Spuzzum Comprehensive Community Planning (CCP) Update

Spuzzum First Nation is updating our 2012 Comprehensive Community Plan to help better guide us in decision-making on Reserve and result in a clear vision, goals and action plan for our great community. The project team has started working behind the scenes, gathering data, preparing for community engagement.

You can view the 2012 Plan here (http://www.spuzzumnation.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/PDFC-Spuzzum-First-Nation-CCP-Report-sm.pdf) or visit the Spuzzum Administration Building for a hard copy.



How can you participate?

There will be a couple ways to participate in the review and update of the Spuzzum CCP in **November**:

- Complete the short CCP Survey online coming soon. Hard copy surveys will be available at Spuzzum Administration Building.
- Drop in and see us on November 23rd, 2019 between 10:30am to 2:30pm for an Interactive
 Community Engagement Session to learn more about the project and share your input on a community vision, goals and actions on several topics. There will be traditional food and a crafting session offered. Participate and enter to win a great prize!

What is a Comprehensive Community Plan?

Comprehensive Community Planning is a process that engages community members in planning and implementing a holistic long-term vision for the community. It includes the development of objectives, goals and a plan of action to work towards fulfilling the vision. Many First Nations communities across Western Canada are engaged in this type of planning and are experiencing great success. Topics discussed during the planning process, and covered in a CCP include health, land,



governance, economic development, social development, culture and language and infrastructure development (housing, buildings, water, septic, roads).

Why should we update our Comprehensive Community Plan?

Comprehensive Community Planning is an important tool on the road to self-governance and building capacity for Spuzzum First Nation. Every community needs a unique approach to planning that can be adapted to their needs, culture and traditions. The CCP will help us make a positive difference in addressing the specific issues of our community.

It will help us build teamwork within, work better together and, once in place, will help us protect and celebrate our valuable cultural, traditional and natural resources. It will also open up more opportunities to apply for funding for projects in our community. Funding agencies want to see that we have a solid plan and that our priorities are identified in our CCP.

The Spuzzum First Nation CCP, last updated in 2012, is in need of review to ensure it is still relevant. The review and update provides community members the chance to give input for the future of Spuzzum and evaluate the existing content of the 2012 Plan. The update allows for the creation of a clear and more comprehensive implementation plan moving forward while bringing the plan up-to-date.

Why is it important to have your voice heard?

Everyone has a role to play in making Spuzzum a great place to live for our people today, and for generations to come. A community-driven and supported Plan is a successful plan. Providing your input on where you feel we need to go in the future and what a successful future for SFN looks like, can help Chief and Council make better, more consistent decisions.

What will we be doing this year?

We will be going into the community to learn about your values and narrowing down priorities for 'where we want to go' as a community on topics such as health, culture and language, economic development, social development, infrastructure and governance. We will be revisiting the 2012 Comprehensive Community Plan to ensure its ongoing relevance for our community.

Once we have gathered your input on a community vision and goals and actions for each CCP topic, we will work on updating the 2012 CCP.

There is also a lot of work to do behind the scenes to prepare for community engagement - research and data collection, meetings with the Planning Team, developing communications and engagement format and materials and more.



How can I learn more?

For more information on the project or to speak with someone directly about the Comprehensive Community Plan project, contact:

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