

**SUMMARY REPORT ON THE COMMUNITY-TO-COMMUNITY FORUM
 “SHARING VISIONS, SHARING FUTURES”**

Held Saturday, October 4 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
 at the Xit’olacw Community School in Mt. Currie, B.C.

OBJECTIVE OF FORUM

The Community to Community Forum brings together representatives from the northern areas of Sea to Sky Country including Whistler, Pemberton, Mt. Currie, the SLRD and the Lower Stl’Atl’Imx Tribal Council including the Douglas, N’Quatqua, Samahquam and Skatin Bands. As neighbours in the area, we share many common goals in serving our communities. The C2C Forum provides an unique opportunity to share ideas, resources, goals and visions for our collective future.

The primary objective of the Forum is to strengthen relationships and foster better communication between municipal, regional and aboriginal community governments.

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October 4, 2003				
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SUMMARY OF OPENING STATEMENTS (BRIEF REMARKS FROM AREA LEADERS):

Gerard Peters (In'Shuck'ch Council)

Human relationships are the most important. We must divest ourselves of vested interests in order to work as a group.

Chief Leonard Andrew (Mt. Currie Band – Lil'wat Nation)

Learning about our neighbours and working together is key to a successful future. Through Community Forums he hopes to learn more, here for the first time as newly elected chief.

Mayor Elinor Warner (Village of Pemberton)

We have already achieved more by working together and can share these successes across our communities. Mt. Currie and Pemberton just received a \$20,000 grant as a result of Joint Task Force on drug, alcohol and wellness issues. The wellness of both communities must be looked at as being inter-related. Other successes include a water management plan; a forestry renewal grant applications and a flood protection study.

Susan Gimse – Director (Area C – SLRD)

There is a willingness to share amongst our large community - willingness to share resources, information. We need to spread that message throughout all our communities.

Mayor Hugh O'Reilly (Resort Municipality of Whistler)

By looking outside each of our individual communities to how we can share between our communities has led to greater opportunities for all. The First Nations cultural centre plan in Whistler is an example of a partnership between the RMOW, the Lil'wat Nation and the Squamish Nation. We should continue to work together to find employment opportunities for First Nations in Whistler and explore our mutual opportunities for cultural tourism and sport development as we lead up to the 2010 Winter Olympics.

COMMITMENTS FROM AREA LEADERS

Village of Pemberton

Committed to developing an integrated youth council for area. Will continue to work with all community partners on addressing health and safety issues.

Resort Municipality of Whistler

Committed to widening the knowledge base about all partners in C2C Forum group. Celebrate our successes together and continue to share resources and information at the grassroots level.

Work with the Whistler Chamber of Commerce to explore an expanded employment fair in Mt. Currie in order to recruit more workers from the Mt. Currie area.

Mt. Currie Band – Lil'wat Nation

Committed to meeting more with local communities to address the grassroots issues. The bigger issues like roadways have to be looked at in the treaty process.

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

Committed to furthering transit issues for area. Will investigate later evening buses to Pemberton and Mt. Currie and bring forward concerns about bus service for First Nations. It's important to share our successes and results with the media.

NEXT STEPS

- For next round of C2C Forums, have each community host an orientation on their community, people, culture, history and current directions. In'Shuck'ch to host first of these orientation forums.
- Have all participate in an emergency services resource inventory (Note: this was completed prior to the October flooding and proved very helpful for the Pemberton and Mt.Currie communities)
- Investigate "Mutual Aid Agreement" concept for safety and fire training, equipment sharing, etc.
- Development relationship between Whistler Chamber employment centre and Mt.Currie employment centre to allow for better cultural understandings around interview process and expectations.
- Develop youth opportunities through school involvement and youth involvement in C2C future forums.

SIGNIFICANT OUTCOME

The Community-to-Community forum had significant impact on the northern Sea to Sky corridor when we were faced with a crisis situation shortly after the third of our forums occurred. Said Mayor Elinor Warner, "Three weeks after the Community-to-Community forum, all the communities involved were sitting at the table dealing with the flood. The C2C Forum prepared us to cope much better with the emergency. We were working together as communities for the first time and sat at the command post together making decisions that affected us all."

The flood emergency provided a remarkable testing ground for the relationships and resources that have developed between our communities as a result of holding Community-to-Community forums. The situation was definitely managed more effectively as a result of the improved communications between all communities.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

EXPENDITURE	CASH	IN-KIND
Forum Coordinator/Facilitator (Maureen Douglas)	\$800.00	
Event Catering (The Pony Espresso Cafe)	\$1160.95	
Venue Rental (Xit'olacw Community School)		\$200.00
Invitation / Program Mail Out		\$ 30.00
Village of Pemberton		\$350.00
Pemberton Mayor (Elinor Warner)		\$200.00
Village of Pemberton Administration (Bryan Kirk)		\$200.00
TOTALS	\$1,960.95	\$1,580.00

APPENDIX:

Event Agenda (attached to report)

Presentation from Fraser Basin Council – Bob Purdy

Bob Purdy gave an overview of the activities and achievements of the Fraser Basin Council.

COMMUNITY TO COMMUNITY FORUM – “Sharing Visions, Sharing Futures.”

AGENDA

Sat. October 4, 2003 at Xit’olacw Community School, Mt. Currie New Site
10:00am to 3:30pm

- 10:00am Opening of Event by Facilitator (Maureen Douglas)
- 10:05am Welcome and Opening Prayer with Chief Leonard Andrew
- 10:15am Welcome by Pemberton Mayor Elinor Warner and introduction of special guests.
- 10:20am Statements by regional leaders:
Chief Darryl Peters, Douglas First Nation
Chief Bill Schneider, Samahquam First Nation
Susie Gimse, SLRD Area C Director
Hugh O’Reilly, Mayor – RMOW
N’Quat’Qua – Chief or representative
Skatin – Chief or representative
- 10:35am Review of Agenda
- 10:40am Presentation by Fraser Basin Council – “Fostering Partnerships in Neighbouring Communities” – Bob Purdy
- 11:25am **SHARING SUCCESSES:**
Open discussion of recent successful partnerships within the region.
Discussion will include:
- Water management project
 - Joint Task Force
 - Cultural Centre
- Please bring your successes to the table for discussion.**
- 12:30pm Lunch service
- 1:00pm **SHARING VISIONS, SHARING FUTURES**
Open discussion of ongoing shared opportunities, initiatives and concerns.
Bring your ideas to the table for discussion.
Some themes for consideration:
- Youth services and opportunities
 - Healthy Communities
 - Common goals / resources on infrastructure and services
 - Transportation
 - Tourism development
 - Shared cultural and/or festival events
- 2:00pm Note: - Media invited to attend from 2:00pm onward
- 2:45pm Action Items, Conclusions and Closing Statements
- 3:30pm Adjourn