

Comprehensive Community Planning Project

Ditidaht First Nation is working on a new planning document – a **Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP)** for the community. This project is different than a strategic plan, land use plan, or a physical development plan (some of the plans that have been completed in the past – you may have been involved in the development of these plans).

A CCP covers all issues important to the community, including topics that would be contained in other kinds of plans. That is, the CCP sets out objectives and actions relating to the lands, but will also include any other issues important to the community. These may relate to people (home and away), education, housing, governance, social issues, environment, aquaculture, health, safety, cultural issues, economic development, forestry, sustainability... a CCP is a way to ensure all factors are weighed and balanced in a plan for moving forward toward positive change.

The CCP also ties to the Treaty Process and can be useful in identifying community directions for Treaty.

Why do a Comprehensive Community Plan?

The purpose of the **CCP** is to provide agreed-on actions on how to strengthen and sustain the wellbeing of our people, our lands, and our waters.

The CCP will be used by local governments, the province, the federal government, and private groups like forestry companies and tourism operators to understand the priorities of DFN. Overall, the CCP sets out a roadmap for the next 5 or 10 years, identifying specific actions to achieve DFN's goals and vision. Having a Plan benefits the community by clarifying how positive change can be achieved while still protecting the values and ways of the community. Having a Plan also helps a community be proactive – able to seek out opportunities and plan for the future – instead of reacting to outside influences and situations.

Who decides on the content of a Comprehensive Community Plan?

Where did the ideas in the CCP come from? From you! A community based planning process is what sets this CCP apart from other kinds of plans. The CCP will be the result of many hours of thinking, talking and making choices. In the coming weeks we will develop a new section on the DFN website and will be seeking your input on a wide variety of topics through the website and mailouts. The CCP will also be on the agenda for the November meetings in Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Duncan, and Nitinat.

What are the steps in building a CCP?

Step 1: Collecting Information - this phase is about *building a solid foundation* for the plan. Steps include:

- Reviewing all existing plans and information on potential issues in the CCP
- Researching on population and development trends

Step 2: Developing a vision and scenarios - this phase is about *where we want to go*. Steps include:

- Gaining agreement on a community vision and goals
- Weighing priorities – what should happen first? Next? And then after that?

Step 3: Agreeing on options - this phase is about *making things happen*. Key actions include:

- Agreeing on strategies and options to achieve priorities
- Identifying who needs to be involved, how much it will cost and when things need to happen

Step 4: Agreeing on a plan - the focus of this phase is on *gaining community consensus* on the Plan.

Key actions in this phase include:

- Formal community meetings
- Consideration of the CCP for adoption/ratification by Chief and Council

Step 5: Community Action Plan - this phase of the plan involves moving forward and evaluating the results. Actions include:

- Assessing and tracking goal achievement
- Developing partnerships where necessary
- Celebrating successes as the plan unfolds and priorities are completed.

Of course, community members are involved at every step in the CCP process.

Why should I participate in the CCP?

This is a community plan and needs community involvement to be successful. Participating ensures that your voice is heard on:

- Deciding on a preferred future
- Reinforcing community values
- Identifying priorities for people, finances, and land uses.



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