

Launch of Strategic Planning Process Nechako Watershed Roundtable

Background: The NWR was established in October 2015, making 2020 our 5-year milestone. To mark this, the Nechako Watershed Roundtable is initiating a planning process to map out future directions for the NWR. The launch of this process took place on Oct 21st at the time previously marked for the NWR Annual Meeting which was postponed due to the BC Provincial Election. At this meeting, Core Committee members and interested Roundtable members came to shared understandings around the process, outcomes and timeline for this strategic planning.

Launch Meeting Conclusions: The October 21st meeting was attended by 19 Roundtable and Core Committee members, including perspectives from First Nations, provincial and local government, and academia and NGO's. We heard reinforcement from the group that the NWR could add value to what groups are already doing, and that we are moving in a decent direction. The group agreed that this is a good time to move forward with the launch of a strategic planning process. Two guiding principles for the planning process emerged from discussions.

Principles to Guide Planning Process:

- *The planning process should help to fuel a broader awareness and reconciliation of ways we can live together in the watershed.*
- *The planning process should honour, support and create awareness about work that is already happening in the watershed.*

Planning Process: The planning process will include the following four steps.

Phase	Details	When
Organize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop timelines and a schedule for strategic planning • Assemble an Advisory Committee • Engagement: Raise awareness among all relevant groups of process 	Nov/Dec 2020
Imagine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gather relevant documents and review information • Engagement: Online survey of NWR members 	Jan-Mar 2021
Envision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compile results and start drafting goals and objectives • Engagement: Online sessions with participants to refine goals 	Mar-Apr 2021
Launch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write draft strategic plan • Revise draft based on feedback 	Apr-June 2021

Facilitator: The NWR will work with planning and facilitation consultant Joan Chess to facilitate this process. Joan brings a strong familiarity with the Nechako region and experience working with small communities to this work.

Outcome: The final strategic plan document will define our identity and role in the watershed. This will allow us to more effectively provide needed services in the watershed and attract funding for our work.

Thank-you for your time! Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns about the planning process. For general information about the NWR, please check out our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).