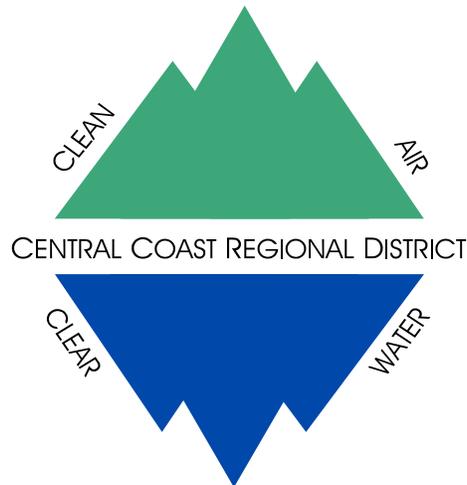


CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

On behalf of all participants



CENTRAL COAST INTER-GOVERNMENT SUMMIT 2004/2005 COMMUNITY-TO-COMMUNITY FORUM

FINAL REPORT & ACCOUNTING

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(1.0) FORUM GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The principle goal of this year's Forum was actively fulfilling the acknowledgement of "*The More We Get Together, The Better Off We All Will Be.*" The Central Coast is a diverse region with no highway interconnectivity. Inter-community transportation and communications is limited at best, to air transit and reliance on BC Ferries' schedule.

The Forum presented a unique opportunity for the region's leaders to meet and discuss matters of mutual concern. The Forum provided coastal-wide direction and guidance on how these issues may further be developed, and worked to identify directions of critical importance to the Central Coast's social and economic inter-government relations.

The Community-to-Community Forum's principle objectives, as originally detailed in both CST and UBCM proposals included, dialogue and direction on Broadband, BC Ferries, The Coast Sustainability Trust, Coast Opportunities Fund (proposed) and health matters.

Each of the objectives were met (with the exception of COF), with information shared, reviewed, direction given and future action plans agreed upon.

(2.0) PARTICIPANTS

NAME	POSITION	GOVERNMENT
Alex Chartrand	Chief	Wuikinuxv Nation
Terry Corbould	Chair	Central Coast R.D.
Jennifer Andy	Councilor	Nuxalk Nation
Clifford Hanuse	Tribal Manager	Wuikinuxv Nation
Marilyn Slett	Executive Director	Heiltsuk Nation
Ross Wilson	Chief	Heiltsuk Nation
Donna Mikkelson	Administrator	Central Coast R.D.
Ed Robson	EDO	Nuxalk Nation
Debbie Nelson	Administrator	OKNTC

Elmer Starr	Councilor	Kitasoo Nation
GUESTS		
Peter Parrish	Signal Group Consulting	
Sue Hanley	First Nations Technical Council	
Eric van Soeren	Coast Sustainability Trust	
Pat Morris	BC Ferries	
Glen Timbers	Bella Coola & Bella Bella Hospital, CEO	
Christy Dowling	BC & BB Hospital, Executive Assistant	
Hon George Abbott	Minister of Health	
Penny Brown	Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health	

(3.0) ISSUES DISCUSSED

BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE

All Central Coast local governments are integrally involved in the Central Coast Development Society (CCDS), which is tasked with the responsibility of establishing broadband throughout the region. As such, significant time was devoted to this initiative.

CCDS's Chair had the opportunity to bring all communities up to date on their accomplishments, while all participants shared their mutual concerns with the organization's direction and progress. It was reported only approximately one quarter of the work remained to be undertaken. Individual communities expressed concerns related to the financing, lack of business plan and their respective status within the Memorandum of Understanding. Peter Parrish was engaged to author agreements. All organizations require a level of comfort and confidence in process. Forum participants agreed to ensure project continuity.

B.C. FERRIES

Pat Morris, BCF, brought the group up to date on their request for three new ferries for northern routes and the requirement thereof. BCF believes the growth in Outer Coast route traffic was a result of their marketing strategy (statistics should be available in October), but a need for subsidies still exist.

The existing federal government freight subsidies were discussed at length. General dialogue related to, (a) the need for consultation, (b) local needs assessment, and (c) involvement on the BCF's advisory panel, and (d) scheduling.

THE COAST SUSTAINABILITY TRUST

Eric van Soeren, CST Trustee, joined the group at which time he provided an organizational overview, inclusive of level of capital funds, fund intent, structure of the Regional Advisory Committees and program objectives. An engaging question and answer period followed; topics addressed included, (a) project eligibility, (b) matching funds' criteria, (c) infrastructure projects, (d) various projects, (e) maximum level of project funding, (f) youth oriented projects, (g) training

Attendees fully recognized tourism as a growth sector and as a result of the Forum are prepared to explore cooperative initiatives. Local governments, for the first time, expressed an interest in working together. The importance of bi-lateral communications was stressed.

In addition, the necessity of continuance of BC Ferry service was reiterated.

COAST OPPORTUNITIES FUND

The group agreed Ed Robson was assigned the task of authoring and forwarding a letter to Minister Bell, voicing their mutual displeasure a government representative was not available to apprise them of this proposed fund.

CENTRAL COAST HEALTH SUMMIT

Representatives from the Central Coast have worked on a Health Charter for a number of months. They anticipate having it completed within a few weeks, at which time they will seek community support for the initiative.

The Oweekeno meeting to discuss the proposed Health Centre went well. Questions were raised as to how the project may be funded.

One community was seeking funding assistance in order to undertake a health assessment. Concerns were expressed related to, (a) dental matters, and (b) the severity and prevalence of alcohol and drugs in all communities.

It is hoped the Health Charter will assist in providing a collective effort to bring matters to the attention of the Province, as well act as a greater force to help small, isolated communities.

All participants are cognizant there is a fundamental requirement for social wellness to support sustainable economic growth.

Extensive dialogue concerning; How we can move beyond the Charter?
Can we agree to do it for our communities' good? How do we plan?

There was acknowledged requirement to meet three to four times per annum at minimal cost, targeting the "pockets" of individuals who may become committed.

Central Coast Health Board is in a position to coordinate regional support and the synergy to work together.

A need to build capacity and secure financial resources was recognized.

Hon George Abbott and Penny Brown, DM MH, joined the meeting, where numerous concerns were expressed and issues raised on the state of health in the Central Coast.

The Minister commented the Health Charter was a sensible approach and he saluted the group.

Hon Abbott advised the group of the New Relationship Fund, a \$100 million trust to be administered by First Nations.

(4.0) RECOMMENDATIONS, OUTCOMES & ACTIONS

It was mutually agreed the 2005/2006 Community-to-Community Forum was an overwhelming success and there's a distinct desire to convene another Forum in order to "***move forward together.***" To reach this goal;

- 1. It was agreed a plan was a necessity,***
- 2. We must identify the key issues,***
- 3. The primary concern is mental health,***
- 4. An implementation team was selected,***
- 5. Contact will be made with various government Ministries,***
- 6. It was agreed there is benefit in convening another leadership forum to move forward on topics discussed, and***
- 7. Participants to include Chiefs, CCRD Chair and Administrators.***

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Final Financial Report

Submitted to;

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	LINE ITEM / DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
1	Transportation	\$ 6,687	\$ 6,725	\$ (38)
2	Accommodation	2,000	1,853	147
3	Meals	1,080	1,213	(133)
4	Labour	1,300	800	500
5	Communications	1,000	1,200	(200)
6	Meeting Costs	<u>916</u>	<u>323</u>	<u>593</u>
7	Subtotal	\$ 12,983	\$12,111	\$ 872
8	Contingency	1,500	0	1,500
9	Subtotal	14,483	12,111	2,372
10	Overhead & admin @ 15%	<u>2,173</u>	<u>1,817</u>	<u>356</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 16,656	\$13,928	\$ 2,728