

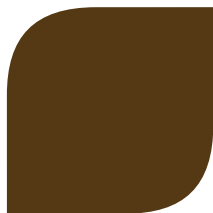
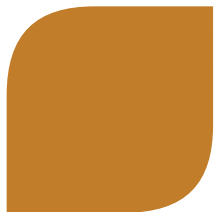
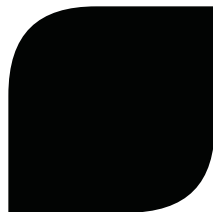
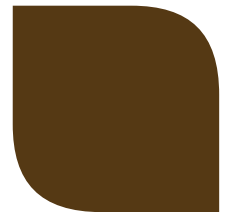
Community Planning

Funding Sources, Case Studies & Best Practices

A Resource List for BC's First Nation Governments



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The Smart Planning Initiative

Smart Planning for Communities, a program of the Fraser Basin Council, offers local and First Nations governments the services of skilled Sustainability Facilitators in communities across BC.

Our Facilitators are available to provide free assistance with community planning processes. We offer advice that will fit your community on process, strategy and new technology, as well as on how to use local and traditional knowledge in your plans.

Our services include:

- Process advice and assistance
- Strategic planning support
- Hosting learning forums for community members to share local and traditional knowledge
- Technical Expertise
- Online Resources
- First Nations Community Planning

Several First Nations communities in British Columbia are moving towards a sustainable future. These communities have requested increased access to expertise, networks and information to continue making plans for a sustainable future.

This document (digital copy found at www.smartplanningbc.ca under Resources) provides links to resources for planning well such as frameworks and funding opportunities. This Planning Resource also lists Success Stories and Best Practices from communities actively working to improve opportunities for today's generation and for the community seven generations from now.

You can combine this resource with a workshop on relationship building and or with an in-person Smart Planning session by contacting:

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Cariboo-Chilcotin Office: Williams Lake
smartplanningbc.ca | toolkit.bc.ca

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Fraser Basin Council

Established in 1997, the **Fraser Basin Council** (FBC) is a non-profit, charitable society that advances sustainability in the Fraser River Basin and across BC. FBC is led by 38 directors from the four orders of government (Federal, Provincial, Local and First Nations) and participants from the private sector and civil society. This collaborative governance structure is one of the first of its kind in Canada, and has served as a model in other jurisdictions.

The vision of the Fraser Basin Council, coming from its *Charter for Sustainability*, is for “*social well-being supported by a vibrant economy and sustained by a healthy environment.*”

In fulfilling that vision, FBC helps others work together on solutions to sustainability issues and conflicts. Over the past 14 years, the Council has helped facilitate multiple collaborative processes and, with its partners, has tackled a diversity of sustainability initiatives. These include programs on smart planning for communities, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal relations, climate change action and adaptation, air quality, green fleet review transportation, healthy watersheds and fisheries, control of invasive plants and sustainability reporting and education.

The Fraser Basin Council has five regional offices in the Fraser Basin and two offices serving other parts of BC: in Vancouver, Mission, Kamloops, Williams Lake, Prince George, Cranbrook and Victoria.

Learn more about the Council and its programs at www.fraserbasin.bc.ca.

Other FBC websites include:

Fraser Salmon and Watersheds

<http://www.thinksalmon.com>

E3 Fleet (Canada’s first green fleet review and rating program)

<http://www.e3fleet.com>

Sustainability Purchasing Network

<http://www.buysmartbc.com>



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1. Community Planning Information

Community Plans should address all aspects of community life, such as governance, land and resources, health, infrastructure, culture and social issues.

Planning smart can help guide your community through challenges. Solutions addressed in community plans promote health, build teamwork and expertise, protect resources, celebrate traditions and culture and create wealth. The process enables communities to build a roadmap to sustainability, self-sufficiency and improved governance capacity.



1.1. **CCP Handbook – Comprehensive Community Planning for First Nations in British Columbia**

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ai/scr/bc/proser/fna/ccp/ccphb/pub/ccphb-eng.asp#toc>

1.2. **CCP Best Practices**

Gaining Momentum – Sharing 50 Best Practices of First Nations Comprehensive Community Planning

<http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/downloads/ccp-short-version.pdf>

1.3. **CCP Frequently Asked Questions**

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ai/scr/bc/proser/fna/ccp/tlrsc/faq-eng.asp>

1.4. **Planning for Sustainability: a Starter Guide, TNS 2009**

<http://www.thenaturalstep.org/en/canada/toolkits>

2. Funding

External funding can support an entire plan, specific topic areas or stages in the planning process.

2.1. **Aboriginal Business Canada (ABC)**

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ecd/ab/abc/abcnu-eng.asp>

- Aboriginal Business Canada is a program of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). Working with clients and partners, we provide a range of services and support that is helping to promote the growth of a strong Aboriginal business sector in Canada.

2.2. **British Columbia Capacity Initiative (BCCI)**

<http://www.bccapacity.org/>

- Call for Proposal notices are sent out to First Nations and First Nation Organizations annually in early fall.

2.3. Building Governance Capacity

<http://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/funding/first-nations-relations/building-governance-capacity.html>

- The program was operated on a one-time contribution and those funds are now substantially committed to approved projects. If funds are freed up, or additional dollars are made available for the program, we will notify our members and update the website

2.4. CivicInfoBC – Find Grants

<http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/18.asp>

- The grants database is updated continuously, and new grants are generally added as soon as application details are made public

2.5. Community Economic Opportunities Program (CEOP)

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ecd/ep/ceo/index-eng.asp>

- Please contact Economic Development Directorate at (604) 666-7891

2.6. Community Futures

<http://www.communityfutures.ca/provincial/bc/index.html>

- Comprised of 34 locally and strategically positioned organizations, the BC Community Futures Network has a significant impact on the socio-economic development and diversification of the rural communities it serves.

2.7. Community to Community Forums (C2C)

http://www.cd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/gov_structure/firstnations/c2c_forum.htm

- Call for applications are twice each year, in the spring and in the fall.

2.8. First Nations Health Council

http://www.fnhc.ca/index.php/community_engagement/funding/

- The role of the BC First Nations Health Council is to support and assist BC's 203 diverse First Nations communities to realize their health aspirations and priorities.

2.9. Funding Sources for British Columbia Communities

<http://communityfutures.com/cms/index.php?id=168>

- The following pages are the results of a partnership between the [BC Rural Team](#), [BC Rural Network](#), [BC Healthy Communities](#), [Canadian Cancer Society's Community Capacity Building Strategy](#), and [Community Futures of Greater Trail](#). These pages provide information on sources of funding and support for community development in BC.

2.10. Local Sport Program Development Fund

http://www.2010legaciesnow.com/local_sport_development_fund/

- The Local Sport Program Development Fund makes community sport more accessible to people of all abilities by providing funding support to sport programs initiated by municipalities, sport organizations and Aboriginal communities.



2.11. New Relationship Trust

<http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/home>

<http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/initiatives/deadlines>

- NRT supports Nation Building by assisting First Nations and their communities in five key capacity development areas: governance, education, language & culture, youth & Elders, and economic development. Please check back in early 2010 for next year's funding initiatives to be announced.



2.12. Northern Development Grant Writing Support Program

<http://northerndevelopment.bc.ca/community-funding/grant-writing-support>

- The Grant Writing Support program provides annual funding from the Cross Regional Account for grant writer positions employed by municipalities, regional districts, and First Nations bands within the Northern Development Initiative Trust region.

2.13. Northern Development Initiative Trust

<http://northerndevelopment.bc.ca/>

- The purpose of the Northern Development Initiative is to give Northern communities the funding, control and a mechanism to identify and pursue new opportunities for stimulating sustainable economic growth and job creation in their regions

2.14. Professional and Institutional Development (P&ID) Program

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ap/gov/igsp/pid/index-eng.asp>

- Please contact P&ID Program Administration at (604) 775-1500

2.15. Real Estate Foundation of BC

<http://www.realestatefoundation.com/>

- The Real Estate Foundation provides both project [funding and endowment grants](#) to non-profit organizations. Endowment grants are available only to organizations with charitable status (federal tax number). Project funding is granted to help an organization attain particular goals in a specified time period.

2.16. Rural BC – Funding Programs

<http://datafind.gov.bc.ca/query.html?st=11&charset=utf-8&style=ruralbc&qp=url%3Aruralbc.gov.bc.ca/&qt=First+Nations>

- The [RuralBC](#) website provides easy reference to resources and program funding information designed to assist communities and regions.

2.17. Rural Economic Diversification Initiative of British Columbia (REDI-BC)

http://www.communityfutures.net/ruralec_program.htm

- The [Rural Economic Diversification Initiative](#) of British Columbia (REDI-BC) is a joint initiative between Western Economic Diversification Canada (WD) and Community Futures British Columbia, to encourage economic diversification in rural communities. From October 1, 2008 to March 31, 2012 on March 15, June 15, September 15, December 1

2.18. [Smart Planning for Communities Website](#) - Funding, Tools & Resources Links

http://fraserbasin.bc.ca/programs/spc_links.html#funding

- Smart Planning for Communities (SPC) is a BC-wide collaborative initiative to assist local and First Nations governments in addressing their long-term sustainability challenges by providing resources and tools for planning socially, culturally, economically and environmentally sustainable communities.

2.19. [Support Program Guide for First Nation & Civic](#)

[http://smartplanning.pcna.ca/files/Funding/Community%20Energy%20Support%20Programs%20-%20updated%20Nov3-09\).pdf](http://smartplanning.pcna.ca/files/Funding/Community%20Energy%20Support%20Programs%20-%20updated%20Nov3-09).pdf)

- Community Energy Efficiency & Clean Energy Projects. Most programs listed are competitive processes and should be verified with the listed funding agencies and / or by contacting Danielle Myles at danielle.myles@gov.bc.ca or 250-952-6347.

2.20. [Western Economic Diversification \(WD\)](#)

<http://www.wd.gc.ca/eng/16.asp>

- WD receives an annual allocation, approved by Parliament, for grants and contributions that support a wide range of programs responding to Western Canada's economic development needs and priorities.

3. CCP Case Studies

First Nations Communities across BC are demonstrating leadership in sustainability planning. Learn from your neighbours examples. The full case studies from Yekooche, Lytton, Ktunaxa and Okanagan can be found at <http://ainc-inac.gc.ca/ai/scr/bc/proser/fna/ccp/ccphb/pub/ccphb-eng.asp#pfnp>

3.1. [Ktunaxa Nation](#)

Approx. 1500 nation members in four communities: ?A'kisiq'nuk, St. Mary's, Tobacco Plains and Lower Kootenay - The Ktunaxa are characterized by two distinctive groups the Upper and Lower Ktunaxa

<http://www.ktunaxa.org/>

Actions:

- Went through an extensive energy assessment process

Results

- Determined that to save energy and money they need their buildings retrofit
- Exploring creating an energy advisor position with the support of BC Hydro
- Created a community vision

Ktunaxa First Nation Vision Statement: *Strong healthy citizens and communities, speaking our languages and celebrating who we are and our history in our ancestral homelands, working together, managing our lands and resources as a self-sufficient, self-governing Nation.*



3.2. Lytton First Nation

Population 1700, part of larger nation made up of 53 reserves in Southern BC

<http://www.lyttonfirstnations.ca/>

Actions:

- Formed a steering committee of community members only.
- Allowed the membership to engage in open discussions.
- Engaged significantly with the elders and youth decision-making body. Helped to develop leadership skills
- Did a lot of pre-planning to counteract pressure

Results:

- Established a five year strategic plan
- Conducted a major agricultural and health assessment
- Updated outdated INAC information
- Conducted a massive health survey on the population (people with disabilities etc.)
- Redefined organization and updated organizational charts
- Began to access services and partners outside of INAC



3.3. Okanagan Indian Band

Five communities of 1700 people, half of who live off-reserve, several non-band members living in developments on Okanagan land

<http://www.okib.ca/>

Action

- Held meetings to engage community in discussions about accessing services and managing development
- Collected data at public meetings
- Held community-to-community forums with Vernon, Kelowna and Lumby Councils and mayors
- Now meet regularly with City of Vernon regarding development applications

Results

- Maps with community input about how land should develop
- Started a joint venture between Okanagan Indian Band and Lumby
- Formed strong working relationships with planners in nearby jurisdictions
- First Nations' Community Development Division is fully informed and has input into proposed changes to services
- City of Vernon and Okanagan Indian Band's GIS departments work jointly on mapping
- Purchased GIS system, do mapping in-house
- Developed internal strategic planning capacity

3.4. Yekooche First Nation

Remote community, accessible by gravel logging road, 200 people

<http://www.yekooche.com/nativeheritage.htm>

Actions:

- Health assessment with community review and discussion

- Designed appropriate governance and administrative model through
- Gathering information
- Building a planning team

Results

- The initial health assessment evolved into 9 comprehensive plans (Language/Culture, Economic Environment, Education/Health services, Physical Environment)
- The Health Advisory Committee formed as a result of the community review now provides a forum for community consultation for Health and Social Services

4. First Nation Successes

First Nations Communities across BC are demonstrating leadership in sustainability planning. Learn from your neighbours examples.

4.1. 2005-2010 CAEE Successes

The Community Action on Energy and Emissions (CAEE) initiative provides financial and research support to BC local governments and First Nations to advance energy efficiency, energy conservation and emissions reductions measures through policy and planning tools. The program is administered by the Fraser Basin Council.

<http://www.fraserbasin.bc.ca/programs/caee.html>

4.2. A Series of Success Stories on Housing Related Topics – CMHC

CMHC offers programs, innovative financing techniques, training tools and information to increase building capacity and address housing needs in First Nations communities.

http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/ab/onre/onre_031.cfm

4.3. British Columbia First Nations Success Stories

Whether it's developing comprehensive community plans, managing effective water and wastewater systems, launching innovative economic development projects or forging partnerships, First Nations in BC are making great strides towards improving the quality of life in their communities. We are pleased to highlight the many successes of First Nations individuals and communities around the province through the stories on this section of our site.

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ai/scr/bc/fnbc/sucsty/index-eng.asp>

4.4. Dzawada'enuxw First Nation Economic Development Strategy

The [Dzawada'enuxw First Nation Economic Development Strategy](#) project came about through an application to INAC under the Community Economic Opportunities Program (CEOP). The project was initially written in for an eight month project but due to funding constraints at INAC level, the project ended up being completed within a 3 month time frame. Funding was complemented by the Musgamagw Tsawataineuk Tribal council (MTTC) Economic Development Flow Through Funding arrangement with the Dzawada'enuxw First Nation.

4.5. First Nation Forestry Program Success Stories

These success stories demonstrate how the Government of Canada is supporting wise stewardship, skills development, innovation and entrepreneurship in First Nations communities. They also bear

witness to how First Nations people, through the FNFP, are seizing the many growing opportunities in forestry to improve the quality of life in their communities.

<http://dsp-psd.pwgsc.gc.ca/Collection/Fo42-327-2005E.pdf>

4.6. Haida Nation

http://www.haidanation.ca/Pages/Haida_Nation/History.html

The Haida Nation has put up \$800 million to buy up to a 40-per-cent stake in an energy company that plans to place wind turbines off the northern coast of British Columbia. The agreement struck with NaiKun Wind Energy Group Inc. calls for the construction of 110 hydro-generating wind turbines in the Hecate Strait, about 100 kilometres from Prince Rupert, according to the company's website. The electricity generated by the turbines will be enough to power 130,000 homes, said Doug McClelland of NaiKun. Read more: <http://www.cbc.ca/canada/british-columbia/story/2009/08/18/bc-haida-wind-turbine-investment.html?ref=rss#ixzz0jaQB07V5>

4.7. Hupacasath First Nation

Regional District of Nanaimo and the Hupacasath First Nation signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish common goals and recognize the role of one another in creating and managing a park at the top of Mount Arrowsmith. [ARROWSMITH PARK MEMORANDUM SIGNED](#)

4.8. Success Stories on INAC website

Aboriginal communities across Canada have success stories to share. In this section you can learn about community-driven efforts to improve the lives of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal individuals, families and communities.

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ai/ss/index-eng.asp>

Enjoy stories on any of these topics:

[Aboriginal Peoples & Communities](#)

Look and listen to these short videos featuring the success of First Nations, Inuit, Métis and Northern communities. Whether it's about education, culture or governance, they all have the same goal - improving the quality of life of Aboriginal people across Canada.

[Environment and natural resources](#)

Sharing success stories is a vital part of the Climate Change program at Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. Here you will see projects of all kinds being implemented by Aboriginal and northern communities in collaboration with corporations and other government departments.

[Health and well being](#)

The program gives First Nations a sense of community ownership of the projects that they develop under the initiative. First Nations design the projects themselves to address the diverse and unique needs of the people in their communities, while at the same time reducing child poverty.

[Housing](#)

Read about how a number of Aboriginal communities have experienced improvements in their housing situation. These communities have implemented and managed housing activities, in part by administering these government funds, and by identifying and obtaining additional funding from other sources, such as financial institutions, to support their needs.



4.9. Tsleil Waututh Nation

The Tsleil-Waututh Nation is a small but growing community of 500 located in Greater Vancouver. TWN aims to be active participants in all social, economic, cultural, and political activities that take place on their traditional territories by thinking big and acting decisively to care for their lands and waters. TWN own and operate seven businesses in the alternative energy, tourism, construction, real estate and retail sectors. With its newest venture, TWN Wind Power Inc., the nation is actively pursuing business opportunities to bring clean, renewable energy within reach of remote and rural First Nations to create a sustainable future for Aboriginal people.

www.twnation.ca

TWN Wind Power Inc. is a wholly owned operating company by the Tsleil-Waututh First Nation in North Vancouver, BC. We are the master distributor and installer for Endurance Wind Power's small wind turbines – both a 5 kW and a 50 kW. Our goal is to partner with other First Nation communities throughout North America and install clean energy through the generation of distributed wind power.

<http://twnwindpower.com/about/>



4.10. T'Sou-ke First Nation

<http://www.tsoukenation.com/about/>

The T'Sou-ke First Nation at Sooke, BC, has become the largest solar energy producing community in BC, and one of the most solar intensive in the country. At a special gathering in mid-July, the T'Sou-ke Nation unveiled its solar power project. Solar energy will power the band office, fisheries

building, canoe shed and 25 homes on the reserve. Nine of the band members have been certified as solar panel installers. In addition, about 37 homes on the reserve get hot water from solar panels on their roofs, and almost all the remaining residents are on the waiting list. The band intends to equip all 86 homes on the reserve with solar panels. The T'Sou-ke will also provide 50 hot water tanks to another nearby village. Chief Gordon Planes said that the project is intended to become a blueprint to help other communities to reduce their carbon footprint.

T'Sou-ke Nation: [Solar forum & gathering](#)

Victoria Times Colonist story: [Solar power reserve](#)

CBC story: [Solar power project](#)

- Project models energy autonomy for other BC Aboriginal communities. <http://thetyee.ca/News/2009/07/24/FirstNationSolarPower/>

5. Best Practices

5.1. National Centre for First Nations Governance

We support First Nations as they seek to implement their right to self-governance and improve their day-to-day government operations. The National Centre for First Nations Governance is the leader in delivering Nation rebuilding services to First Nations in Canada. We are a non-profit organization governed and staffed by experienced and highly trained Aboriginal professionals. The Centre operates independently of Government and First Nations political organizations.

<http://fngovernance.org/index.htm>

<http://fngovernance.org/toolkit/>

5.2. New Relationship Trust – Prepared for

Best Practices Report: [Consultation and Accommodation for First Nations](#)

Best Practices Report: [Environmental Assessments for First Nations](#)

Best Practices Report: [Governance for First Nations](#)

Best Practices Report: [Land Use Planning for First Nations](#)

5.3. Sliammon First Nation and City of Powell River Sharing

Best Practices Report: [Intergovernmental Relations and Planning](#)

6. Documents and Agreements with and for First Nations

6.1. CivicInfoBC

The main goal of CivicInfo BC is to facilitate the free and open exchange of local government information, which is done primarily through this web site.

[Agreements with First Nations](#) or go to http://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/13_show.asp?titleid=4

6.2. First Nations Communications Toolkit

The [First Nations Communication Toolkit](#) was designed explicitly for First Nations communicators and is based on input from First Nations communicators and administrators working for First Nations organizations. It offers information on many topics, including communications planning, publications, events and media relations, from a First Nations' perspective. The best practices and practical lessons learned that have been included in the toolkit are drawn from Tewanee Joseph's experience working on communications projects with over 30 First Nation communities.



6.3. First Nations Digital Document Source

Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC) Research Department is supported by the [UBCIC Resource Centre](#), the premiere land claims research facility in British Columbia. Holding specialized research collections that focus on First Nations and BC lands issues, the Resource Centre serves all researchers working on behalf of BC First Nations.

6.4. First Nations in British Columbia Portal

The [First Nations in BC Portal](#) was developed by the First Nations Technology Council in partnership with the New Relationship Trust with input from many First Nations communities and organizations. We encourage all First Nations in BC to help us make this Portal something truly extraordinary! The ideas behind this Portal include collaboration, communications and sharing stories.

6.5. First Nations Summit Information Zone

List of First Nations Summit Documents. The following links will enable you to view available [First Nations Summit documents](#).

6.6. Government and BC Hydro initial historic Final Agreement with St'át'imc

LILLOOET B.C. – [The Province of British Columbia and BC Hydro have initialed a Final Agreement with the St'át'imc](#) and each of its 11 member bands that, once ratified, will address the longstanding grievances related to the construction and operation of BC Hydro's Bridge River system, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Barry Penner announced today.

Once ratified, the Final Agreement will provide the St'át'imc with compensation, mitigation of impacts and economic opportunities. The agreement will also provide BC Hydro and the BC government with operational certainty for the future. A ratification vote is tentatively scheduled by St'át'imc community members for the spring of 2011. Subject to a successful ratification process, the Final Agreement will be signed by all parties shortly thereafter.

