



*TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL*



# TESLIN JOINT PLANNING

*April 18, 2018*

*Yukon Community Economic Development Conference*

*Watson Lake, YT*

Teslin Tlingit Council & The Village of Teslin

# **A HISTORY OF WORKING TOGETHER**

# Community Partnerships

The Joint Community Development Plan  
took a year to develop...

...but the development of the relationship  
between TTC and VOT is built on a series of  
initiatives and projects undertaken together  
over many years.

# Similar Long-Term Goals

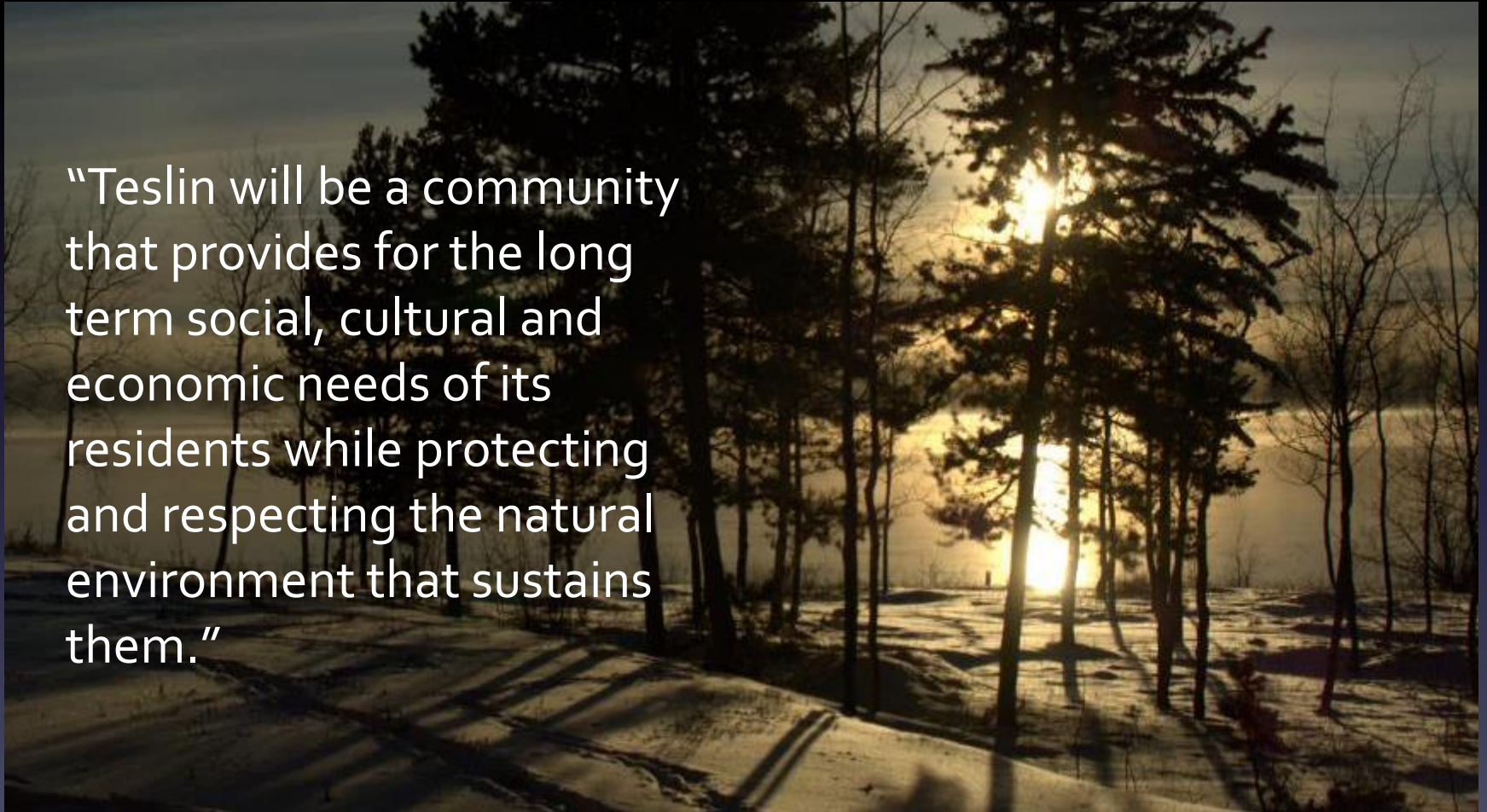
- Land use stewardship
- Economic diversification
- Community recreation
- Cultural development

# Working Together

- Joint Fire Smart Management
- 2007 Joint ICSP
- Force Sewer Main Phase 1
- Joint Emergency Measures Plan (2004 & 2013)
- George Johnston Trail Development
- Over 18 years of Joint Council Meetings
- Joint Recreation Planning & Fund
- 2009 OCP development
- 2011 Reviving Our Economy
- 2013 “Connecting the Dots” exercise
- Roadworks – Phase II & III
- Lift Station Replacement
- Road maintenance, municipal services, and snow removal w/o MSA
- Asset Management Pilot
- Musical Festivals
- Numerous smaller projects

# Working as One People One Community

“Teslin will be a community that provides for the long term social, cultural and economic needs of its residents while protecting and respecting the natural environment that sustains them.”



Joint Community Development Plan

# THE PROCESS

# Beginning of the Process

- Planning process for Joint Community Development Plan started in 2014
- Began with review of the 2007 Integrated Sustainability Plan (ICSP)
- Incorporated several joint planning exercises



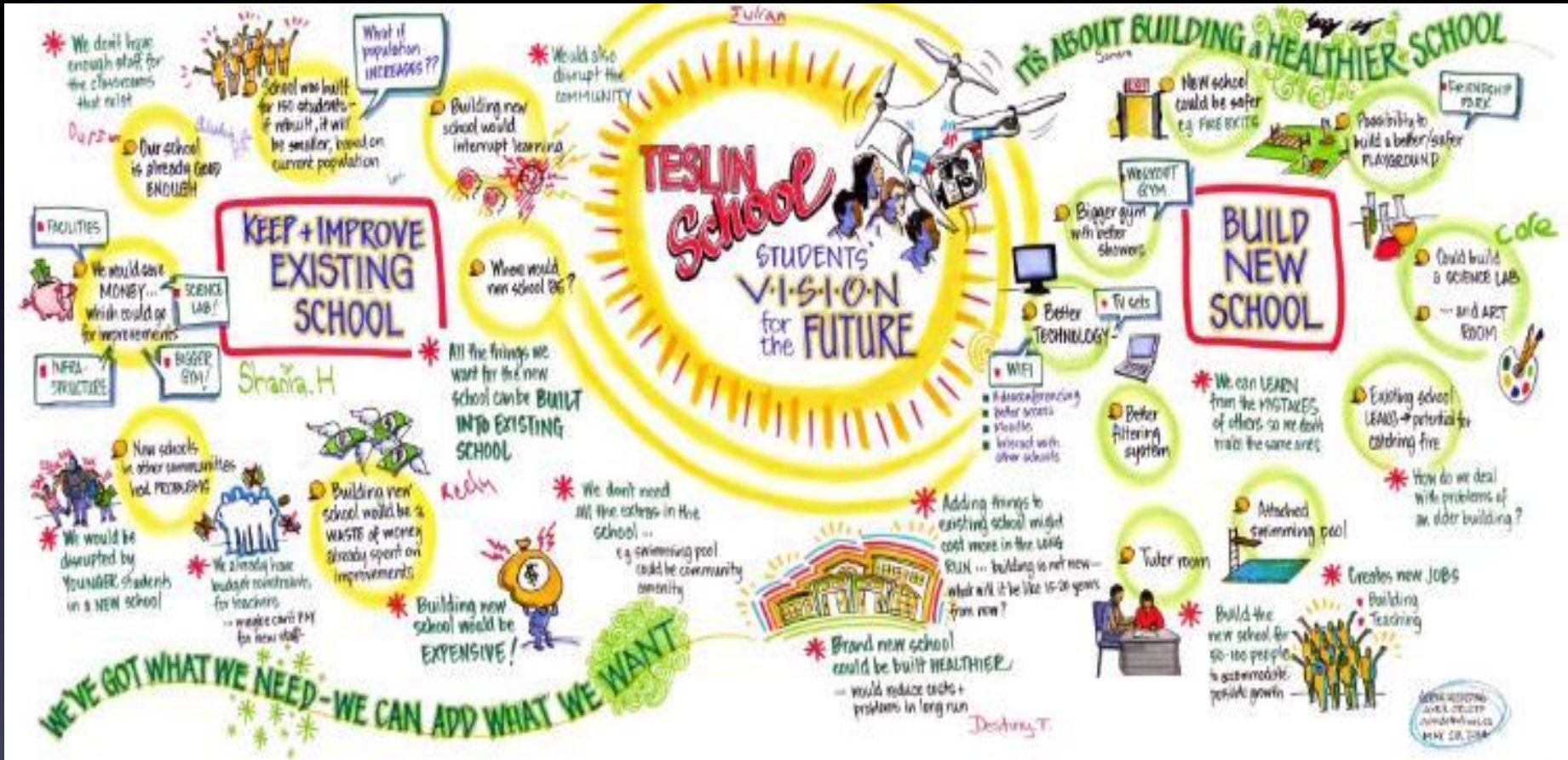
# The Process

- Creation of a Steering Committee
- Community consultation – Spring 2014 public meeting
- Consultation with school, TTC and VOT operational staff and councilors.
- Community consultation - January 2015 World Café
- Community acceptance Spring 2015
- VOT and TTC Governance acceptance after

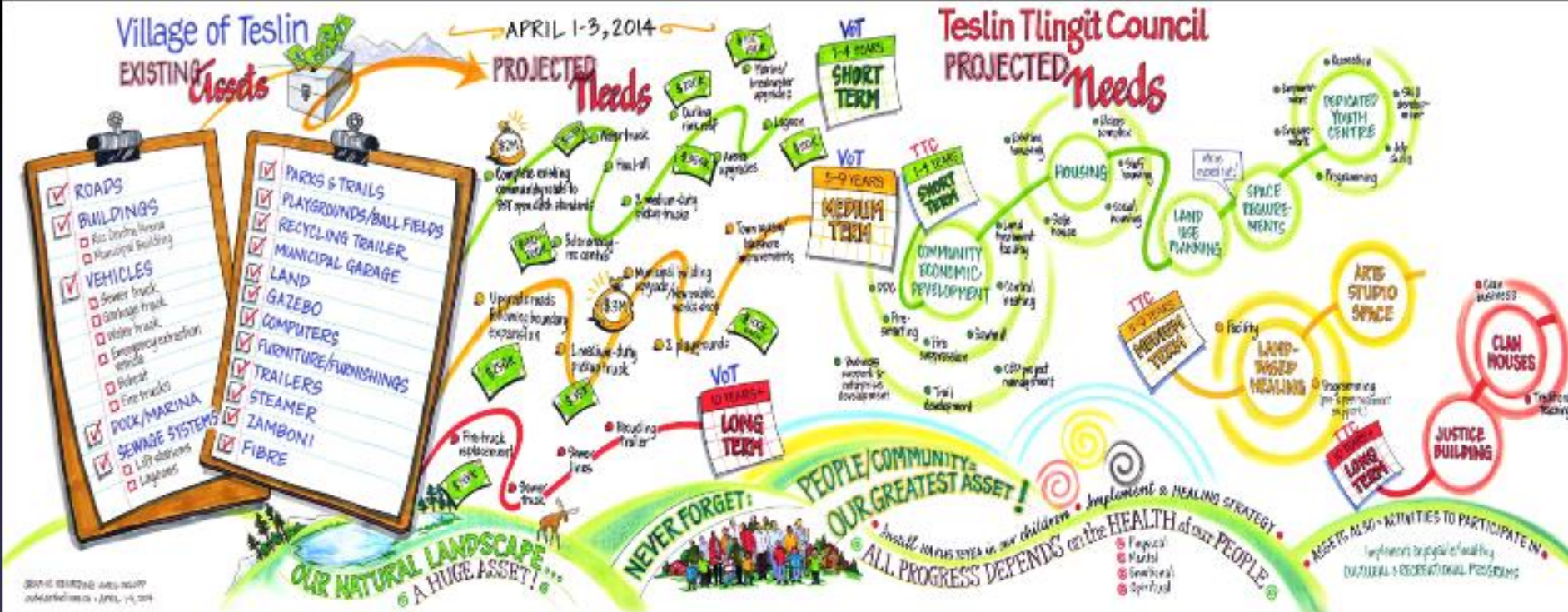
# Community Consultation Joint Community Planning Session



# Engaged Students Grade 7-9



# Consultation with TTC/VOT Staff & Councils



# Community Values & Sustainability Principles

- Social Responsibility
- Ecological Sensitivity
- Respect (Culture)
- Viability (Economic)

# Goals and Objectives

- All residents are able to meet their basic needs
- Support the healthy lifestyles of its residents
- Diverse and sustainable economy
- Environmentally sustainable community
- Protection & preservation of the Tlingit culture heritage & language
- Increase in the knowledge, skills and capacity within community

# Approval of the Plan

- Final document submitted and approved by community in Spring 2015.
- Both VOT & TTC Councils approved the plan in principle and sought ultimate approval from their respective authorities
- Joint nature of plan is unique in the Yukon.

# Fiscal Planning

## Priority Capital Projects

- Produced three charts prioritized by short term, medium term, and long term projects:
  - Chart for TTC projects (25 projects)
  - Chart for VOT projects (19 projects)
  - Chart for Joint projects (27 projects)
- Almost \$164 million in capital projects and asset replacements over the next 10 years ranging from \$10,000 in trail development to \$46 million for the Nisutlin Bay Bridge Rehabilitation.



# Iterative Planning

- The two governments continue collaborative approach to address common community development needs, while respecting each other's jurisdiction.
- Joint nature of plan is unique in the Yukon.

# Continued Community Involvement

Every April TTC & VOT hold a Community Dinner to report on the results of projects and revisit the plan to include new projects, keeping the plan alive and relevant.



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# **IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN**

# Deisleen Development Corporation

- DDC is the primary vehicle for implementation of the plan
- The DDC is a federally incorporated not-for-profit community economic development agency
- Envisioned to create a positive environment for economic growth for the entire community and area.
- TTC is the sole member

# The Plan at Work

- Erosion Control Bank Stabilization
- Finish Phase II Teslin Road Upgrade
- Phase III Teslin Road Upgrade
- Phase I Teslin Road Upgrade BST Repair
- Traffic Calming Measures Alaska Hwy
- Community Drainage & BST Project
- Sawmill Subdivision Drainage Project
- Community Energy Planning Initiative
- Teslin Rocks
- Joint TTC/VOT/YG Asset Mngt Pilot Project
- Boundary Expansion
- Joint Community FireSmart Projects
- Community Garden & planning of year-round greenhouse
- Playground Development
- Public transportation to Subdivisions & Whitehorse
- Community Signage

Working Together

# **IMPACT & WHAT MAKES IT WORK?**

# Our Work Together

- A collaborative approach based on a common vision leads to:
  - greater strategic advantage in achieving common community development goals in a cost effective and timely manner.
  - Increased local capacity
  - More effective use of limited resources.
- Together, TTC and VOT has more leverage to address common community development needs.

# The Teslin Community Development Plan

- Now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year of implementation and in its 3<sup>rd</sup> printing
- Our Teslin Community Development Plan is unique, progressive and has a far reaching impact in the prosperity of our community
- The Plan supports community employment, training and mentoring; it promotes local contracting and supplying opportunities; and ensures local project management.



# Working Together - Keys to Success

- Find small projects to build trust
- Look for common areas of interest, respect different mandates
- Recognize that the First Nation and municipalities are different levels of government
- Find administrative and political champions who will work through setbacks
- Work out the practical approach in detail first, then formalize
- Manage expectations - have a broad understanding of what needs to be accomplished, understand potential issues that could derail a project
- Expect pushback internally and externally – this is a lot of work and there is sometimes a lot of history
- Timing is everything – sometimes it's okay to wait

# Challenges

- Persuading other governments to adapt their processes to meet the needs of our community and our structure (two levels of governments working together)
- Recognizing that successful projects happen at a community level

Together, We'll Continue to  
Build Our Future

