

Staff Meeting (February 6, 2018)

Purpose/outcomes: Introduce the land use plan project team
Provide an overview of land use planning and the MLUP process
Identify opportunities for information sharing
Identify preliminary priorities/issues/opportunities for Metlakatla lands

Format: Face-to-face, boardroom style meeting with a presentation and discussion

Audience: Available staff from: MGC Programs and Services
Economic Development
Stewardship
Treaty

Outcomes: The meeting was attended by 8 staff members including representatives from Lands, Treaty, and Culture. It was opened with a round of introductions and a brief presentation on the Metlakatla Land Use Plan (Reserves) process. This was followed by an informal discussion regarding the land-related opportunities and issues.

It was noted that Rushton, Squaderee, and Edye Islands might be brought into the Stephen's Island Conservancy. Currently there is no commercial use allowed besides low impact tourism in the Conservancy. It will be up to Metlakatla to determine whether these islands will fall under the Conservancy.

Culture and heritage formed part the discussion regarding development on Archeological Sites. Regarding Reserve lands, the Land Code direction is to follow the Heritage Conservation Act.

In regard to foreshore planning, it was suggested that Metlakatla might consider development of a permitting process for the intertidal zone. The Reserve boundaries are to the high water mark, but the direction was that the Plan consider the foreshore despite this boundary.

There is a need to identify a new area for the graveyard due to sea level rise/erosion issue.

Access issues and potential development for each of the Reserve should be considered. This was mentioned in regard to Tuck Inlet. However, development constraints and opportunities will be explored for each of the Reserves.



A3. Community Workshop (February 7, 2018)

Purpose/outcome: Introduce the land use planning team
Provide an overview of land use planning and the MLUP process
Identify effective/appropriate community engagement activities
Define issues/opportunities/priorities that should be addressed through the Land Use Plan
Discuss values and principles related to land use planning
Begin discussions about land use

Proposed Format: Large group presentation followed by small group discussions

Audience: Metlakatla membership in Metlakatla and Prince Rupert

Outcomes: On February 7, 2018 workshops were held in Metlakatla and Prince Rupert a total of 24 people participated (13 in Metlakatla and 11 in Prince Rupert). Each session began with a round of introductions. This was followed by a brief presentation during which a video of the Metlakatla Reserves was viewed and an overview of land use planning was provided.

Participants were then asked to identify up to three things they like best about Metlakatla and three things they would like to change. They wrote their responses on post-it notes, and these were arranged into themes. The following themes emerged from the participants' responses:

- **Community Spirit** – the friendliness and helpfulness of the Metlakatla people. It was felt that there is a closeness among members and that Metlakatla is a friendly, welcoming community. However, there was also mention of a fragmentation between members living on and off Reserve.
- **Leadership** – strong and progressive leadership was a theme that emerged as well as the leadership's relationship with members. It was mentioned that Metlakatla leads in many aspects and is highly respected at all levels.
- **Place** – the location of Metlakatla is something that the participants appreciate. It's semi-remote location underpins its peacefulness. Many participants identified beaches as special places and appreciate opportunities to camp on Metlakatla lands. One participant mentioned that Metlakatla is dryer than Prince Rupert! On a different note, there was concern raised about non-member access to special places including harvesting areas in the intertidal zone and the need to control this access.
- **Food** – this was the most mentioned theme. Access to the intertidal zone and its abundance of resources including shellfish, seaweed and traditional foods was a priority for participants. Traditional harvesting, traditional foods and harvest sites, hunting and fishing were also mentioned. A grocery store was identified as a need for Metlakatla.
- **Culture** – the focus of this priority area was the protection of cultural heritage resources as well as providing more opportunities to learn about



the culture through language, art and dance. A long house and museum were mentioned as future potential opportunities in the village.

- **Access** – better access to Metlakatla was an important theme that emerged as well. The discussion was focused around increased ferry service and road access from Prince Rupert.
- **Specific Places** - some of the participants identified places that they liked about Metlakatla including the Wilderness Trail, Tugwell Island, the Sandbar, the beaches, the intertidal zone and Metlakatla Pass and all within it.
- **Economy** – this was mentioned in relation to jobs opportunities for community members in Metlakatla.
- **Other** – other items mentioned through the post-it note exercise include:
 - The plan needs to be a living document for changing times
 - In developing the plan, we need to consider competing interests and the opportunity costs.

