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REPORT

Event held: May 21-22, 2014

Adams Lake Recreation & Conference Centre, Adams Lake Reserve (Chase BC)

Hosted by the Moving Forward Together Regional Planning Steering Committee

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TOGETHER SHUSWAP (formally known as Moving Forward Together (MFT))

Adams Lake Conference Center
May 21 & 22, 2014

INTRODUCTION

This workshop series offered and hosted by a partnership of Shuswap area organizations and communities was facilitated by Donnella Sellars, Fraser Basin Council, and members of the MFT Steering Committee.

The workshop was held at the Adams Lake Recreation & Conference Centre and brought together approximately 70 people from the Shuswap area. Delegates came from a variety of fields, with representation from First Nations, social and economic non-profit agencies, the education, business, government and health sectors, engaged citizens and others.

Together, we provided the planning, presentations, highlighted the Shuswap Champions and the facilitation of the workshops. The Adams Lake Indian Band generously provided space for the workshops at their beautiful Conference center. The event comprised two days of learning and working together in the topic area of: Building Respectful and Effective Aboriginal/Non-Aboriginal Relationships and highlighting the champion activities.

The Workshop explored how to:

- Support multi-community, multi-government regional planning processes to build quality of life for all Shuswap residents.
- Engage in the processes to help build trust and co-operation in aboriginal and non-aboriginal communities.
- Learn about and get involved in the development of the projects and ideas championed in 2013.

This report contains a short summary of the workshop, workshop agenda, and summary evaluation results.

Members of the local organizing committee included:

- ~ Craig Duckchief, Adams Lake Indian Band
- ~ Janet McClean Senft, Shuswap Community Resources Co-op
- ~ Dorothy Argent, Aloka Consulting
- ~ Bonnie Thomas, Switzmalph Cultural Society



WORKSHOP SUMMARY – May 21, 2014 Day 1

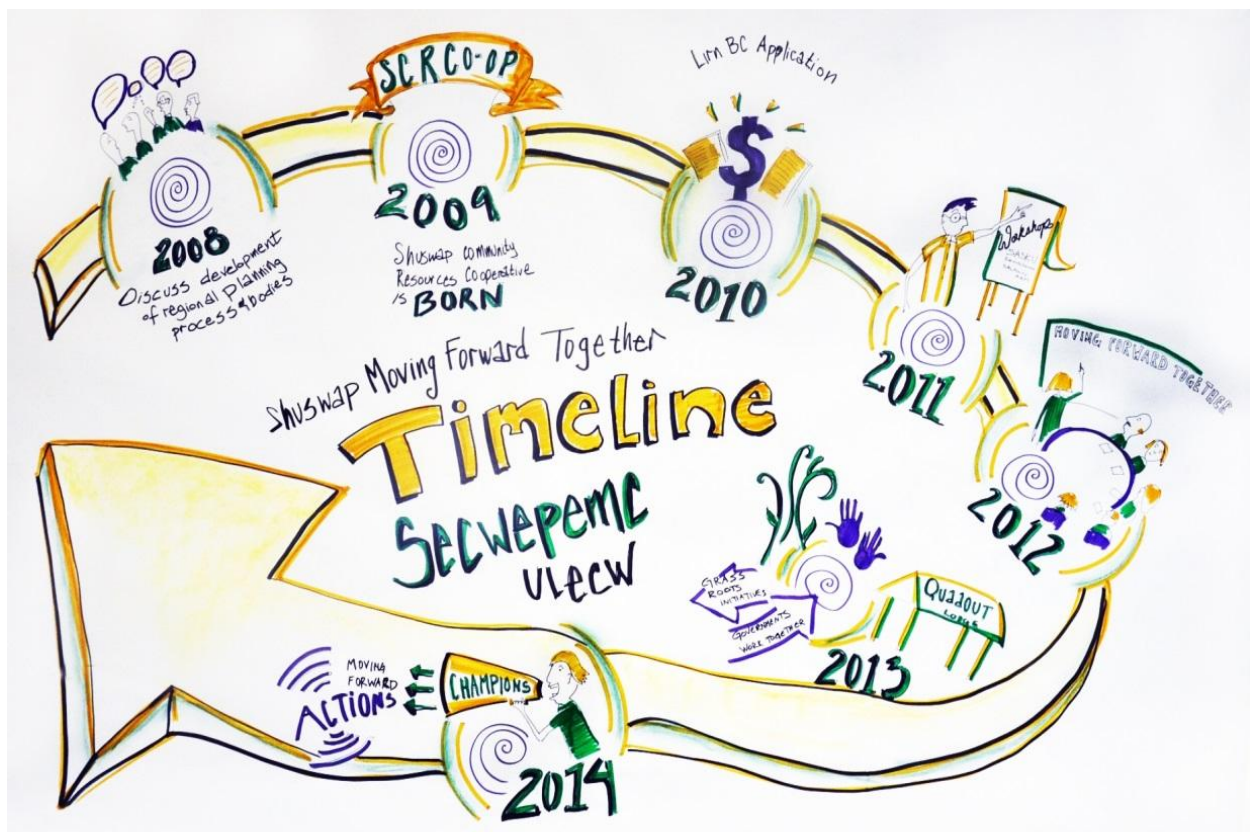
Welcoming and Opening Prayer, Councillor Ron Jules, of the Adams Lake Indian Band welcomed the delegates, Annie Michel honoured us with an opening prayer and the Chief Atahm School – Grade 2-3 Students sang a welcoming song. Thank you students, it is wonderful to hear the youth of the community sing so powerfully.



Truth, Reconciliation & Beyond by Keynote Speaker Chief Wayne Christian, Splatsh Indian Band with a question and answer period that followed.



Moving Forward Together Initiative, Janet McClean-Senft provided an overview of the initiatives and timelines. During her presentation she also spoke to the name change of the Moving Forward Together. Due to other groups using the name Moving Forward Together it became apparent that it was confusing for delegates when looking up the Shuswap initiative. So with much thought and discussion with others the Moving Forward Together initiative was renamed to Together Shuswap. We then heard a creation story by Craig Duckchief.



An Introduction to the champion activities that have been ongoing since the first series of Together Shuswap workshops with updates and highlights was presented by Dorothy Argent. Panel Presentations followed by some of the activity leads. Presentations included the following topics:

Regional Transportation Planning to Meet Diverse Needs by Brent Moffat, Regional Aboriginal Artist Data Base and Network by Tracey Kutschker, Regional Food Security & Access to Nutrition Knowledge by Janet McClean Senft, Create Opportunities to educate about the history and future of First Nations by Craig Duckchief and Creation of a Regional Data Base for communications and linkages of websites for information sharing by Jason Woodman-Simmonds.



Summary of Day 1 Workshops

Supporting our Champions

What can we do to help Support Champions?

In many communities there is always the need for more volunteers, we need to encourage co-workers, family, friends and Elders as well as continue to connect the initiatives. Set annual workshop dates with quarterly updates, utilizing the Together Shuswap website, public knowledge (radio, CBC, news print). Become ambassadors, celebrate and share information with local governments and other interested parties.

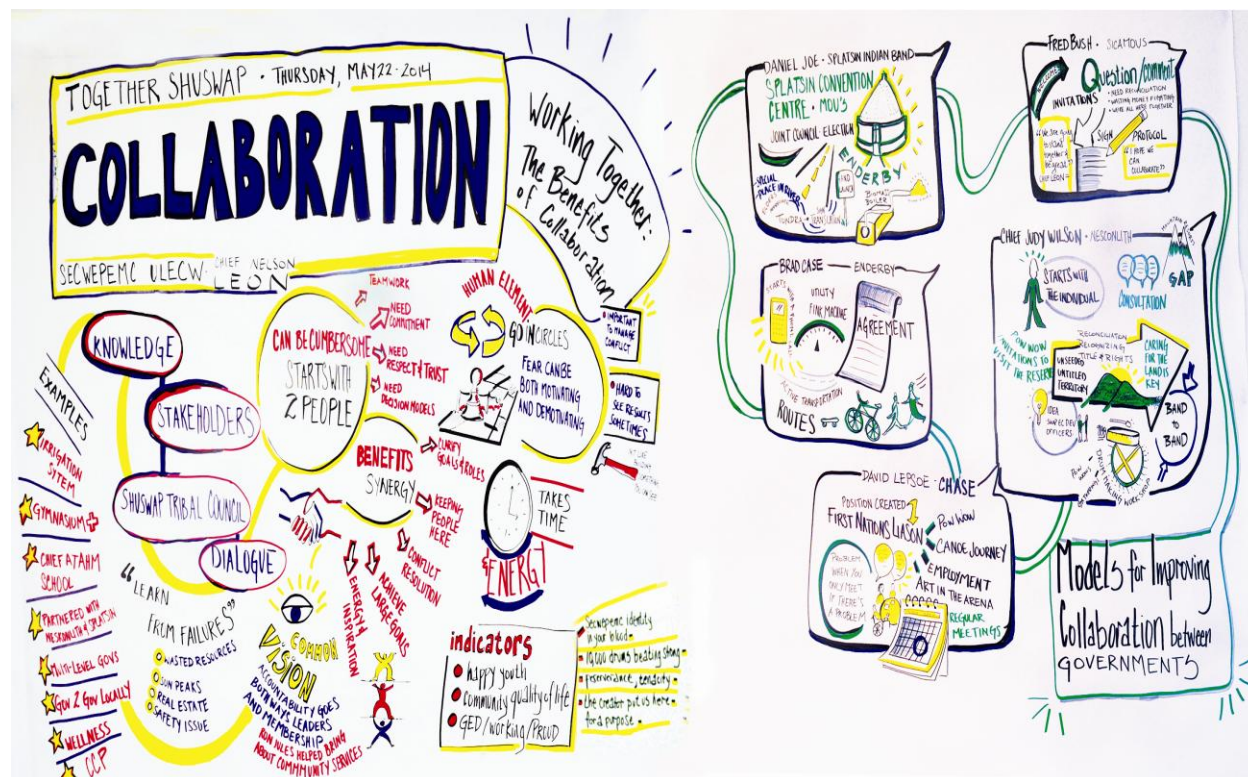


How do we continue to Support the Champion Activities?

Volunteer! When challenges arise or new ideas emerge share them, with Champion groups. Volunteer to be a guest speaker at events, network, mentor or champion meetings with expertise related to a specific topic. Work within and approach your organization or community, and see how the organization or community sector could assist champion activities.

WORKSHOP SUMMARY – May 22, 2014 Day 2

Working Together: The Benefits of Collaboration, Keynote Speaker Chief Nelson Leon, Adams Lake Indian Band. Followed by a 7 Panel Presentations moderated by Craig Duckchief.



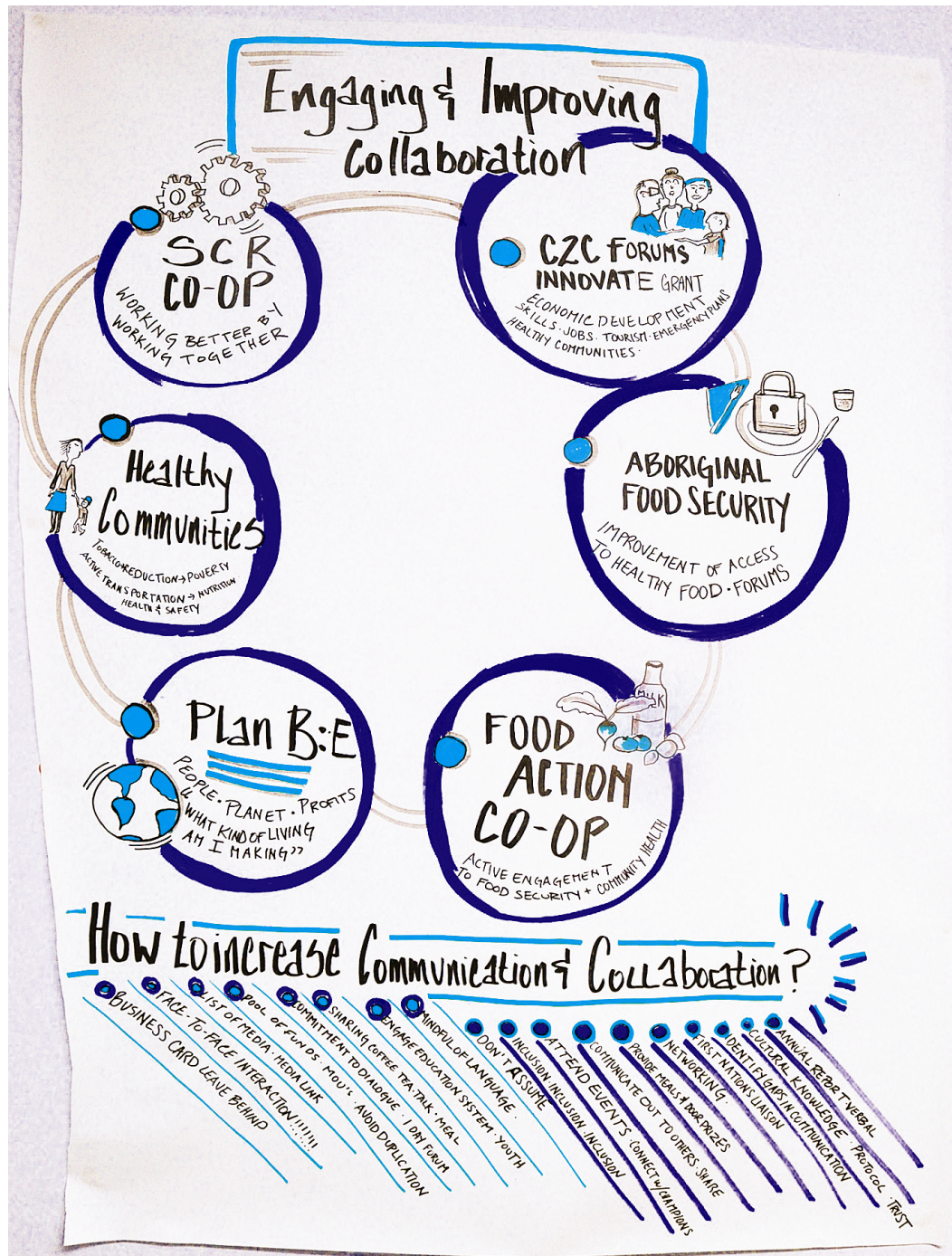
Presentations where on New Models of Collaboration between Governments, Current Initiatives, Memorandums and Agreements, presenters as followed;

Splatsin Indian Band – Daniel Joe, Councillor, District of Sicamous – Fred Bush, Councillor, City of Enderby – Tundra Baird, Councillor, City of Enderby – Brad Case, Councillor, Village of Chase – David Lepsoe, Councillor, Little Shuswap Indian Band – Chief Felix Arnouse, Neskonlith Indian Band – Chief Judy Wilson.



Engaging and Improving Collaboration between Regionally Focused Initiatives

presenters as followed; Shuswap Community Resources Co-operative - Janet McClean Senft, Shuswap Healthy Communities Coalition - Dr. Brian Ayotte, Plan B:E - Louise Wallace, Shuswap Food Action Co-op – Victor Toy, Aboriginal Food Security and Indigenous Foods – Karen Graham, Community 2 Community (C2C) and Innovate Grant - Robyn Cyr, CSRD. Panel presentations were facilitated by Donnella Sellars.



Summary of Day 2 Workshop

Developing New Models for Improving Collaboration between Regional Initiatives, Sectors, Governments, and Communities



Break Out Group question: Within your system, sector or community, what can be done to increase communication, collaboration and support for regional planning and development?

Collaborative research of existing models regarding communication protocols, service agreements.... Individuals need to identify the gaps in communications within their sectors and bring them forward to assist others in

recognizing these gaps and look at ways to dialogue and fill the gaps. Communication is critical in continuing the initiative Political/ Admin/ Community. Consider always being mindful of different cultures, language used when speaking, and continue building relationships, that will build trust.

In the afternoon there was an opportunity to network, view Champion Activity posters, learn about current initiatives, sign up and post new ones!



Day 1 – Flip Chart notes

Supporting our Champions

Group Activity:

Question One: What can we do to help Support Champions?

- More people to volunteer
- More information sharing / public knowledge (radio, CBC, news print)
- Connecting initiatives together (already existing)
- Expand the invite list
- Set annual workshop date (what's the best annual date? Spring April)
- Long term plan (1 year, 5yr, 10yr, and 15year plans)
- Resourcing Elders
- Celebrate, gratitude, what do they need?
- Crowd sourcing, Sign up on website for volunteer, work smarter not harder
- Fundraising, grants, and proposals, common understanding course, create database of everyone's skills
- Sharing information, referrals,
- Familiar with each activity, (quarterly updates visa website (post on FB)
- Donate space for venues, educate
- Keep and involve government, council, chief and council
- Put map on website
- Become ambassadors, what can you contribute?
- Creation of Community regional gardens and funding
- Link with colleges to provide practicum students
- Create database, catalogue, Facebook where champions can join. Eg. Artists, food markets, can join rather than each champion having separate pages
- Cross pollination (becoming active members) community champions
- Identification of assets within communities
- Supporter activity group – communication linkages – Human resources communication action group, one on one-networking, marketing, via website, FB, etc.
- Resource database – First Nations / Non First Nations website with linkages
- Proposal writing services
- Great First Nations representation
- Going with what your heart says and getting on board
- Huge need for health and food action for healthy food, needs more volunteers to help it be a reality
- Draw more on participant specific skills such as: website development and grant writing
- 2 day workshop on grant and proposal writing July 24&25, early bird \$300
- Utilize social media to share the message
- Food security international issue, 50 years, 9 billion, need 70% more food that is being produced
- How do you know how much is enough, look strategically – GIS mapping, ie food – what do we import and what can we grow
- Avoid duplication



Question 2: How do we continue to Support the Champion Activities?

- Put information onto websites
- Continue to have guest speakers/forums with expertise related to a specific topic
- Create value in Grader 11/12 students with the help of School District
- Lots of networking
- Leverage between groups
- Links to the First Nations websites – authorized by band protocol!!
- Generally need to know what is required, an update on Activity
- What are the challenges – what are the opportunities
- Website (best practices), webinars, youtube
- Sharing – First Nations knowledge, non-profit tips and practices
- Secure login for Champion access (SharePoint or cloud computing)
- Ensure consideration of First Nations relationships
- Corporate sponsorship?
- Need details of activities
- Community radio (connect with the public, voice of the Shuswap)
- Newspaper column workshops (some not during regular business hours)
- Word of mouth (social media)
- Volunteers welcome!!
- Need to get clear on what are the initiatives, what are the challenges, who are the volunteers?
- Regular learning opportunities
 - I.e. Webinars, youtube, grant writing, First Nations knowledge and protocol
- Profiles of the champions (those involved)
- How to engage youth! “me-2-we”
- Small one off project days
- Society (charitable status, co-ordinated grants, caution)
- Stay in touch
- Follow up
- Get politicians involved and at the same table
- Create resource development champion groups to secure funding
- Community radio development to share information
- Ongoing reporting/ documentation of activities
- Human resources database for all communities
- Marketing strategy with tools: ie newsletters, newspapers, website, workshops, etc.
- Volunteers – marketing for more volunteers for each activity
- Use watershed as basis for sustainable decision making
- We need a land management framework
- Build a model
- Build a foundation safety so you are heard and can hear
- Unique forum to support this dialogue



Day 2 Flip Chart Notes

Developing New Models for Improving Collaboration between Regional Initiatives, Sectors, Governments, and Communities



Break Out Group question: Within your system, sector or community, what can be done to increase communication, collaboration and support for regional planning and development?

Group 1

- First Nations community Liaison at CSRD (Columbia-Shuswap Regional District) in Salmon Arm similar to the Chase Model
- Identify gaps in communication / communication levels (grassroots/Admin/Political)
- Better understanding / Knowledge sharing (culture) at different levels of community, communities
- Attendance/ presence at community events and sharing information re: events
- Invitation to First Nations communities at Boards, Committees, Communities, etc.
 - Protocol sharing
 - One to one contact
- Sharing annual reports/ activities of the community verbally/ written
- Communicating with like-minded individuals / organizations/ communities
- Building understanding / trust between First Nations and Non-First Nations at workshops, events, and informal

Group 2

- Question is overwhelming
- Attending events like this one to increase networking
- Connecting with champions
- Communicate to those who can't be here
- Conservative effort as to who the information needs to go to
- Phone call, follow up with email, text, or technology
- Collaborative planning techniques
- Awareness and mindful of what's happening in our own communities
- Connecting your resources
- Sharing information and networking your colleagues/knowledge

- How do we get involved in regional planning if we don't know about it?
- Provide meals, door prizes
- Representation from all areas, First Nations and non-First Nations
- Contacting government officials, mayor and council

Group 3

- Never assume anything!
- Explore consolidation, avoid duplication
- Clarification of roles, grants, mind map – need for someone/group to champion
- Increase communication between regional organizations
- Political leadership to acknowledge what we are doing is valid
 - Invite to meetings
- Encourage protocols with political leaders
- Go back to a one day forum/ Moving Forward Together
- More dialogue – capture 900 years of experience
- Connect decision / policy makers to grassroots/ community organizations – ie Shuswap Healthy Communities Coalition and MFT/ Together Shuswap
- Inclusion – Inclusion – Inclusion



Group 4

- Continued commitment to keep dialogue going TOGETHER SHUSWAP workshops
- Identify partnerships and organizations
- Use collective networks and resources
- Remember to dialogue one-on-one, face-to-face. Talk about it from bottom up
- Involve all levels of government
- In the home conversations at home
- Merge town hall and band meetings around a shared meal for Regional Planning
- Reach out from your silo's
- Programming and planning, and engaging in Education
- Education protocol
 - History
- Mindful of language, be mindful of all cultures
 - Choosing words, common sense, mindfulness
- Chamber of commerce (Splatsin on board) (Enderby)
- Chamber of commerce Neskonlith representation Chase
- Eg SAED Board (chamber, Adams Lake)
- Communications – keep each other informed
- Program Coordinators in Schools
 - Aboriginal Support workers
- Municipal Government to First Nations Government, between Salmon Arm, Neskonlith, Adams Lake, Splatsin, Shuswap
- Canoe journey – invited Mayor of Salmon Arm, informal at events

- A youth conference – ie Rural Youth Diversity Project, Gathering our Voices, Project Comeback Chase (one of five communities)
 - Legacy (Young Adults)
- Together Shuswap – planning committee
 - Youth, young adults
 - Youth engagement
- Salmon Arm Friendship Center, a gathering place for coffee, tea, and to talk
- Camping trip for youth in Shuswap region
- Retreats, (informal)
- Pre-schoolers unplug and play for adults

Group 5

- Having consistency (documentation/leadership)
- Some people don't "text, email, Facebook, etc.", face to face (rarely happens)
- Bringing over lapping groups together (avoid burnout)
- Social interaction (coffee shop-interaction)
- Ensuring there is enough time so that you are not rushing through A-Y just to finish Z and be done
- Being rushed you don't get the important information
- Encourage city council leaders to reach out to First Nation Bands and have MOU's and vice versa
- Groups/ organizations need to get out to the community (school's/offices etc.) to let community members know what's going on in that organization
- Overload, because so much is going on
- Streamline information
- Each organization needs a media person
- Create a media resource list (so we know where to advertise for free)
- More collaboration – open up funding to pool together for same events/ideas to include everyone not only your area/community



Group 6

- Priority
- Message to community (communication)
- Knowing who to connect to easily in understanding where to go (welcome wagon)
- Open communication with who represents you
- Space for venues/ dialogue
- Demonstrate the impacts for supporting
- Chase/First Nations – Community funding for making support for programs / initiatives / events
- Business card/ pamphlet *reminder
- Communication – critical in continuing the initiative Political/ Admin/ Community

Shuswap Coalition Together Shuswap

- Need a Formal structure
- Volunteers
- Identify gaps
- Reaching to all communities, more participation
- Have to connect and communicate
- Postcard MP/MLA
- Media
- Overall: budget consideration in planning

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Together Shuswap

Moving Forward Together Workshop

Adam's Lake Recreation and Conference Centre, Chase, BC
May 21st & 22nd, 2014 9:30AM – 4:00PM

Agenda

Facilitator: Donnell Sellars, Fraser Basin Council
Workshop Graphic Recorder: Jennifer Nichols, Fraser Basin Council

Wednesday, May 21st

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| 09:30 – 10:00 | Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome – Ron Jules, Councillor, Adams Lake Indian Band• Prayer – Annie Michel• Welcome Song – Chief Atahm School – Grade 2-3 Students |
| 10:00 – 10:45 | Keynote Speaker: <i>Truth, Reconciliation & Beyond</i>
Chief Wayne Christian, Splatshin Indian Band |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | Questions |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | Break |
| 11:15 – 11:25 | Overview of Moving Forward Together Initiative
– Janet McClean-Senft |
| 11:25 – 11:50 | Creation Story – Craig Duckchief, Adams Lake Indian Band |
| 11:50 – 12:00 | Questions |
| 12:00 – 1:00 | Catered Lunch |
| 01:00 – 01:10 | Champion Activities Update and Highlights – Dorothy Argent |
| 01:10 – 01:40 | Panel Presentations from some of the Activity leads <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ <i>Regional Transportation Planning to Meet Diverse Need</i> - Brent Moffat➤ <i>Regional Aboriginal Artist Data Base and Network</i> -Tracey Kutschker➤ <i>Regional Food Security & Access to Nutrition Knowledge</i> – Janet McClean Senft➤ <i>Create Opportunities to educate about the history and future of First Nations</i> – Craig Duckchief➤ <i>Creation of a Regional Data Base for communications and linkages of websites for information sharing</i> – Jason Woodman-Simmonds |
| 01:40 – 01:50 | Questions |
| 01:50 – 02:20 | Group Activity – Supporting the Champions
<i>What can we do to help the champions move forward? How do we continue to support their activities?</i> |
| 02:20 – 2:50 | Group reports |
| 02:50 – 03:10 | Break |
| 03:10 – 03:45 | Champion Activities – Opportunity to network, view Champion Activity posters and learn more about current initiatives! |
| 3:45 – 4:00 | Graphic Recording by Jennifer Nichols and Closing Remarks |

Thursday, May 22nd

09:30 – 09:45	Welcome, Opening Ceremony & Prayer
09:45 – 09:55	Review of Graphic Recording - Day 1 - Jennifer Nichols
09:55 – 10:20	Keynote Speaker: <i>Working Together: The Benefits of Collaboration</i> Chief Nelson Leon, Adams Lake Indian Band
10:20 – 10:40	Questions & Discussion
10:00 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 11:45	New Models of Collaboration between Governments Current Initiatives, Memorandums and Agreements Panel Presentation – Moderator : Craig Duckchief <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Splatsin Indian Band – Daniel Joe, Councillor➤ District of Sicamous – Fred Bush, Councillor➤ City of Enderby – Tundra Baird, Councillor➤ City of Enderby – Brad Case, Councillor➤ Village of Chase – David Lepsoe, Councillor➤ Little Shuswap Indian Band – Chief Felix Arnouse➤ Neskonlith Indian Band – Chief Judy Wilson
11:45 – 12:00	Question and Answer
12:00 – 01:00	Catered Lunch
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01:50 – 02:20	Break Out Groups - Developing New Models for Improving Collaboration between Regional Initiatives, Sectors, Governments, and Communities <i>Within your system, sector or community, what can be done to increase communication, collaboration and support for regional planning and development?</i>
02:20 – 02:40	Group reports
02:40 – 02:55	Break
02:55 – 03:15	Champion Activities – Opportunity to network, view Champion Activity posters, learn about current initiatives and post new ones!
03:15 – 03:30	Review and summary of workshop
03:30 – 04:00	Closure and Farewell Dance