

XCEDP Newsletter

Xaxlip Community Economic Development Plan Project

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Emerson Adolph, Assistant

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is doing well and not suffering from a nasty cold or flu. I was recently hit with one of them and it took me awhile to recuperate. It's great to be back up to feeling 100%.

We had two XCEDP meetings on January 4th & 18th. The first meeting took place immediately after the Christmas holiday break. Only a few members showed up. We decided to distribute a notice to members the day before the next XCEDP meeting (18th). This may have played a role in the increase of attendance as we had over twenty people show up for the meet-

ing. We appreciate it when you take time out of your schedule to attend our functions.

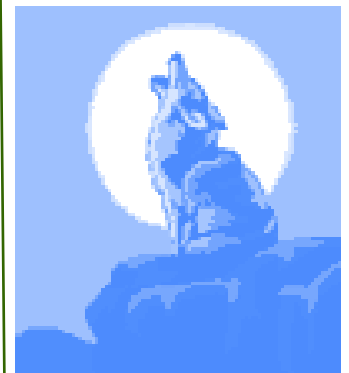
In the middle of January, Jack and I took some training with Urban Systems at the office. One of their engineers came to teach us an introductory level course on GIS mapping. I asked him how long he went to school for to use the GIS system and he said about 10 months. There is so much information involved in manipulating maps for a specific purpose. It was almost overwhelming but well worth a look into what can be done with the GIS Map program.

We have had our regular Drop-In sessions at the Xaxlip Health Resource Room every second Friday. Our Drop-In session is set up to meet with members on a casual level, to give and receive feedback regarding the XCEDP. Snacks and refreshments are provided. We usually get a good turnout.

On January 19th, Jack and I met with Xaxlip Students at LSS during their lunch break. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce ourselves and the objectives we are striving to achieve through the Xaxlip Community Economic Development Plan. We also wanted to get

Special points of Interest:

- *Community meetings February 1st & 15th*
- *Drop-In days on February 11th & 25th*
- *Open House Sometime in February*
- *Mail-outs of updates and information*
- *Gain community input into the plans of Economic Development*



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their input into developing a plan.

Just over twenty of the near thirty Xaxlip students enrolled at LSS attended. They were receptive to what we had to say and supportive of a future meeting. We were informed by an LSS staff

member that we are the only community that visits their students at LSS.

We only have a few meetings and Drop – In session left. Please make note of these dates:

FEBRUARY & MARCH—1st

&15th. XCEDP Meetings starting with supper at 5:00 pm at the hall. It would be great to see you there.

FEBRUARY & MARCH—11th & 25th. Drop-In sessions—feel free to stop in and visit us anytime between 10:00 am—3:00 pm.

Jack Narcisse, Assistant

Another month has come and gone. Seems like we just started this project and the deadline is around the corner. Work has been going good. A lot of good input is coming in from community members. Now we have to put everything together. That will be a big chore.

Our biggest challenge now is to deal with land. We all have good ideas but where are we going to put them.

At the Drop-In session this coming Friday, January 28th, Emerson and I will be putting out maps. Hope to see you there to help with this challenge. It is going to be a challenge, but we all love a challenge. Let's not let anything get in our way to achieve our dreams.

On January 19th, Emerson

and I went to the high school to meet with the Xaxli'p students. The attendance was very good, over 20 of our students showed up. I tell you, we have the best behaved students in high school. My hat's off to you. We brought gift certificates (Xaxli'p Kids' Fundraising Group), pizza, water and juice for them.

While they were eating, I did my presentation. My presentation was on the introduction and the updates of the project. After I was done, Emerson did his presentation on the survey questions and asked them if they wanted to do the survey. After hearing what the prize was for the survey, they all wanted to do one.

We also mentioned that we were doing a “draw your vi-

sion of Xaxli'p” contest with prizes of \$100 and \$50. They were eager to do that too. I hope they follow through with them. Our next visit to the school is scheduled for March 10th.

On January 20th, I attended an Agriculture Needs Assessment workshop in the hall. This was well attended by Xaxli'p people and people from other communities.

The facilitator was Brian



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Harper, who is the First Nations Agrologist from the Minister of Agriculture. The workshop went very well with the attendees fully participating. Brian stated that agriculture is very important because there are 6.76 billion people in the world and 33 million in Canada, and we all must eat.

A question was asked, "How do we know what to grow on certain lands?" He said to take 1 inch diameter by 6 inch deep samples all over the land and send the sam-

ples to a lab in Burnaby. When you get the results back, to send it to him and he will advise you of what to grow and what kind of nutrients to feed the soil.

We also asked about inspections and business licenses to sell our products. He said only if we sold a very large amount, we would need inspections and we don't need a license because we are on Reserve land. He also stated that Direct Farm Marketing was the best way to go. This means selling directly

to the public. Once they like your product, they will keep coming back.

Our next upcoming events are the Drop-In Session on January 28th at the Education Learning Center from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Our next XCEDP Community Meeting is on February 1st in the hall from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Hope to see you all at these events.

Ahoo all my relations.

Pauline Michell, Project Manager

Kalhwa7alap (Hello everyone)

Economic Development is a way to enhance the community and people, and allow development that will sustain our way of life and to co-exist with sama7 influences. As long as we hold onto our values, customs and traditions and come together to have good discussions to meet our goals, we can make our dreams and plans a reality.

When we stop to see how we live our daily lives and do what we have to meet our needs, it is a form of personal

economy. This takes planning, talking to someone and a will to find the dollars or help to meet our needs at the moment. We can use this personal practice at the community level to work together to achieve our plans and goals, and put them into action.

For the development and growth of the community, coming from the XCCP and XCEDP, people gave a vision and came up with good ideas, and shared their dreams, stories of experiences related to programs and services delivery, and the change they want to see happen in the community.

To make our dreams and plans a reality – what is the next step?

The XCEDP in its final report has to identify two options (ventures) to do possible pre-feasibility studies on. This means of all the ideas put forward, what two options do people want to move forward with. Going through this process will help us to understand what makes a business or venture succeed or fail, what location is good or what has to be done to secure location and look at the pros and cons.

To determine possible loc-

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Planning for the Future

Xaxli'p completed a comprehensive community planning process, and results showed that Economic Development is a high priority for the community. The next step is to create a Community Economic Development Strategic Plan which shows a path that outlines how the community will reach its economic goals. This project would include consultation with community members that live on and off reserve (Kamloops & Vancouver). Key deliverables include a Community Economic Development Plan outlining short & long term planning priorities, developing a vision, future goals & objectives and capacity of community members.

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tions and to begin the discussions of development and what type of development, we will be putting maps out at the community meetings and Drop-Ins.

For your information, if you live at Chilhill, Fountain Valley or Lillooet, and want to attend the meetings or Drop-In, we will help out with gas money. If you need help with child care, we will also help you out with this cost. Just let me know when you come to the meeting or Drop-In.

We will be doing a mail-out to community members with updates and material that have been handed out at the meetings.

Colleen has started the analysis work on the surveys. If you haven't done one, you can still do it.

We decided to have a draw for lap-top, for doing the survey.

We will be having an Open House sometime in February.

We have on display all the work that has been done.

