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CARCROSS COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CCP PROJECT PLANNING TEAM

Hello everyone,

We are more than halfway through our exciting two-year CCP pilot project journey. It's great to be able to provide another project update on the "Awakening the Greatness Within" Carcross Comprehensive Plan (CCP) Project.

We have had a number of events (pre-pandemic), drafted action plans to begin working together to address mutual issues and opportunities, and mapped out the final steps towards the completion of the CCP.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic sweeping the globe we have met via virtual Zoom (thank you Steering Committee members!) over the past three months. We continue to look for new and creative ways to engage with communities while responsibly adhering to the new pandemic normal. We will continue to meet monthly until the end of the planning project in March 2021, providing the time required to co-develop with the Steering Committee specific actions to begin to address the shared concerns and opportunities with some actions already underway!

A QUARTERLY LOOK AT THE CCP PROJECT

The Carcross/Tagish First Nation (C/TFN) is one of over 160 First Nation communities across Canada participating in an ambitious and exciting project to create a comprehensive community plan (CCP). We have come together with all four of the Local Advisory Councils (Carcross, Tagish, Mt. Lorne, Marsh Lake) within the C/TFN Traditional territory to form a Steering Committee and collaborate with C/TFN to create the future our communities desire with long-term sustainability as a primary driver.

The highlight of our work to date is the identification of five priority areas of focus and the objectives we wish to work toward to ensure positive change occurs in the Southern Lakes region (as follows):

CCP ACTION PLAN: PRIORITY OUTCOMES	
DEVELOPMENT	Development of appropriate infrastructure
	Tourism and regulation
	Trail planning
GOVERNANCE	Identify and confirm a governance framework
	Formalize communication between YG, LACs and C/TFN
	Identify and secure sustainable resources to support the new governance framework.
WELLNESS	Cultural events and cross-cultural knowledge sharing on the land
	Establish a safety network
	Work with government on a new framework for rural senior housing
	Regional land-based treatment centre
EDUCATION	Add a learning/mentoring component to all CCP projects where possible
RESILIENCE	Emergency response planning
	Improve health of the land
	Establish energy independence through generation alternatives



THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD GOVERNANCE AND THE CCP

The CCP Planning Team remains focused on working with the Steering Committee to develop strategies to address your concerns such as the pressures on the region's ecosystems, infrastructure demands, and the requirement for regionally focused emergency response planning. The action plan we are developing will systematically address the priority outcomes shared in the quarterly look at the CCP project. For example, to improve regional emergency response capacity, the CCP will recommend:

EXAMPLE #1: COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY PLANNING	
ACTION #1	Gain an understanding as to where each of the communities are in their emergency planning and execution (i.e. quality of exiting plans in place, capacity development to date and going forward, etc.)
TIMEFRAME	To Be Decided - we will refine the action details as we proceed with developing the CCP Plan
DEFINABLE ACTION ²	Develop a baseline assessment that coordinates the response capabilities of the five communities and provides a foundation for a regionally focused response plan.
LEAD PARTNER	To Be Decided - we will refine the action details as we proceed with developing the CCP Plan
SUPPORTING PARTNERS	» Relevant Yukon Gov't departments » Community stakeholders (five communities) » Relevant external agencies
TIMELINE	To Be Decided - we will refine the action details as we proceed with developing the CCP Plan
REQUIRED RESOURCES	Resources (funding, capacity, expertise)
OUTCOME	The five communities will have a clear understanding as to current emergency response planning capacity to strategically establish next steps in developing a regionally focused emergency response plan.

² Each action could be in a single action plan or combined depending upon the desired approach and/or capacity of the implementation team (ie. may require greater breakdown of tasks to be helpful).

We will continue to develop the CCP action plan over the next few months and will issue for public comment as the first draft CCP later this year.



“[CCP process] it's... just incredibly advantageous, for our community, for friendship, for teaching each other, for learning from each other...”

CCP STAFF / IMPLEMENTERS RETREAT FEB 19-20, 2020

The highlight of the past six months was a two-day CCP staff / implementer's retreat at the Inn on the Lake on February 19 & 20, 2020. The retreat brought together key stakeholders to establish a strategic focus for the CCP and the development of the framework for the final CCP plan. Participants included C/TFN staff, C/TMC, and representatives from each Local Advisory Council. A respected C/TFN Elder joined us to start the day with prayer and setting intention for the retreat.

During the day, the participants reviewed the background research prepared for the retreat, analyzed the priorities of the communities brought to the fore, and identified the gaps that the CCP could potentially address. Our final output was the development of the CCP table of contents (the Plan 'map') for review and guidance. We will continue to develop this map and will present it to the CCP Steering Committee/Community for review and further guidance later this year.

CCP Staff / Implementers Retreat Feb 19-20, 2020- Process Map Mural



CCP Staff / Implementers Retreat Feb 19-20, 2020 - Priorities & Action Mural



A group of people are gathered around a long table in a meeting room. A man in a light green shirt is leaning over the table, pointing at a large sheet of paper that has handwritten notes on it. Several other people are seated around the table, looking at the paper or talking. The room has a blue wall and a rack of coats in the background.

Economic Development (ED), Yukon Government - Community Services (CS), Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association (YFNCT), Tourism Industry Association of Yukon (TIAY), and White Pass & Yukon Route Railway (WPYR).

The CCP Steering Committee is working to incorporate these recommendations into the CCP Plan as action items related to the development pillar. Please note the majority of action items relating to tourism have been put on hold due to COVID-19 with specific actions that can be done remotely being addressed where possible.

Sixteen participants attended representing many tourism stakeholders in Carcross including: Carcross and Tagish First Nation (C/TFN) Carcross Tagish Management Corporation (CTMC), the South Klondike, Marsh Lake, and Mount Lorne Local Advisory Councils (LACs), Yukon Government - Tourism and Culture (TC), Yukon Government -

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WHERE WE'RE GOING NEXT

UPCOMING CCP EVENTS

Continued CCP Steering Committee meetings, finalizing the CCP video, one-on-one interviews and our public review of the draft plan by the end of this year!

“You’re home now
– come home.
Walk through the
cedar boughs,
and know that
we embrace
you. And just
hearing those
things for people
is so incredibly
powerful.”



Carcross Christmas Market - CCP Engagement Booth



CCP Staff / Implementers
Retreat - February 2020





“...making connections with our ancestors. One of the things that we do is walk on the trails, hunt on the trails that our ancestors used. ...

So that part for me is special, because there's places and things to do that are just really unique to Carcross Tagish First Nations”.



“The land, the intersection of wind, water, air, ice – the geography, the desert but the rocks that come up from the core of the earth and sack-er bay driftwood and Tlingit culture and drumming dance, there’s a rhythm here, there’s a beat, there’s a – something super cool in this area, like it’s dynamic.”



Carcross Tourism Open House Jan 2020



CCP / Staff Implementers Retreat - February 2020



HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Anyone who lives, works, or plays within the traditional territory of C/TFN has a say in this plan.

Please check out Awakening the Greatness Within Carcross CCP Teaser Video, retreat murals, CCP newsletters and reports on our Facebook page and website.

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“That kind of planning exercise [regionally focused] has a great deal of merit. And gives the people living in those areas a direct say in how their communities are going to evolve.”