

# Comprehensive Community Planning:

## Preliminary results from Kitsumkalum CCP Launch

On September 12, 2015, a community meeting was held to launch the CCP process. Approximately sixty community members attended and took part in a world-café style activity where several questions were asked of them about their vision and goals for the community. Suggestions were collated onto flipchart paper, and community members identified priorities with sticky dots. Here are some of the goals, ideas and suggestions from that meeting, on the economy and on lands & resources.

### ECONOMY:

- Reduce the poverty rate
- Improve money management
- Find money to carry out projects
- Guarantee fair competitive wages for band employees
- Financial benefit to community from projects like BC Hydro
- Support those living in poverty
- Generate more own-source revenue
- Staff support to help community members access funds
- Business development on-reserve that also addresses issues (i.e. hauling away cars for the scrap metal, recycling)
- New business development: casino, green energy, FN restaurant, tourism, laundromat
- Continue to grow existing businesses
- Equal employment opportunities for all band members
- Good staff training

### LANDS & RESOURCES:

- Emergency planning including evacuation plans
- Continue to take part in fisheries for the benefit of community members (food fish) and the band (commercial fishing)
- Encourage stewardship and conservation
- Keep the waters healthy for future generations
- Protect lands
- Community garden(s) and greenhouse(s)
- Plan for community growth (housing, commercial)
- Use “green” energy when possible
- Develop walking trails
- Improve community members’ connection to Port Essington
- Improve knowledge of traditional medicines
- Assert aboriginal rights and title over lands and resources
- Take care of wildlife (wildlife shelter?)