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TAGISH LOCAL AREA PLAN



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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit the Tagish LAP section of the Tagish community website for all plan-related information. The site contains Committee meeting notes and results from surveys and community sessions, along with background information and maps.

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VALUES

Tagish residents value:

- ▲ A pristine natural environment with thriving fish, bird, and wildlife populations;
- ▲ Clean water and healthy watersheds both in the community and across the broader Southern Lakes region;
- ▲ The rich Carcross/Tagish First Nation culture;
- ▲ The colourful local history dating back to the gold rush;
- ▲ A quiet, peaceful, and rural way of life;
- ▲ A strong social fabric where volunteerism thrives and neighbours help and respect each other;
- ▲ Personal independence and the ability to pursue diverse lifestyles;
- ▲ The ability to make a living locally;
- ▲ Partnerships that result in local solutions to community challenges; and
- ▲ Community services, small businesses, recreation opportunities, programming, and infrastructure that meet the needs of community members of all ages.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Community growth and economic development is gradual and carefully managed to maintain quality of life for existing and future residents.
2. Decision-making is transparent and involves collaboration, partnerships and open dialogue between governments, residents, community groups and other stakeholders.
3. Infrastructure and services are developed at a scale equivalent to community capacity and in a manner that maximizes local benefits.
4. Land use decisions take a precautionary approach with respect to the environment and protection of ecosystem health both in Tagish and in the broader Southern Lakes region as the headwaters of the Yukon River.
5. The provisions of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation Final Agreements are respected.

Tagish Planning Week: Overview

Tagish Planning Week was a focused, multi-day engagement with Tagish residents, property owners, and Carcross/Tagish First Nation (C/TFN) citizens to gather information and feedback for the Tagish Local Area Plan. A series of open houses and focus group discussions was held from June 28th to July 1st, 2015.

The Planning Team heard from almost 120 people during Tagish Planning Week. Thanks to all who took the time to share their thoughts and ideas with us! The complete Tagish Planning Week results can be found on our website.

What's Happening Next?

After a summer hiatus, the Planning Committee is back at work. Here's what to expect in the coming months:

- ▲ **December** - Tagish and C/TFN youth will be engaged in Vision and Values "proofing" and information gathering
- ▲ **January/February** - Public meetings will be hosted on Discussion Papers that focus on options to resolve challenging or contentious planning issues
- ▲ **February/March** - Development of Draft Plan
- ▲ **Spring 2016** - Public meetings on Draft Plan
- ▲ **Summer 2016** - Development of the Final Plan



Vision, Values and Guiding Principles

Based on the feedback you gave us during Tagish Planning Week, the Planning Committee and the Planning Team have prepared the Vision, Values, and Guiding Principles for the Plan.

THE VISION is one statement summarizing the kind of future the community wants.

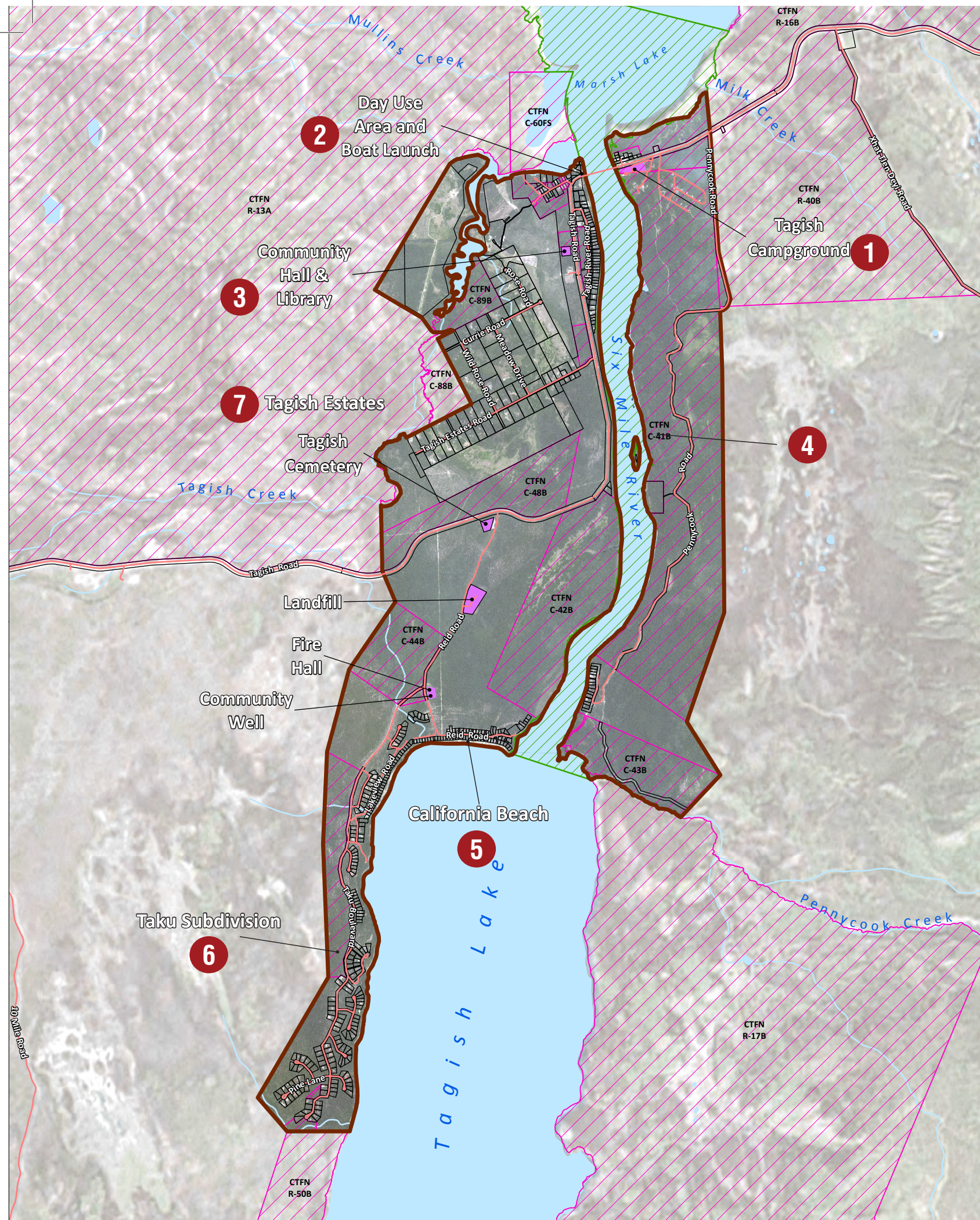
VALUES are common, fundamental beliefs that bind community members together.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES outline how land use decisions will be made.

VISION

In 2035, Tagish is a vibrant rural community with clean water and healthy wildlife and fish populations. First Nations and non-First Nations people continue to work together to rekindle the connection to the past and build a strong sense of community.

Please refer to the back of the newsletter for more on the values and guiding principles for the Plan.



Tagish Assets, Issues, and Opportunities

(FROM TAGISH PLANNING WEEK SUMMARY REPORT)

1 TAGISH CAMPGROUND

Assets:

- ▲ Traditional gathering place for First Nation people
- ▲ Longhouses located here in the past

Issues:

- ▲ Not always open, leading to informal camping: fire risk and nuisance to residents
- ▲ Potential need for alternate if C/TFN doesn't operate after 20 year timeframe

Opportunities:

- ▲ Reclaim area for cultural uses and/or tourism venue
- ▲ Rebuild longhouse(s)
- ▲ Potential to provide parking to boaters to relieve congestion in the day use area

3 COMMUNITY HALL AND LIBRARY

Assets:

- ▲ Well-used hub of Tagish community life and recreation

Issues:

- ▲ Inadequate kitchen and natural light
- ▲ Limited library hours
- ▲ Poor connectivity to/from Tagish Estates
- ▲ No roof over the rink
- ▲ Range of recreation opportunities is limited

Opportunities:

- ▲ Install a roof over the rink
- ▲ Build new, better designed centre
- ▲ Develop a community garden and kitchen
- ▲ Create a paved loop, bike and/or skateboard park
- ▲ Designate corridor to connect with Tagish Estates

5 CALIFORNIA BEACH

Assets:

- ▲ Important recreational resource

Issues:

- ▲ Lack of awareness of public access points to beach resulting in trespassing on private property
- ▲ Shoreline habitat/wildlife can be impacted by early season motorized use

Opportunities

- ▲ Mark and promote public access points
- ▲ Create a hub to facilitate access/enjoyment

2 DAY USE AREA AND BOAT LAUNCH

Assets:

- ▲ Well used lake access for residents and visitors

Issues:

- ▲ Often congested on summer weekends; safety hazards for children and pedestrians
- ▲ Access to adjacent properties can be blocked off, posing an emergency risk and nuisance
- ▲ Pedestrian crossing to/from Six Mile Resort – poor sight lines and high vehicle speeds

Opportunities:

- ▲ Use signage/other measures to reduce safety conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles
- ▲ Construct walkway/floating dock to ease congestion
- ▲ Divert parking to another area and utilize day use area for launching only
- ▲ Co-locate a new campground with a new boat launch

4 SIX MILE RIVER

Assets:

- ▲ Important wildlife habitat
- ▲ Dock infrastructure and resident water access
- ▲ Bridge
- ▲ NW Mounted Police Historic Site

Issues:

- ▲ Speeding boats causing shoreline erosion and impacting docks
- ▲ Docks may have environmental impacts
- ▲ Shoreline habitat/wildlife can be impacted by early season motorized use

Opportunities:

- ▲ Use education to improve boater etiquette
- ▲ Create a “no wake” zone

6 7 TAKU SUBDIVISION / TAGISH ESTATES

Issues

- ▲ Lack of secondary access in event of fire/emergency
- ▲ Borders on caribou wintering habitat; sensitive to development