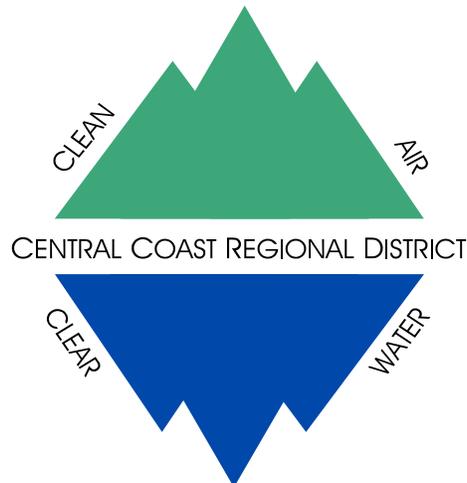


# CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

*On behalf of all participants*



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

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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 reliance on BC Ferries summer 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, economic and inter-government relations.

The Community-to-Community's Forum's principle objectives, as originally detailed in both CST and UBCM proposals included, dialogue and direction on Protocol Agreements, Cooperative Tourism, Offshore Oil & Gas, Community Health & Wellness and Broadband Infrastructure. Each of the objectives were met, with information shared, reviewed, direction given and future actions plans agreed upon.

#### (2.0) PARTICIPANTS

NAME	POSITION	GOVERNMENT
Alex Chartrand	Chief	Wuikinuxv Nation
Terry Corbould	Chair	Central Coast R.D.
Larry Moody	Councilor	Nuxalk Nation
Clifford Hanuse	Tribal Manager	Wuikinuxv Nation
Marilyn Slett	Executive Director	Heiltsuk Nation
Donna Mikkelson	Administrator	Central Coast R.D.

## **(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, much of the Forum was devoted to this matter.

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. Forum participants agreed to move forward with a revision of CCDS's business plan in order to ensure continuity.

### **COOPERATIVE TOURISM**

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.

### **PROTOCOL AGREEMENTS**

Forum participants discussed applicability and agreed to return to their various constituency representatives to engage in further dialogue and seek direction.

### **OFFSHORE OIL & GAS**

A few months ago, the proposed exploration and development of the Queen Charlotte Basin was one of the most contentious facing Central Coast communities. It now appears as if the federal government is not interested in removing their moratorium and as such, extremely limited forum discussion was directed at this matter.

## **COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS**

The Forum openly acknowledged the necessity of this fundamental requirement. Representatives from the Wuikinuxv Nation informed the group of their tele-health demonstration project and their intent to move forward with the advent of broadband service.

## **OTHER RELATED MATTERS & ISSUES DISCUSSED**

### **REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The need for regional economic development planning was discussed at great length. Individual government representatives shared the present status of their economic development strategies with the other participants. Governments wish to seek commonalities and desire the benefit of working together.

### **THE COAST SUSTAINABILITY TRUST**

All Central Coast communities are prospective recipients of The Coast Sustainability Trust. A briefing of CST's status was offered by a member of the Central Coast Regional Advisory Committee. The forum presented a unique opportunity for the individuals to share their understanding of the trust and its direction.

Forum participants explicitly expressed their, **"Thanks to CST for the money provided to Central Coast communities."** (Cite; Forum transcript, P5.)

## **(4.0) RECOMMENDATION/OUTCOMES**

It was mutually agreed the 2004/2005 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 there is benefit in convening another leadership forum to move forward on topics discussed,
2. Agreement that the fall is best, preferably September,
3. Participants to include Chiefs, CCRD Chair and Administrators,
4. A Forum Planning Committee was struck, comprised of Peter Siwallace (Nuxalk), Marilyn Slett (Heiltsuk), Donna Mikkelson (CCRD), Clifford Hanuse (Wuikinuxv) and Percy Starr (Kitasoo/Xais'Xais)

5. An additional agenda item for next forum; Regional Planning and Economic Development.

COMMUNITY TO COMMUNITY FORUM  
CENTRAL COAST INTER-GOVERNANCE SUMMIT  
**MEETING NOTES**  
March 15, 2005

DENNY ISLAND, B.C.

In Attendance:	Chief Alex Chartrand	Wuikinuxv Nation
	Clifford Hanuse, Tribal Manager	Wuikinuxv Nation
	Marilyn Slett, Executive Director	Heiltsuk Nation
	Larry Moody, Councilor	Nuxalk Nation
	Chair Terry Corbould	Central Coast R.D.
	Donna Mikkelson, Administrator	Central Coast R.D.
Regrets:	Chief Anfinn Siwallace	Nuxalk Nation
	Peter Siwallace, Band Manager	Nuxalk Nation
	Percy Starr, Band Manager	Kitasoo/Xais'Xais Nation
	Chief Gary Hall	Kitasoo/Xais'Xais Nation

**Introductions:**

Introductions were made all around. Disappointment was expressed that not all representatives from the Nuxalk, Heiltsuk and Kitasoo/Xais'Xais First Nations were able to attend.

**Welcome:**

Chair Terry Corbould, as host, welcomed all to the session and thanked them for coming. Chief Alex Chartrand acknowledged and expressed his appreciation to the Heiltsuk Nation for having forum guests in their traditional territory.

**Election of Forum Chair:**

Clifford Hanuse agreed to chair the session.

**Ratification of Agenda:**

A discussion on the Coast Sustainability Trust was added to the agenda. Other slight modifications were made and the agenda confirmed.

**1. Economic Development:**

Coast Sustainability Trust

Portions of the 2004 annual report were discussed. Questions arose as to the future of the fund, and on how much money would be involved for distribution.

Originally, \$200,000. of the first \$1 million was allocated to each of the following five jurisdictions in the Central Coast: Heiltsuk Nation, Nuxalk Nation, Wuikinuxv Nation, Kitasoo Nation and the Central Coast Regional District. Of the \$200,000 each community then targeted \$40,000 to the Central Coast Broadband Project, leaving \$160,000 available for other initiatives.

It is anticipated that an announcement will be made on April 1 that there will be a reallocation and more money available from the CST.

Chair Corbould spoke of her meetings with the Northern Development Initiative (NDI) in the Northwest Region. There has been a parallel organization established for First Nations and she urged the communities to determine if they were eligible for the funding that may be available to them.

Copies of sections of the CST quarterly report were sent from Bella Coola and given to Chief Chartrand at his request. He asked about the “matching” component of the fund and wondered if all communities matched their funds. Chair Corbould answered that all communities were required to match funds from a source that was not the provincial government.

Chair Clifford Hanuse felt that this leadership group might express thanks to the CST for the money provided to Central Coast communities.

#### Co-operative Tourism

Chair Corbould spoke about the efforts of the Bella Coola Valley Tourism group and opened the discussion on co-operative tourism. Chief Chartrand asked Councilor Moody about the relationship between the Nuxalk Nation and the tourism operators. He responded that there was a possibility that it could be improved and that it might be a good topic to discuss with other communities in the Central Coast, particularly related to the ferry service. He felt that the majority of tourism initiatives were currently land based, but there was significant potential for marine tourism to take in historical sites, fishing and Mackenzie Rock.

Chief Chartrand felt that there may be an opportunity to work cooperatively in this field, but questioned what the next steps might be in order to get started. There is a need for hard data, facts and perhaps a business plan and a strategy. Chair Corbould stated that if the will is there, then we can proceed to the next step.

When asked what the advantages might be available to the 5 communities working together, Councilor Moody replied that there has been more nation-building in the past than there is at present. Central Coast First Nations used to travel more and to gather more. Fewer occasions exist now and the gathering happens mostly for potlatches and deaths. He feels it is important to communicate with each other and to revive some of these past practices.

## **1. Economic Development cont'**

### Co-operative Tourism cont'

Chair Clifford Hanuse noted that a study was being undertaken by Kingfisher Lodge with a Coastal First Nations consultant regarding high end accommodation. The study covers the North Coast, the Central Coast and Haida Gwaii. There may be potential for accommodation, eco-tourism and bear viewing to name a few.

Wuikinuxv might be interested in a feeder service, but would have much the same needs in terms of freight, as opposed to passenger service.

Chair Corbould is planning to meet with representatives of BC Ferry Corporation while in Courtenay at the beginning of April. In Bella Coola, the objective is to extend the ferry service into September.

### Community Health and Wellness

The Wuikinuxv are interested in a demonstration they received on tele-health services in their community. Currently they have a clinic, but no hospital. Other First Nations communities (Kingcome, Gilford) are looking into an Inter Tribal Health Authority and Wuikinuxv would be interested in being a testing community.

### Regional Planning

The Wuikinuxv, the Heiltsuk and the Nuxalk Nations do not have economic development officers. Their economic development strategies and plans are at various stages.

Wuikinuxv is looking at bear viewing with their logging company helping to finance the operation. A television program (Outdoor Learning Network – OLN) will air a documentary on the bears in Wuikinuxv and the loss of salmon.

Chair Clifford Hanuse saw a benefit in working together to “shake some money loose” at the government level. It might be useful to do a feasibility study on creating a fund and then on allocation.

Once the various communities have completed their economic development strategies there may be commonalities in the contents. It's something to think about.

## 2. Broadband:

Guests:	Victor Jackson, Manager	Heiltsuk Cable
	Jamie Walkus, Sr. Bus. Manager	Heiltsuk Cable
	Brian Conner, Dir. Of Finance	Heiltsuk Tribal Council

Chair Corbould has recently become the Chair of the Coast Connect Development Society and she spoke in that capacity during the discussion on high speed internet. She distributed a paper entitled “Broadband Internet vs. Dial up Internet: A View from 10,000 feet” as well as a copy of the Pilot Agreement between the Coast Connect Development Society (CCDS) and the Central Coast Communications Society (CCCS) as the internet service provider (ISP) for the Bella Coola Valley.

The Wuikinuxv have reservations and concerns about how they fit into the picture for high speed internet. Currently the school has service, and the community is looking to find money to have a tower to hook into the school. From their perspective, Bella Coola is benefiting but Wuikinuxv is not.

Coast Connect is wanting to take a rational approach and accept proposals from community ISP’s in order to make the service work for everyone. Both CCDS and the ISP’s must be satisfied or the agreement will not work. Bella Bella could be hooked up within 3 weeks. Chair Corbould would like to see all communities up and running by the end of June. She encouraged Wuikinuxv to submit a proposal and to let CCDS know what will work for their community. CCDS has no interest in putting a tower in Wuikinuxv Territory unless it is wanted.

Jamie Walkus asked about who would supply the equipment, and Chair Corbould responded that it would be supplied by CCDS. It was suggested that the Heiltsuk would be in touch with a company in Burnaby who would be able to assist them, and that the Wuikinuxv might want to do the same.

The matter of a management review of CCDS was discussed regarding the original funding from Industry Canada. The talk in the past had always been a 75/25 split between the ISP’s and CCDS. An observation by Wuikinuxv was that while there had been “working together”, there was no indication that we were “moving together”, that “might is right” and that smaller nations are not getting equal consideration. Everyone must be facilitated, there must be respect, and we must move together, instead of paying lip service.

Chair Corbould sought the support of the representatives regarding an updating of CCDS’s business plan. The proposals from the Wuikinuxv Nation and the Heiltsuk Nation could be integrated into the updated plan.

The guests from Heiltsuk Cable left the meeting.

### 3. Protocol Agreements:

“If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.” There was general consensus that the discussions that took place and the report that was generated at last year’s forum need to be re-circulated, since this years participants, largely, were not present. Upon review, there may be reconsideration of developing protocols.

### 4. Inter-government Relationships:

Dissatisfaction with the Land and Water BC referral system is being experienced. The CCRD will draft a letter to LWBC re: referral process for signature by the central coast communities.

### 5: Where to From Here?

#### Outcomes:

6. Agreement that there is benefit in convening another leadership forum
7. Agreement that the Fall is best, preferably September
8. Participants to include Chiefs, CCRD Chair and Administrators
9. Easiest access location is, in order to maximize attendance, (believe it or not) in Vancouver
10. Forum Planning Committee (of Administrators): Peter Siwallace (Nuxalk), Marilyn Slett (Heiltsuk), Donna Mikkelson (CCRD), Clifford Hanuse (Wuikinuxv) and Percy Starr (Kitasoo/Xais’Xais) – subject to the concurrence of those absent.
11. Agenda to include: Regional Planning and Economic Development

#### Action Items:

	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
1	Organize Forum Funding	CCRD
2	Letter to LWBC re: Referral Process	CCRD
3	Seek Funding Sources for Economic Development Initiatives MLA’s, MP’s, Western Economic Diversification	Federal: First Nations Provincial: CCRD
4	Re-circulate last years Forum Report	CCRD

# CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT

## 2004/2005 COMMUNITY-TO-COMMUNITY FORUM DENNY ISLAND, B.C.

### Final Financial Report

*Submitted to;*

**THE COAST SUSTAINABILITY TRUST  
UNION OF B.C. MUNICIPALITIES**

	<b>LINE ITEM / DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
1	Transportation	\$ 2,705	\$ 2,244	\$ 461
2	Accommodation	236	0	236
3	Meals	200	136	64
4	Labour	800	800	0
5	Communications	1,000	1,455	(455)
6	Meeting Costs	<u>909</u>	<u>755</u>	<u>154</u>
7	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 5,850</b>	<b>\$ 5,390</b>	<b>\$ 460</b>
8	Contingency	1,062	0	1,062
9	Subtotal	6,912	5,390	1,522
10	DICDA overhead & admin @ 15%	<u>1,040</u>	<u>809</u>	<u>231</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,952</b>	<b>\$ 6,199</b>	<b>\$ 1,753</b>