Land Use Planning for Economic Development

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Overview

- About Urban Systems
- Why Plan
- Where to Start
- What's Next
- Sask Pilot Project
- BC Examples
- Conclusion



About Urban Systems

- Founded in 1975
- Over 400 employees and growing
- Interdisciplinary professional practice specializing in:
 - Economic Development
 - Community Planning
 - Civil Engineering
 - Landscape Architecture
 - Environmental Science
 - Management Consulting







About Urban Systems

Our higher calling:
"Spirit in Service for Vibrant Communities"

 We focus on building long-term client relationships

Collaboration with you is the key to our collective success



Why is land use planning important?

- Take stock
- Ask and answer the right questions
- Identify opportunities and potential conflicts
- Develop the concept and action plan
- Provide clarity and certainty



Where To Start?

The Vision

Plan Purpose

Define Success

Seek Endorsement and Participation



What's Next?

Understand Capacity

Seek Funding

Develop Terms of Reference

Seek Professional Assistance



Economic Development Lands Planning Pilot Project

- Jump start economic development
 - Realize economic development potential of First Nations land holdings
 - Focus on properties with greatest potential for ec dev & revenue generation
 - Share examples of economic development projects from other Provinces
 - Connect First Nations directly with private sector expertise
- Goal: Build Economic Development Capacity
 - Develop new revenue streams
 - Create employment opportunities
 - Promote community economic prosperity



Overview of the EDLP Process

Core Components

- 1. Emphasis on community consultation
- 2. Gather background Info
- 3. Extensive mapping
- Rigorous land use planning review
- 5. Detailed site analysis
- 6. Economic Development Action Plan
- 7. Land Acquisition Strategy
- 8. Environmental Management framework



EDLP Outcomes

- Each Community selected 3 priority economic development opportunities
 - Two land development projects
 - One resource development or rural project



What About Strengths?

- A Strong Attribute or Inherent Asset
- Geography
- Location
- Market Need
- Competitive Advantage
- People and Skills
- Natural Resources

Play to Your Strengths

- Klahoose First Nation
 - Run-of-river hydro power
 - RDA with Alterra Power
 - Up to 124 MW capacity



- Creates the opportunity to
 - Look at regional opportunities and priorities
 - Evaluate potential land acquisitions
 - Land selection strategy and action plan

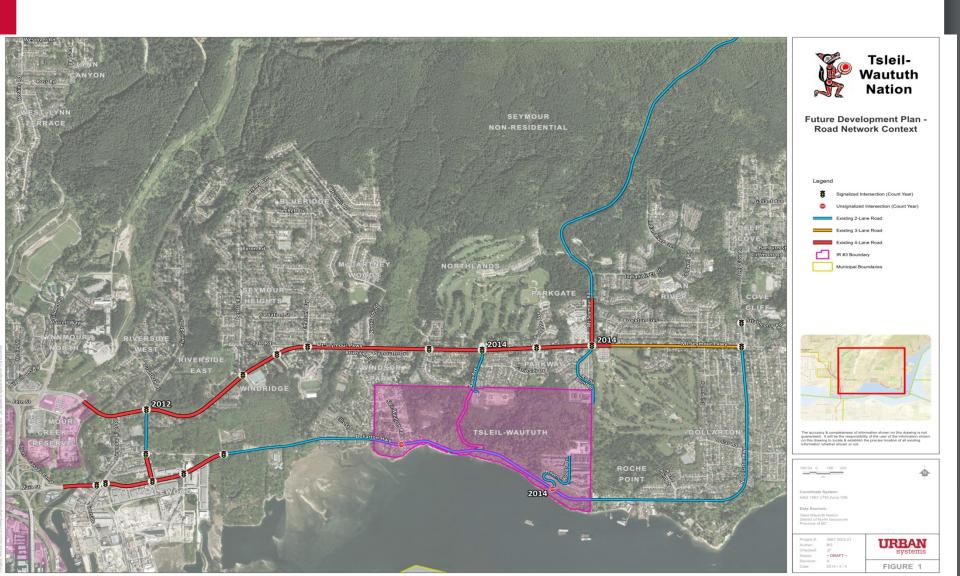


Play to Your Strengths

- Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh
- 32 hectares worth \$307 M
 - Jericho Lands Canadian Forces garrison
 - Heather Street old RCMP headquarters
 - Former FOC parcel in on Marine Drive in West Van
- 50% owners of the land
 - 28% as beneficial interest
 - Purchasing 22% for \$68 million



Play to Your Strengths



Potential Opportunities

Clean Energy

Land Development

Aggregate/Resource Development



Conclusion

Comments/Questions

Thank You!

