

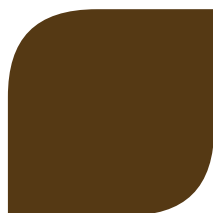
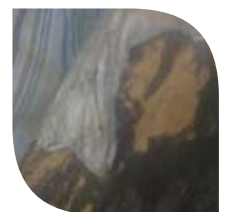
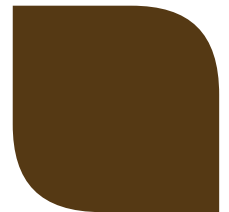
Community Planning

Funding Sources, Case Studies & Best Practices

A Resource List for
BC's First Nations
Governments



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The Smart Planning Initiative

Smart Planning for Communities, a program of the Fraser Basin Council, offers local and First Nations governments the services of skilled Sustainability Facilitators in communities across BC.

Our Facilitators are available to provide free assistance with community planning processes. We offer advice that will fit your community on process, strategy and new technology, as well as on how to use local and traditional knowledge in your plans.

Our services include:

- Process advice and assistance
- Strategic planning support
- Hosting learning forums for community members to share local and traditional knowledge
- Technical Expertise
- Online Resources
- First Nations Community Planning

Several First Nations communities in British Columbia are moving towards a sustainable future. These communities have requested increased access to expertise, networks and information to continue making plans for a sustainable future.

This document (digital copy found at www.smartplanningbc.ca under funding, tools and resources) provides links to resources for planning well such as frameworks and funding opportunities. This Planning Resource also lists Success Stories and Best Practices from communities actively working to improve opportunities for today's generation and for the community seven generations from now.

You can combine this information, examples of lessons learned and resource sharing with an in-person Smart Planning session by contacting:

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1. Community Planning Information

Community Plans should address all aspects of community life, such as governance, land and resources, health, infrastructure, culture and social issues.

Planning smart can help guide your community through challenges. Solutions addressed in community plans promote health, build teamwork and expertise, protect resources, celebrate traditions and culture and create wealth. The process enables communities to build a roadmap to sustainability, self-sufficiency and improved governance capacity.



1.1. CCP Handbook – Comprehensive Community Planning for First Nations in British Columbia

- <http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ai/scr/bc/proser/fna/ccp/ccphb/pub/ccphb-eng.asp#toc>

1.2. CCP Best Practices

Gaining Momentum – Sharing 50 Best Practices of First Nations Comprehensive Community Planning

- <http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/downloads/ccp-short-version.pdf>

1.3. CCP Frequently Asked Questions

- <http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ai/scr/bc/proser/fna/ccp/tlrsc/faq-eng.asp>

1.4. Planning for Sustainability: a Starter Guide, TNS 2009

- <http://www.thenaturalstep.org/en/canada/toolkits>

2. Funding

External funding can support an entire plan, specific topic areas or stages in the planning process.

2.1. Funding Sources for British Columbia Communities

<http://communityfutures.com/cms/index.php?id=168>

- The following pages are the results of a partnership between the [BC Rural Team](#), [BC Rural Network](#), [BC Healthy Communities](#), [Canadian Cancer Society's Community Capacity Building Strategy](#), and [Community Futures of Greater Trail](#). These pages provide information on sources of funding and support for community development in BC.

2.2. First Nation Infrastructure Fund (FNIF) Program Guide

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ih/ci/pubs/prg/prg-eng.asp#chp1>

- First Nations are invited to participate in the First Nation Infrastructure Fund Third Call for proposals. First Nations are to submit their application forms, including project proposals, to their respective Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) regional office.

2.3. British Columbia Capacity Initiative (BCCI)

<http://www.bccapacity.org/>

- Call for Proposal notices are sent out to First Nations and First Nation Organizations annually in early fall.

2.4. Professional and Institutional Development (P&ID) Program

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ap/gov/igsp/pid/index-eng.asp>

- Please contact P&ID Program Administration at (604) 775-1500

2.5. Community Economic Opportunities Program (CEOP)

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ecd/ep/ceo/index-eng.asp>

- Please contact Economic Development Directorate at (604) 666-7891

2.6. Aboriginal Business Canada (ABC)

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ecd/ab/abc/abcnu-eng.asp>

- Aboriginal Business Canada is a program of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). Working with clients and partners, we provide a range of services and support that is helping to promote the growth of a strong Aboriginal business sector in Canada.

2.7. Western Economic Diversification (WD)

<http://www.wd.gc.ca/eng/16.asp>

- WD receives an annual allocation, approved by Parliament, for grants and contributions that support a wide range of programs responding to Western Canada's economic development needs and priorities.

2.8. Community Futures

<http://www.communityfutures.ca/provincial/bc/index.html>

- Comprised of 34 locally and strategically positioned organizations, the BC Community Futures Network has a significant impact on the socio-economic development and diversification of the rural communities it serves.

2.9. Rural Economic Diversification Initiative of British Columbia (REDI-BC)

<http://www.communityfutures.ca/provincial/bc/REDI/>

- The Rural Economic Diversification Initiative of British Columbia (REDI-BC) is a joint initiative between Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) and Community Futures British Columbia, to encourage economic diversification in rural communities. From October 1, 2008 to March 31, 2012 on March 15, June 15, September 15, December 1

2.10. Real Estate Foundation of BC

<http://www.realestatefoundation.com/>

- The Real Estate Foundation provides both project funding and endowment grants to non-profit organizations. Endowment grants are available only to organizations with charitable status (federal tax number). Project funding is granted to help an organization attain particular goals in a specified time period.



2.11. Community to Community Forums (C2C)

http://www.cd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/gov_structure/firstnations/c2c_forum.htm

- Call for applications are twice each year, in the spring and in the fall.

2.12. Building Governance Capacity

<http://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding/first-nations-relations/building-governance-capacity.html>

2.13. New Relationship Trust

<http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/home>

<http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/initiatives/deadlines>

- NRT supports Nation Building by assisting First Nations and their communities in five key capacity development areas: governance, education, language & culture, youth & Elders, and economic development. Please check back in early 2010 for next year's funding initiatives to be announced.



2.14. CivicInfoBC – Find Grants

<http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/18.asp>

- The grants database is updated continuously, and new grants are generally added as soon as application details are made public

2.15. Rural BC – Funding Programs

<http://datafind.gov.bc.ca/query.html?st=11&charset=utf-8&style=ruralbc&qp=url%3Aruralbc.gov.bc.ca/&qt=First+Nations>

- The RuralBC website provides easy reference to resources and program funding information designed to assist communities and regions.

2.16. Northern Development Initiative Trust

<http://northerndevelopment.bc.ca/>

- The purpose of the Northern Development Initiative is to give Northern communities the funding, control and a mechanism to identify and pursue new opportunities for stimulating sustainable economic growth and job creation in their regions

2.17. Northern Development Grant Writing Support Program

http://www.ruralbc.gov.bc.ca/grant_writing.htm

- The Grant Writing Support program provides all municipalities, regional districts, and First Nations band councils within the Northern Development Initiative Trust region with a \$7,500 grant from the Cross Regional Account to hire a writer/researcher to prepare grant applications to any and all funding agencies or government programs.

2.18. First Nations Health Council

http://www.fnhc.ca/index.php/community_engagement/funding/

- The role of the BC First Nations Health Council is to support and assist BC's 203 diverse First Nations communities to realize their health aspirations and priorities.

2.19. **Smart Planning for Communities Website** - Funding, Tools & Resources Links

http://fraserbasin.bc.ca/programs/spc_links.html#funding

- Smart Planning for Communities (SPC) is a BC-wide collaborative initiative to assist local and First Nations governments in addressing their long-term sustainability challenges by providing resources and tools for planning socially, culturally, economically and environmentally sustainable communities.

2.20. **Support Program Guide for First Nation & Civic**

[http://smartplanning.pcna.ca/files/Funding/Community%20Energy%20Support%20Programs%20-%20updated%20Nov3-09\).pdf](http://smartplanning.pcna.ca/files/Funding/Community%20Energy%20Support%20Programs%20-%20updated%20Nov3-09).pdf)

- Community Energy Efficiency & Clean Energy Projects. Most programs listed are competitive processes and should be verified with the listed funding agencies and / or by contacting Danielle Myles at danielle.myles@gov.bc.ca or 250-952-6347.

2.21. **Aboriginal Youth Sport Legacy Fund**

<http://2010iyg.com/>

- To work in partnership with community organizations, non-government organizations, the private sector and all levels of government to develop sustainable legacies in sport and recreation, healthy living, arts, literacy, accessibility and volunteerism.

3. **CCP Case Studies**

First Nations Communities across BC are demonstrating leadership in sustainability planning. Learn from your neighbours examples. The full case studies from Yekooche, Lytton, Ktunaxa and Okanagan can be found at <http://ainc-inac.gc.ca/ai/scr/bc/proser/fna/ccp/ccphb/pub/ccphb-eng.asp#pfnp>

3.1. **Yekooche First Nation**

Remote community, accessible by gravel logging road, 200 people

<http://www.yekooche.com/nativeheritage.htm>

Actions:

- Health assessment with community review and discussion
- Designed appropriate governance and administrative model through
- Gathering information
- Building a planning team

Results

- The initial health assessment evolved into 9 comprehensive plans (Language/Culture, Economic Environment, Education/Health services, Physical Environment)
- The Health Advisory Committee formed as a result of the community review now provides a forum for community consultation for Health and Social Services

3.2. **Lytton First Nation**

Population 1700, part of larger nation made up of 53 reserves in Southern BC

<http://www.lyttonfirstnations.ca/>

Actions:

- Formed a steering committee of community members only.
- Allowed the membership to engage in open discussions.
- Engaged significantly with the elders and youth decision-making body. Helped to develop leadership skills
- Did a lot of pre-planning to counteract pressure

Results:

- Established a five year strategic plan
- Conducted a major agricultural and health assessment
- Updated outdated INAC information
- Conducted a massive health survey on the population (people with disabilities etc.)
- Redefined organization and updated organizational charts
- Began to access services and partners outside of INAC



3.3. Ktunaxa Nation

Approx. 1500 nation members in four communities: ʔAʔkisiqʔnuk, St. Maryʔs, Tobacco Plains and Lower Kootenay - The Ktunaxa are characterized by two distinctive groups the Upper and Lower Ktunaxa

<http://www.ktunaxa.org/>

Actions:

- Went through an extensive energy assessment process

Results

- Determined that to save energy and money they need their buildings retrofit
- Exploring creating an energy advisor position with the support of BC Hydro
- Created a community vision

Ktunaxa First Nation Vision Statement: *Strong healthy citizens and communities, speaking our languages and celebrating who we are and our history in our ancestral homelands, working together, managing our lands and resources as a self-sufficient, self-governing Nation.*

3.4. Okanagan Indian Band

Five communities of 1700 people, half of who live off-reserve, several non-band members living in developments on Okanagan land

<http://www.okib.ca/>

Action

- Held meetings to engage community in discussions about accessing services and managing development
- Collected data at public meetings
- Held community-to-community forums with Vernon, Kelowna and Lumby Councils and mayors
- Now meet regularly with City of Vernon regarding development applications

Results

- Maps with community input about how land should develop
- Started a joint venture between Okanagan Indian Band and Lumby
- Formed strong working relationships with planners in nearby jurisdictions
- First Nations' Community Development Division is fully informed and has input into proposed changes to services
- City of Vernon and Okanagan Indian Band's GIS departments work jointly on mapping
- Purchased GIS system, do mapping in-house
- Developed internal strategic planning capacity

4. First Nation Successes

First Nations Communities across BC are demonstrating leadership in sustainability planning. Learn from your neighbours examples.

4.1. Success Stories on INAC website

Aboriginal communities across Canada have success stories to share. In this section you can learn about community-driven efforts to improve the lives of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal individuals, families and communities.

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ai/ss/index-eng.asp>

Enjoy stories on any of these topics:

Aboriginal Peoples & Communities

Look and listen to these short videos featuring the success of First Nations, Inuit, Métis and Northern communities. Whether it's about education, culture or governance, they all have the same goal - improving the quality of life of Aboriginal people across Canada.

Environment and natural resources

Sharing success stories is a vital part of the Climate Change program at Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. Here you will see projects of all kinds being implemented by Aboriginal and northern communities in collaboration with corporations and other government departments.

Health and well being

The program gives First Nations a sense of community ownership of the projects that they develop under the initiative. First Nations design the projects themselves to address the diverse and unique needs of the people in their communities, while at the same time reducing child poverty.

Infrastructure and Housing

Read about how a number of Aboriginal communities have experienced improvements in their housing situation. These communities have implemented and managed housing activities, in part by administering these government funds, and by identifying and obtaining additional funding from other sources, such as financial institutions, to support their needs.

4.2. Haida Nation

http://www.haidanation.ca/Pages/Haida_Nation/History.html

The Haida Nation has put up \$800 million to buy up to a 40-per-cent stake in an energy company that plans to place wind turbines off the northern coast of British Columbia. The agreement struck with NaiKun Wind Energy Group Inc. calls for the construction of 110 hydro-generating wind



turbines in the Hecate Strait, about 100 kilometres from Prince Rupert, according to the company's website. The electricity generated by the turbines will be enough to power 130,000 homes, said Doug McClelland of NaiKun. Read more: <http://www.cbc.ca/canada/british-columbia/story/2009/08/18/bc-haida-wind-turbine-investment.html?ref=rss#ixzz0jaQB07V5>

4.3. Tsawataineuek First Nation

The Tsawataineuek community is located on Kingcome Inlet, about 300 km northwest of Vancouver. The current number of people living in the community is 59 (as of November 21, 2007). <http://www.mttc.ca/>

Action

- Discussed alternatives to expensive and polluting diesel generation including; housing retrofits to improve energy efficiency, setting up a utility, and solar thermal heating as an alternative to electric baseboards.

Results

- Still in process



4.4. T'Sou-ke First Nation

<http://www.tsoukenation.com/about/>

The T'Sou-ke First Nation at Sooke, BC, has become the largest solar energy producing community in BC, and one of the most solar intensive in the country. At a special gathering in mid-July, the T'Sou-ke Nation unveiled its solar power project. Solar energy will power the band office, fisheries

building, canoe shed and 25 homes on the reserve. Nine of the band members have been certified as solar panel installers. In addition, about 37 homes on the reserve get hot water from solar panels on their roofs, and almost all the remaining residents are on the waiting list. The band intends to equip all 86 homes on the reserve with solar panels. The T'Sou-ke will also provide 50 hot water tanks to another nearby village. Chief Gordon Planes said that the project is intended to become a blueprint to help other communities to reduce their carbon footprint.

T'Sou-ke Nation: [Solar forum & gathering](#)

Victoria Times Colonist story: [Solar power reserve](#)

CBC story: [Solar power project](#)

- Project models energy autonomy for other BC Aboriginal communities. <http://thetyee.ca/News/2009/07/24/FirstNationSolarPower/>

4.5. Hupacasath First Nation

- Regional District of Nanaimo and the Hupacasath First Nation signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish common goals and recognize the role of one another in creating and managing a park at the top of Mount Arrowsmith.

4.6. Tsawwassen First Nation

- BUS SERVICE

For the first time, bus service is connecting a First Nation in Metro Vancouver to the rest of the TransLink system. This represents the first benefit of an upcoming treaty which establishes self government for the Tsawwassen First Nation. Tsawwassen First Nation Chief Kim Baird notes this is the first tangible benefit of the treaty establishing self government for TFN. That treaty will take effect in April 2009. “Our members now have much greater opportunity to access employment and services in our neighbouring municipality and in the broader region. This is a direct effect of the treaty that impacts all our members on Tsawwassen Lands.”

4.7. British Columbia First Nations Success Stories

Whether it's developing comprehensive community plans, managing effective water and wastewater systems, launching innovative economic development projects or forging partnerships, First Nations in BC are making great strides towards improving the quality of life in their communities. We are pleased to highlight the many successes of First Nations individuals and communities around the province through the stories on this section of our site.

- <http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ai/scr/bc/fnbc/sucsty/index-eng.asp>

4.8. A Series of Success Stories on Housing Related Topics – CMHC

CMHC offers programs, innovative financing techniques, training tools and information to increase building capacity and address housing needs in First Nations communities.

- http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/ab/onre/onre_031.cfm

4.9. First Nation Forestry Program Success Stories

These success stories demonstrate how the Government of Canada is supporting wise stewardship, skills development, innovation and entrepreneurship in First Nations communities. They also bear witness to how First Nations people, through the FNFP, are seizing the many growing opportunities in forestry to improve the quality of life in their communities.

- <http://dsp-psd.pwgsc.gc.ca/Collection/Fo42-327-2005E.pdf>

4.10. 2005-2010 CAEE Successes

The Community Action on Energy and Emissions (CAEE) initiative provides financial and research support to BC local governments and First Nations to advance energy efficiency, energy conservation and emissions reductions measures through policy and planning tools. The program is administered by the Fraser Basin Council.

<http://www.fraserbasin.bc.ca/programs/caee.html>



5. Best Practices

5.1. National Centre for First Nations Governance

We support First Nations as they seek to implement their right to self-governance and improve their day-to-day government operations. The National Centre for First Nations Governance is the leader in delivering Nation rebuilding services to First Nations in Canada. We are a non-profit organization governed and staffed by experienced and highly trained Aboriginal professionals. The Centre operates independently of Government and First Nations political organizations.

<http://fngovernance.org/index.htm>

<http://fngovernance.org/toolkit/>

5.2. New Relationship Trust – Prepared for

Best Practices Reports: Consultation and Accommodation for First Nations

- http://indigenouspeoplesissues.com/attachments/2240_consultation-and-accommodation-report.pdf

Best Practices Reports: Environmental Assessments for First Nations

- http://indigenouspeoplesissues.com/attachments/2240_environmental-assessments-report.pdf

Best Practices Reports: Governance for First Nations

- http://indigenouspeoplesissues.com/attachments/2240_governance-report.pdf

Best Practices Reports: Land Use Planning for First Nations

- http://indigenouspeoplesissues.com/attachments/2240_land-use-planning-bp-report.pdf

5.3. Sliammon First Nation and City of Powell River Sharing “BEST PRACTICES” in Intergovernmental Relations and Planning

Report

http://www.bctreaty.net/files/pdf_documents/Sliammon_Best_Practices_Intergovtl_Plg.pdf

