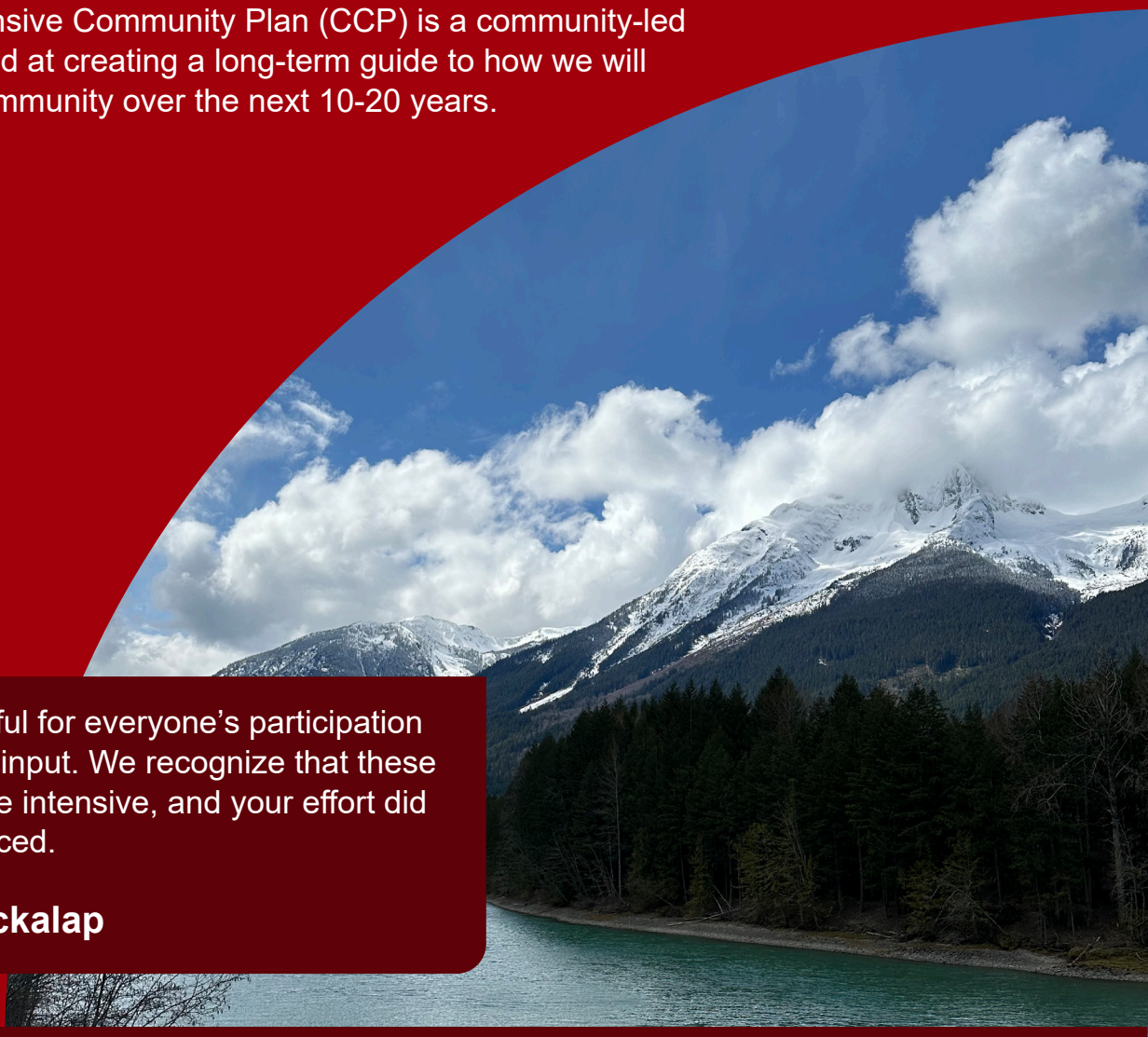
The Skatin Comprehensive Community Planning Process has begun!

SPRING 2023 COMMUNITY MEETING CCP ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY: SKATIN

What is a Comprehensive Community Plan?

A Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) is a community-led process aimed at creating a long-term guide to how we will grow as a community over the next 10-20 years.



We are grateful for everyone's participation and valuable input. We recognize that these sessions were intensive, and your effort did not go unnoticed.

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What has happened so far?

We are now still in the **pre-planning phase** of the CCP. So far we have had our first round of community meetings in spring (April 12 in Mission and April 19 in Skatin). Many members attended both meetings including all age groups - youth, Elders, members living in urban areas and members living in Skatin.

During the meetings, members completed a Health and Wellness survey for Skatin's Health and Wellness Plan and participated in engagement activities for the CCP.

The information collected from both the survey and engagement activities will be used to guide the next steps in the CCP process.

Engagement Summary

Here is a brief summary of what people have said is important in the community meetings.

There will be a more detailed "What We Heard" Report for this pre-planning phase coming later.

COMING UP NEXT...

Keep an eye out for the next event in summer:

INFORMATION SESSION "WHAT IS A CCP?"

We will go through what a CCP is and provide information on how you can be more involved in the process by being an Advisory Commitee member or a CCP trainee.

DOTMOCRACY

Question Asked: What is important to you?

Members were asked to participate in a dotmocracy activity and share comments on what was important and/or missing in Skatin. The dotmocracy activity asked members to place dots to vote on issues that were important to them regarding Community Development, Safety and Wellbeing, and Infrastructure. Comments and ideas written down on post-it notes were welcome. Each post-it note counts as one response in the comments section.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

8 dots

Protection of Traditional Lands, Waters, and Resources

4 dots

Protecting and Celebrating St’at’imc Language and Cultur

4 dots

Exercising Our Title and Rights, and Interests

2 dots

Learning & Training Opportunities

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2 dots

Education Beyond High School

1 dot

Business and Tourism to Create Jobs

COMMENTS:

5 people have said:

- Have first aid and other certificate training in the community (e.g. job training, teachers, nurses, in-home care, forest and parks services, driving licenses).

4 people have said:

- Want to see programs for language and culture in Skatin for various ages (e.g. culture and language mentorship, education language net and daycare implemented in the community building).

3 people have said:

- There is tourism and business potential (glamping site, cultural tourist attraction, cannabis dispensary).

2 people have said:

- Land Guardianship, treaty is important to gain funding and protection and education. Lands up the river need to be protected from squatters. Need security that are more active with insurance & license.
- Open communication and involving community (Chief and Council all is doing now) but more engagement with community open to community members.

Each of the following comments were made by 1 person:

- Strength in numbers.
- Traditional Law.
- Make members aware of rights.
- Really stand behind the Declaration not just words.
- Not the biggest fan of tourism and business, don't want to damage traditional lands.
- Starting students early, understanding importance of language and cultural learning in early education.
- Help/assistance for online schools. Research person in accessibility.
- More housing for teachers.
- Research employment opportunities in the valley (e.g., flagging, spacing, road work).

SAFETY & WELLBEING

10 dots
Policing and Safety

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3 dots
Substance Use and Prevention

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3 dots
Food Security

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2 dots
Protection Against Wildfire

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2 dots
Protection Against Extreme Weather

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Protection Against Flooding

COMMENTS:

7 people Have Said:

» Hard drugs are a problem. Members are selling drugs in the community, families are breaking up. There should be policies and safety protocols around substance abuse. There should be information in school about drugs to educate the next generation about it. There was a drug and alcohol counselor 12 years ago paid by SHSS but the pay was too low to survive on.

5 people have said:

» We should practice and teach tradition food teachings. Give up white flour, salt, sugar. We should be eating the food that we have: deer, fish, beaver, geese, canning, smoking, freezing. (eg.a local butcher shop/are to process food for hunters, this could be a space with freezers and equipment).

3 people have said:

» Wildfire is a concern. Members in Skatin can potentially handle fuel management on our own, there is a residents that knows how and it can be seasonal employment for people.

» Emergency preparedness is important. We should have mandatory survival meetings and more emergency services.

» Skatin should have fulltime police force to stop impaired driving. We should train young, respectful watchmen.

Each of the following comments were made by 1 person:

» Dike is about 12 years old, Climate change is a concern. Wildfire is a bigger risk.

» A proper fire truck.

» Land guardianship, implement traditional methods.

» Better communication with tribals

» Jurisdiction issues getting support from Tribal Police. Skatin is not actually part of Mount Currie jurisdiction.

» First aid programs.

» “Cit’ilkam: - traditional court.

» Bad relationship with Tribal police & RCMP. There is a lot of fear.

» BC Services can’t come in to clear snow because old cars are in the way. On time a metal truck came in and paid a little for each care 8-9 years ago.

» Foodbanks, gardens, community grocery store.

INFRASTRUCTURE

6 dots
Housing

5 dots
Emergency Medical Response

3 dots
Improved Lighting and Pathwa

2 dots
Telephone and Cell Service y

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Emergency Fire Response

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Internet Service

COMMENTS:

6 people have Said:

» Road safety is an issue. Common vehicles should call out locations like logging trucks. We need signage to keep people safe.

5 people have Said:

» Set up a proper housing committee. We need to control housing and the application process. Currently it is not fair, there are members who have been waiting 11 years.

4 people have Said:

» We need better internet wifi, cell service and more landlines. Internet service is weather dependent.

3 people have Said:

» More permanent infrastructure (e.g. helicopters, separate hose) and upgrade equipment (e.g. pumps, hose). There is unfair access.

» We need community survival training (e.g. child first aid). Emergency response can take up to 2 hours, even when flying in the weather is problematic.

2 people have Said:

» Fire is a big concern, we need a firehall, volunteer fire group and training.

Each of the following comments were made by 1 person:

» Rent to own, can't afford new home.

» Microhouses.

» Tourists.

» Improving transport to community.

» Emergency – high priority.

» Training and possible employment with community infrastructure.

» Septic maintenance is an issue for private homes, the pricing is unfair.

» We need more meetings to know what is going on with housing.