

# Lillooet Area Communities



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## Community Forum '2005'

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# Community Forum

Date: Monday, October 31, 2005 Time: 9:30 am – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Lillooet & District REC Centre – Mezzanine

## Participants

**Organizations**  
District of Lillooet  
Lillooet Tribal Council  
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District  
T'it'q'et  
Xwisten

## **Representatives**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Community</b>
Marie Barney	St'át'imc Land & Resource Authority
Norm Leech	T'it'q'et
Kevin Anderson	District of Lillooet
John Turner	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
Mickey Macri	Squamish-Lillooet Regional District
Yvonne Scotchman	T'it'q'et
Bradley Jack	Xwisten
Kerry Coast	Lillooet Ec. Dev. Committee
Christ'l Roshard	District of Lillooet
Cathy Narcisse	Lillooet Tribal Council
Greg Kamenka	District of Lillooet
Kathy Young	District of Lillooet
Elaine Brew	District of Lillooet
Larry Casper	Facilitator

## Overview of today's workshop – Larry Casper

- Determine the groups “Vision” of working together
  - Determine the Values and Principles of this vision
  - Determine the Goals and Objectives that meet these values and principles.
- Look at the 5 functions of Communities
  - Governance
  - Social Development
  - Culture
  - Education
  - Economic Development

## Opening Prayer – Marie Barney

## Participant Expectations for Today: *(in order spoken)*

### Bradley Jack, Xwisten

No resolution at the last Community Forum. It was more of a learning and educational event. We need to build on it and deal with some of the issues. For example, BC Hydro Grants in Lieu of Taxes – the municipality benefits but bands do not benefit. We need a Protocol – How are we going to relate to each other? Do not like the “Them and Us”. The people who use that term should be here. We need more open dialogue.

### Cathy Naracisse – Lillooet Tribal Council

I am here for the Heritage issues and for any land and resource related initiatives of the District of Lillooet and the Lillooet Economic Development Commission that may impact St'át'imc territory. These are issues that the St'át'imc Chiefs Council are working with on a regular basis. There is a need to develop a formal relationship to address the issues of Heritage and of third party access to resources within St'át'imc territory if they are connected to the District. I understand that Heritage was discussed at a previous Community Forum. The St'át'imc have a draft Heritage Code. I feel it is important to develop some sort of formal relationship and understanding between the SCC and District if we are to improve the overall relationship between us. Susan James was hoping to attend today, however if she is unable to make it, she would like the issue of funding for the Lillooet Library brought forward as an issue.

### Kerry Coast – Lillooet Economic Development Committee

I am new to Lillooet – I moved to Lillooet from the St'át'imc Culture. I married into the Mount Currie Band. I am involved in the Lillooet Economic Development Committee. I would like to take this opportunity to show my appreciation for everyone here who is here to work on issues. I am here to get a better understanding myself and to bring back information to the Lillooet Economic Development Committee.

### Christ'l Roshard – District of Lillooet

This is my fourth Community Forum. It feels like we are moving slow but we are moving forward. The last meeting was an eye opener as we received a better understanding of how we all receive funding. My Vision would be to lose the “Them and Us”. My Values would be Mutual Respect and Trust. I would like to see an increase in partnerships between the communities with economic development opportunities that respect each culture.

### Elaine Brew – District of Lillooet

It is great that we are working together to move ahead. I am here to learn.

### Kathy Young – District of Lillooet

I would like to see better communication and understanding between all of the communities.

### Marie Barney – St'át'imc Land & Resource Authority

I was surprised when I read the minutes from the last Community Forum. My concerns center around understanding each other and respecting each other. I would also like to see getting away from “Them and Us”. The Government (Federal/Provincial) has divided us. We need to sit down and talk so we can move forward. We need to understand our values or we can not plan or have a goal. I am going to listen and contribute where I can.

### Norm Leech – T'it'q'et

I am the Administration Services Manager for T'it'q'et. These Community Forums have been an exploration process – I have attended previous Forums as the Community Chief for T'it'q'et. We (T'it'q'et) have had a good working relationship with the District of Lillooet with agreements and leases. We need to build a better understanding of each other and recognize that “Us & Them” does exist – or we will not do away with it. No one here is responsible for it but we have inherited it. The Reserve System and the Indian Act has to be overcome. Our Region has declined economically. Do not wait for the Provincial or Federal Governments to help. Our best help is each other. Regionally we have everything in common. We need to spend more than once a year together.

Kevin Anderson – District of Lillooet

I am willing to work for a common Vision. I have been involved from the beginning. My interests focus on Economic Development, Youth and Drugs and Alcohol. Individual issues drive discussion on the future Vision. Communication is valuable. End of the day, we are striving towards the better good.

John Turner – Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

I am the Chair of the SLRD and feel like a stranger as I live in Furry Creek. I can provide some perspective on small steps that have been working elsewhere. Partnerships are key, they help communication take place. The Squamish Nation is involved with Porteau Cove – starting a new community. This is a large partnership. An example of a small partnership is the Sea to Sky Trail initiative from Squamish to Darcy being the first phase, and possibly to Lillooet and Horseshoe Bay as the second phase. There will be Squamish Nation art on the trail head, markers and interpretive markers. Hut to Hut will be one hour apart. I have been to some Community to Community Forums. The first steps happen and then you grow. If you only meet once a year you will not be successful.

Mickey Macri – Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

I am the Area B representative for the SLRD. The SLRD plays a big role in our communities. John Turner has been involved in Drug and Alcohol committees in the South. I do the same here. I left the last Community Forum very happy. I am disappointed that we have not had more meetings in the year. The understanding of Governance last time was important. Any time the First Nation communities want to meet I will be there. I agree with the previous comments that there should be fair funding for First Nations and that we need to work together. I appreciated the comments by Marie Barney.

Yvonne Scotchman – T'it'q'et

I attended one Community Forum about 18 months ago. There was discussion on the Sewer Treatment Plant and the Cultural Centre. It was interesting to go thru the notes from the last Forum. I would like to see the Town of Lillooet help us in our Title and Rights Issues. Talk about the Licensing for logging that is going on. So much has been given and we see no benefit from them.

## Greg Kamenka – District of Lillooet

Communication is important and we need to follow up after the meetings. Need to follow up with issues that come out of the Forum. When I was growing up in Lillooet I did not see the differences between us. Now there is a wedge. We need open dialogue to get over this. Ideas are great but we need to continue with them. Let's do one thing well instead doing a lot of things the best we can.

### **Brainstorming on Vision**

- “Us and Them” – recognize and lose – become “One Community”
  - Need to ID Community Geographic
  - Places to gather, share, socialize
  - Sense of belonging
- Economic Sustainability
- Protocol Agreement
- Active in protecting Vision
- Healthy Environment
- Review the Vision of the SLRD

### **Brainstorming on Values and Principles**

- Trust
- Mutual Respect
- Partnerships
- Communication
- Understanding (of each others Culture)
- Openness
- Cooperation
- Resources – benefits from this region benefit the greater community
- Balance in power – regarding decision making
- When an “issue” arises, we all automatically work together to address the issues

## **Brainstorming of “5 Functions of a Community”**

### Governance

- Relationship building (regular community forums)
- Roads
- SLRD
- Aboriginal Title and Rights
- Land Use Plan
- Government Imposition
- Transportation
- Protocol Agreement
  - Communication issues
  - Economic Development
  - Heritage - Physical
  - Heritage – Access
  - Land & Resources

### Economic Development

- Trail Project
- St’át’imc Cultural Centre – cultural tourism
- Independent Power Projects
- Funding sources and strategies
- Lillooet Economic Development Committee
- BC Rail
- Community Economic Development Officer

### Social Development

- Justice System
  - Legal Aid – lack of access
  - Policing
  - Funding
  - Accountability
- Lillooet & District REC Centre
- Drugs & Alcohol – youth concerns
- Health Services
- Emergency Services
- Water
- Housing

## Culture

- St'át'imc Cultural Centre
- Heritage Issues
  - Trail Project
  - Fencing – access to fishing areas
  - Knowledge and understanding
  - Impacts to sites with Heritage findings

## Education

- School Board
- Drug and Alcohol awareness i.e.: FAS
- Opportunities for Jobs
  - Trades
  - Job Shadowing
- Lillooet Library
- Retention of Skills
- Skil Mt.Community School Model

## **Lunch**

## **Overview of Regional Growth Strategy – John Turner**

Currently working towards a Memorandum of Understanding. Having trouble reaching an agreement with all SLRD members. “One Size” does not fit all for the SLRD. We are trying to manage growth in the South while the North is trying to create growth. This is the issue. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is an agreement on the values and principles of the Regional Growth Strategy. The MOU involves Squamish, Whistler, Pemberton, Lillooet and 3 Electoral Areas. Electoral Area A has opted out of the Regional Growth Strategy.

How does this affect today? We set up communications with the First Nations in the South of the SLRD. We met with the Squamish First Nations and discussed the principles provided in the MOU. We also met with the Mount Currie Band (Lil'wat) and

some with the In-shuck-ts. There was a suggestion for a protocol agreement on how to work together. A draft document has been put forward for consideration.

The Squamish First Nation will be the largest landowner in the SLRD. Mostly fee simple with some increase in Reserve Land.

Vision of the SLRD and its Goals & Objectives are attached as schedule 'A'.

## **Action Items – 1 item from each of the “5 Functions of a Community”**

### 1. Protocol Agreement

**Who** – Cathy Narcisse, Larry Casper, New Dist of Lillooet Administrator and Paul Edgington, SLRD Administrator, as a resource.

Katzie Model to be provided by John Turner

#### **What**

- ⇒ Communications
  - Issues
  - Contacts
    - Political
    - Staff
- ⇒ Economic Development
- ⇒ Heritage
- ⇒ Third Parties
- ⇒ Land & Resources

### 2. Heritage Issues

**Who** – Marie Barney, Larry Casper, Cathy Narcisse

#### **What**

- ⇒ Land & Resources
  - Invasive Species, i.e.: noxious weeds, pests
  - Wildlife and Fish, i.e.: mule deer
  - Water (diminishing) – how impacted / forecasts
- ⇒ Heritage Code – sharing it
- ⇒ Fencing – fish access
- ⇒ Cultural Awareness – knowledge and understanding
- ⇒ Impacts to sites where heritage items are found - Lillooet, SLRD and on Reserve lands
- ⇒ Respect for all heritage sites

### 3. Lillooet & District REC Centre

**Who** – Kathy Young, Norm Leech

**What**

- ⇒ Parks & Rec Committee have a St'át'imc representative on it?
- ⇒ Need an increase in funding
- ⇒ Need to increase users
- ⇒ Sense of Ownership by St'át'imc Communities
- ⇒ Interest from St'át'imc Communities
  - Programming
  - Equipment
  - Funding
- ⇒ Swimming Pool open earlier

### 4. Community Economic Development Officer

**Who** – Christ'l Roshard to liaise with Provincial Economic Development Representatives / LEDC

- Communities to bring up idea at council and chief meetings

**What**

- ⇒ One Economic Development Officer to liaison with all area communities
  - 6 Upper St'át'imc Communities
  - District of Lillooet
  - SLRD Area's A and B

### 5. School Board

**What**

- ⇒ Recommendations to Board about community issues i.e.: Drug Free Zone
- ⇒ Conduit / Communication process

## **Next Steps**

- Minutes / Notes to be distributed by November 10, 2005 – Kathy Young, Larry Casper
- Monday, February 13, 2006 - Next Meeting
  - Report back on Action Items.

## **Closing Remarks**

### Christ'l Roshard – District of Lillooet

Thanked Larry for doing this Forum at the last moment. Thank you to everyone who spoke honestly and openly.

### John Turner, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

Thank you I have learned a lot and I look forward to learning more and attending future Forums. Would like all of us to work toward a Regional Growth Strategy.

### Kevin Anderson – District of Lillooet

I have enjoyed today. We need to face local governance joined at the hip. Local development and future economies should all flow to the communities we live in. I enjoyed participating to move the agenda forward. Thank you.

### Larry Casper - Facilitator

Thank you for listening and your guidance and support. Community development is a process I feel strongly about. I enjoyed being here and look forward to attending again.

Marie Barney – St'át'imc Land & Resource Authority

I was at the first Forum and I know what we were up against. We have come a long way. The items we chose matter to us. We need to look after our own back yard. City people will not. It was interesting and productive.

**Closing Prayer – Marie Barney**