



Kitsumkalum is starting Comprehensive Community Planning (CCP)

What is Comprehensive Community Planning (CCP)?

Comprehensive Community Planning enables us to organize the time and space to help us reflect on how we used to live, how we are living now, and how we would like to live in the future. The CCP enables us to make the best use of limited number of people, money, technology and time, and will provide a baseline of information that will enable both present and future decision makers to make informed decisions based on a strong community driven process and input provided by community.

Two way communication

A Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) is the establishment of a community-driven process that is based on healthy, respectful two way communication between community and government agencies including Kitsumkalum band council and administration.

Establish Community Driven Process

Establishment of a community driven process is critical for moving away from the dependence on oppressive governance structures and processes imposed by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada elected system. A strong community driven process provides a foundation for moving towards the re-establishment of Kitsumkalum customary laws and practices.

The process requires leaders to have trust in the ability of Kitsumkalum individuals, groups and the Community Planning Team to provide appropriate input and direction on all decisions matters impacting the long term, collective health and wellbeing of present and future generations.

A Focus on Big Picture Long Term

The Comprehensive Community Planning (CCP) project focuses on the longer term planning and bigger picture thinking that is global in nature and identifies long-term vision, values, principles, criteria, indicators, and benchmarks. The CCP thereby provides the baseline to inform and align planning and development being done **by all Band departments**, community groups, societies and corporations. (i.e. strategic planning, capital planning, land use planning, agriculture planning, economic development plans etc...)

The CCP links Community Planning and Development initiatives and seeks to avoid overlapping efforts in various programs, projects and initiatives. In this respect, the CCP provides an avenue and framework for ongoing development designated by Kitsumkalum Band council.



The CCP provides the framework for an holistic and coordinated, cross sectoral approach that involves bringing the CCP Team together with the Band administration and council, to gather ongoing collaborative input and direction to analyzing, forming and influencing policies that align with the long term vision, values, principles, criteria, indicators and benchmarks laid out by the CCP Team.

What will a Comprehensive Community Plan do?

In summary, the Comprehensive Community Plan will:

- Assists Chief, Council and our members in evaluating proposed developments to ensure that they are consistent with the vision and objectives of our members as expressed in this plan;
- Provides direction on growth over the next 10-15 years;
- Is a tool to help guide our decisions now and in the future to develop and protect our lands in a way that reflects our environmental, spiritual, social and economic values;
- Reflects our decisions about what types of uses we want to allow on our lands and where we want to allow them;
- Sets out an Implementation Strategy to ensure that the directions set out by the Plan are achieved;
- Achieve a Community Vision, reflective of Kitsumkalum collective values

What's in a Comprehensive Community Plan?

Kitsumkalum's Comprehensive Community Plan will cover a broad spectrum of topics: the use of resource lands, protection of culturally-significant areas, identification of economic development zones, and plans for housing. The Plan takes a short-to mid-range view (5-15 years) on land development, land protection, and growth and change in our community, working hand in hand with Land Use Planning to avoid overlapping efforts. Along with lands and resources, the Comprehensive community plan will also cover goals, objectives, and activities for health, infrastructure development, culture, social, education, economy and governance.

How often the plan will be revised and what it will mean legally

This Comprehensive Community Plan will be reviewed annually or every other year to ensure, depending on Chief & Council that there is widespread agreement on shared goals among the members of the Kitsumkalum Members.

The Comprehensive Community Plan should not be interpreted as a final or complete statements on land use, and/or the right and title to use land within the Plan Area, nor does it limit the consideration of additional or other lands at a future date as part of separate negotiation, claim, and/or settlement processes.

**We will be looking for community members to create an advisory committee
contact Heather Bohn for more information on signing up!**

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