

Your representatives on the Community Planning Forum

The Community Planning Forum is *perspective-based*. Its members represent the broad range of perspectives and interests on the Islands (please see Page 3).

Planning Forum members are committed to:

- representing their identified interests at the planning table;
- communicating the progress of Forum discussions with others in the community who share their interests;
- bringing concerns of their interest group back to the planning table for consideration.

Here are profiles for three of the 28 Planning Forum members. In future newsletters, other members will be featured.

Barb Rowsell: Tourism representative

Barb represents the interests of ecotourism and the Heritage Tourism Strategy. She and her husband, Keith, run Anvil Cove Charters. They run tours from their schooner in Gwaii Haanas and elsewhere on Haida Gwaii. She says:



"I was motivated to participate in the LUP process because I am concerned about the environment and the quality of life on the Islands. Since 1976 I have attended meetings and participated in planning processes and organizations exploring the subject of maintaining a balance with the environment while providing livelihoods for the people of Haida Gwaii.

These concerns are central to the interests that I represent at the Table."

Bob Patterson: Mining representative

Bob Patterson works for Taseko Mines Ltd., a B.C. based mining company that has a mineral tenure on Haida Gwaii. He represents the mining interest on behalf of the B.C. and Yukon Chamber of Mines and the Mining Association of BC. Key interests of the mining sector are:



- To develop a sound land use plan that promotes sustainability, with consideration of social, cultural, environmental and economic values.
- To promote mining, to supply information about the mining industry, and to reinforce the economic and social benefits of mineral extraction.
- To respect Aboriginal Rights and Title in the planning process.
- To develop a plan that provides maximum access to the land for exploration and to ensure that land tenure is secure to accommodate the development of an infrastructure for mineral extraction.

Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte Islands Land Use Plan Meeting Dates

The next Community Planning Forum meeting will take place **Thursday, September 9th, Friday, September 10th, and Saturday, September 11th**. Please visit the website below for further details.

Allan Wilson: Haida Cultural Values rep.

I sit on the Community Planning Forum along with Johnnie Williams and we represent Haida Cultural Values.



This position was available through the Council of Hereditary Chiefs and they asked that I represent this Council on the Land Use Planning Forum along with Johnnie, of course. I was very glad to be chosen for this.

I see very great things coming out of this "Land Use Planning". I really believe that the concerns and the love for our Haida Gwaii will be brought out to everyone involved. They will begin to see and feel about Haida Gwaii as we do. Just over the past few meetings we have seen this expressed and felt. When the Haida Land Use Vision was presented we had seen the impact of what is happening to our Haida Gwaii and the effect it has had on our people. The Haida Land Use Vision is very strong and the heartfelt feelings are in it and this applies to all the Haida Nation. We have seen the impact of others since contact. The very things that happened when there was trading is still going on today. I remember my dad telling me a story of when the traders came they had the people pile their furs on top of each other and they held whatever object beside it. When the furs reached the top of the object, that was the price of it.

We still see this today!! Our resources are taken in huge quantities, but we see nothing. We still have to buy our lumber from the "Co-op" and places off-Island. The same with our fisheries. Because of the plans set in place by our people many years ago, we see the sport fisherman enjoying the benefits of the ancestor's conservation. We see the logging companies enjoying the harvest of trees.

We have a big job ahead but I think we can overcome.

For more information on the Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte Islands Land Use Plan process please contact one of the Process Management Team representatives below or visit <http://srmwww.gov.bc.ca/cr/qci/>

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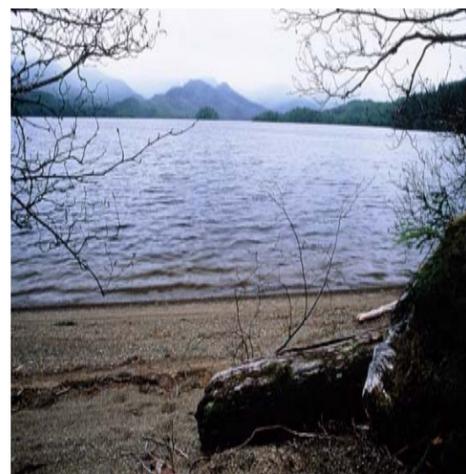
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The website includes meeting summaries, reports, meeting agendas, upcoming important dates and other Land Use Plan related products.



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Community Planning Forum Progresses

The Community Planning Forum for the Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte Islands Land Use Plan began meeting in September 2003. Since that time, members of the Forum have been working hard to develop a Land Use Plan (LUP) for the Islands. This has included:

- Agreeing on the membership of the Planning Forum and the operating procedures for meetings;
- Developing a set of goals and principles to guide the planning process;
- Becoming informed on various resources and resource-based activities on the Islands as well as the values, issues and interests of participating Forum members (see Page 2);
- Becoming familiar with coastal recommendations for Ecosystem-Based Management (EBM) and developing agreement-in-principle on EBM Goals and Principles for Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte Islands; and
- Discussing draft management direction for specific resource values.

The Community Planning Forum is now at a point where they will focus their efforts towards negotiating recommendations for the Land Use Plan.



Some of the Community Planning Forum members for the Haida Gwaii/QCI Land Use Plan meeting in Port Clements

What is the Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte Islands Land Use Plan?

The Haida Gwaii/QCI Land Use Planning process is cooperatively managed by the Haida Nation and the Provincial government, according to a Framework Agreement signed in February 2003.

The Community Planning Forum is working toward developing a set of *strategic* recommendations to submit to the Provincial and Haida governments. These recommendations will provide broad direction for how land and resources are to be managed on non-fee simple lands across the Islands. The plan will not make recommendations for existing protected areas such as Gwaii Haanas or Naikoon Provincial Park.

The Land Use Plan will describe **what** can happen on the land, as well as **when, where** and **how**. It will not recommend **who** conducts or approves activities. As a strategic plan, it does not provide details on what individual resource users or operators must do. However, on-the-ground activities must be consistent with the direction in the Land Use Plan.

Tamara Rullin, Haida co-chair for the

Land Use Plan, is inspired by the possibilities presented by the planning process.

"The preamble of the General Protocol Agreement between the Haida Nation and the Province of BC states in part:

"The Parties are committed to work together in the spirit of mutual recognition, respect and reconciliation on a government-to-government basis to resolve land use conflicts."

This is a historic time for the Haida Nation and our goal is to work together with all communities to move forward into the future," says Rullin.

Carol Kulesha, co-chair of the LUP process, says, "developing a home-grown plan, which includes perspectives from Island residents, provides the opportunity to develop a product unique to Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte Islands."

The Land Use Plan is intended to address the full range of values on the Islands. The planning process will be informed by best available scientific, traditional and local information. This includes work done coast-wide on ecosystem-based management. It will also be guided and informed by the Haida Land Use Vision.

Haida Land Use Vision

The following is a statement from the Council of the Haida Nation on the Haida Land Use Vision:

The Haida Land Use Vision (HLUV) will be a very important document that will guide and inform the Land Use Planning table. It will form an integral part of building a land use plan agreement for Haida Gwaii. The Haida objectives and principles, which guide the HLUV, are based upon our Aboriginal rights and title on Haida Gwaii and the resulting responsibilities. We have always used the land and ocean in careful, cautious ways that provided for present and future generations and protected the ecosystems that sustain us. We focus on what to leave, not what to take. Some of our objectives and principles will be to protect and restore the land and ocean ecosystems of Haida Gwaii – the basis of Haida culture. We will develop an ecologically sustainable, community-based economy that operates within the inherent natural limits of the land and ocean ecosystems that comprise Haida Gwaii, and provides for all its residents.

Elements of the Haida Land Use Vision were presented to the Community Planning Forum in February, May and June, 2004. In addition, the Haida Constitution, which forms the foundation for the HLUV, was presented in March 2004. The HLUV is comprised of three major sections: Part 1: Well-being of the Land; Part 2: Condition of the Land; and Part 3: Natural Ability of the Land to Function and Provide. The Vision highlights six major values including: *Tsuuay*: cedar; *Tsiin*: salmon; *Taan*: bear; *Xiit'lit*: birds; *Kil*: plants; and *Sk'waii*: beach.

The six HLUV maps first presented at the February Forum meeting illustrate the distribution of Haida cultural values and environmental objectives. These include:

- *Protected areas map*: illustrates the Haida Protected Areas, including Gwaii Haanas.
- *Cedar production map*: identifies “Cedar Archaeology” forests and “Cultural Cedar” forests to protect areas having cultural artifacts and to maintain suitable cedar for cultural purposes.
- *Major salmon runs—priorities for restoration map*: identifies priority salmon streams and watersheds. It recommends areas for protection, restoration and further analysis.
- *Riparian area management—stream forest condition map*: identifies riparian protection buffers. These vary depending on tree species.
- *Bird, bear and plant habitat—habitat conditions in larger old growth forests map*: identifies larger old growth forests on the Islands as well as areas that have been modified through human activity.
- *Bird nesting habitat—some known nest sites and important habitat values map*: identifies known nest sites for goshawk, marbled murrelet, saw-whet owl and herons and recommends they be protected.



**HAIDA GWAII
YAH'GUUDANG**
[*respect for this place*]

HAIDA LAND USE VISION

The Haida Land Use Vision is a living document. It has gone through many changes in preparation, and we expect that over the next several months, the text and maps will be revised to include new information from the communities and the Land Use Plan process.

Some of the topics the Community Planning Forum has discussed to date:

Ecosystems of the Islands - their variety and uniqueness, including rare and endangered species;	Overview of the local economy , including current job and income profiles associated with resource-based activities;	Local government interests;
Plants of cultural importance to the Haida Nation;	Overview of the tourism industry on the Islands including the Heritage Tourism Strategy and small business tourism interests;	Provincial Government interests;
Cultural significance of streams and stream-side areas;	Overview of the forest industry and management including small business and major licensee forestry interests;	Terrestrial and aquatic ecosystem interests , including a review of historic activities, past management systems and associated ecosystem impacts;
Perspectives on ecosystem-based management and its application;	Mineral potential on the Islands , including economic benefits and environmental risks;	Non-timber forest interests , including mushrooms, salal, berries, moss, Yew bark and other florals;
Old growth forests , distribution, associated values and opportunities on the Islands;	Cultural significance of red cedar , both historic and current significance;	Forest-based Employment perspectives on the Islands;
		Skidegate Band Council interests , including a presentation on Destination: Skidegate, a Skidegate based tourism initiative; and
		Public Interest perspectives.

Ecosystem-Based Management Goals and Principles

At the recent July Community Planning Forum meeting in Port Clements, Forum members discussed perspectives on Ecosystem-Based Management. While EBM was previously agreed to as a founding principle for the Land Use Plan, developing a set of Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte Island-specific EBM goals and principles had yet to be completed.

After a series of discussions and collaborative efforts at the Forum table, the EBM Goals and Principles shown below were agreed to “in principle”. Forum agreements at this stage of the planning process are defined as “agreement-in-principle”, as final agreement will only be reached once Forum members have reviewed the land use plan package as a whole.

EBM Goals and Principles

On Haida Gwaii, ecosystem-based management embodies Yah'guudang – respect for all things. It is defined as a collaborative, strategic approach to managing human activities that seeks to maintain healthy, fully functioning ecosystems including human communities.

Goals

Protect, maintain and restore ecosystem integrity;

Maintain spiritual and cultural values;

Enhance sustainable economic opportunity within the inherent limits of the land to provide opportunity; and

Foster social and community wellbeing

Principles

Care of the land – focus on what to leave and then what to take.

Meeting community needs – optimize benefits to Island communities.

Meeting future needs – maintain or increase sustainable ecological, social, spiritual, cultural and economic opportunities for future generations – our great grandchildren will have better opportunities than are available to us.



Community Planning Forum Contact List

The representatives on the Community Planning Forum are listed below. Please contact the representative that shares your interests for more information or to provide your views on the planning process.

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