



TS'IL KAZ KOH PLANNING UPDATE

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TAKING CARE OF OUR LANDS

TRADITIONAL TERRITORY STEWARDSHIP PLAN

We are continuing to move forward with our Traditional Territory Stewardship Plan! In April we held a series of TTSP-focused in-person events that included a youth workshop as well as a workshop with our broader Membership. In total, 15 Members attended our two events! Some Members joined us for the TTSP workshop online through Zoom.

This round of engagement focused on asking questions and interactive mapping to support:

- Creating **guidelines** to care for areas and relations within TKK territory;
- Identifying areas Members want to **protect, steward, and restore** within TKK territory.

This newsletter summarizes what was discussed during these engagement sessions, and also provides information about the next steps in our planning process and how you can be involved (**p.6**), including an update on our Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) process.

WHAT IS A TRADITIONAL TERRITORY STEWARDSHIP PLAN (TTSP)?

A TTSP is a plan that is focused on land and resource management on a Territory-wide scale. The Ts'il Kaz Koh TTSP will be a Member-led plan that identifies our top concerns and priorities for land use and stewardship within Ts'il Kaz Koh Traditional Territory. It will provide guidance on how we care for important places and values within our Territory, and it will help our Nation take a more active role in the care and stewardship of our ancestral lands.

Musi Cho to all those who came out for the engagement events to help shape our TTSP!

We look forward to seeing you again soon!



ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW: WHAT WE DID AND WHAT WE HEARD

YOUTH EVENT (APRIL 24, 2023)

Five of our youth came out to our Pasta and Planning event held on April 24th. After a pasta dinner and a game of BINGO, the youth participated in an interactive digital mapping session where we had a fruitful discussion about the following topics:

- What **activities** do you do out in the territory that you want to continue doing in the future? **Where** do these activities take place, and **with who**?
- What do you envision TKK's territory to look in the **future**?
- What types of **careers** do you want to pursue in the future? Are you interested in working out on the land or in the territory?

Participants had lots of great input and ideas on the above topics. Here is a summary of what we heard during the youth workshop:

- Youth are eager to practice their rights related to harvesting within the territory;
- Youth want to **protect** areas such as gathering spots for berries and medicines, as well as recreational and heritage sites;
- Youth would like to see more areas in the territory set aside for recreational, spiritual and cultural use;
- Littering, poaching, limited access to recreational sites due to tourism and the railway, as well as a lack of good housing options are **concerns**;
- Some youth expressed an interest in pursuing a career in the environmental management field.



The youth mapped several areas within our traditional territory which included areas where they would like to camp, and areas that are important for gathering berries and medicines.



ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW: WHAT WE DID AND WHAT WE HEARD (CONT'D)

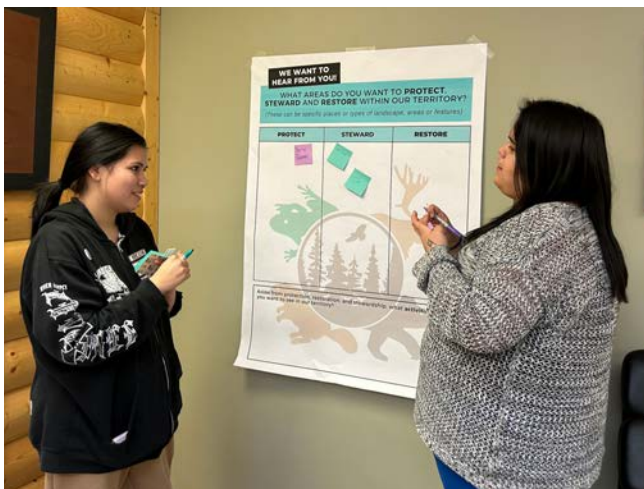
MEMBER WORKSHOP (APRIL 25, 2023)

Members joined us both in person and online through Zoom for our TTSP Membership workshop. Those who attended in person shared a meal followed by discussion of the following topics:

- What **guidelines** are needed to **care for areas and relations** within TKK territory?
- What areas do you want to **protect, steward** and **restore** within our territory?
- What **activities** do you want to see happen in our territory?

Guidelines Members wanted to see implemented include:

- Protection for areas of environmental and cultural importance;
- Development of buffer zones to protect waterbodies and waterways;
- Guidelines around environmental restoration;
- Designation of areas for economic development.



APRIL 24-25 | TS'IL KAZ KOH + ONLINE

Youth Event - 5 Members | TTSP Workshop - 10 Members





ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW: WHAT WE DID AND WHAT WE HEARD (CONT'D)

Activities Members wanted to see happen in the territory include:

- Recreation opportunities
- Cultural events and practices
- Workshops for Members e.g. survival skills
- Traditional harvesting
- Development of educational signs in high traffic areas e.g. wildlife in area, history of the area, or native plants
- Holding hunters/gathers meetings to encourage those who hold high knowledge to have input

Areas Members identified as wanted to protect, steward and restore are listed below:

Protect	Steward	Restore
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burns Lake, waters edge, waterways and forests • Wildlife • Berry, medicine patches • Areas for harvesting • IR19 graveyard • Making areas around the railways safer for Membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pit house • Sweat lodge • Awareness of history and current state of lands • Regular clean up around waterways to keep litter and garbage free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TKK grave sites • Ts'il Kaz Koh infrastructure and businesses (i.e Band Office, Rainbow Gas Bar) • Wildlife habitat • Our ecosystems, wildlife and plants

PROTECT: To keep in current state, prevent activities that may cause negative impacts to areas we care about.

RESTORE: Bring back areas of importance to a previous state.

STEWARD: Areas we generally want to take care of over time.

ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW: WHAT WE DID AND WHAT WE HEARD (CONT'D)

TTK Members had already provided input and guidance as to what our guiding principles should be through our CCP process. In order to ensure linkages exist between the two projects, Members were asked to review the CCP draft guiding principles and consider what they mean in the context of the TTSP.

The draft CCP guiding principles are:

- Transparency
- Unity
- Inclusivity
- Traditional ways and values
- Sustainability
- Healing

We received a variety of input from our Members on how we can revise the guiding principles and make them applicable to the TTSP. Additional elements highlighted by participants addressed the following aspects:

- Healing connections to the land through ceremony and traditional practices;
- Inclusion of youth in the planning process;
- Having transparent and member-informed decisions on territory management
- Focusing on common values that we share as a Nation.

For the remainder of the workshop participants were asked to map areas of importance to TTK on large maps that were located around the room. Members mapped the following types of areas:

- Recommended for protection
- Recommended for restoration
- For access to recreation opportunities
- For cultural opportunities
- For economic opportunities



NEXT STEPS

We are grateful to all the Members who attended the recent events and participated in the process of mapping areas of importance within our Territory and sharing your thoughts and knowledge on ways to move forward in caring for our Territory.

We still want to hear from you and your thoughts on important areas within our Territory. If you did not have an opportunity to attend the sessions, we are launching an **online interactive mapping tool** for Members to identify important places and values! This map will be open from **May 12th until June 12th** and Members will be able to contribute their thoughts about areas of protection, restoration and stewardship within our Territory.

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
TKK INTERACTIVE MAP**

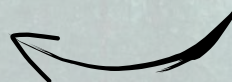
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OR

Scan the QR code with your phone



**SCAN TO ACCESS THE
INTERACTIVE MAP**



Select **Option B** for the
authentication question

**Firelight will be back in Ts'il Kaz Koh for TTK's first
Annual General Assembly July 23-26, 2023!**

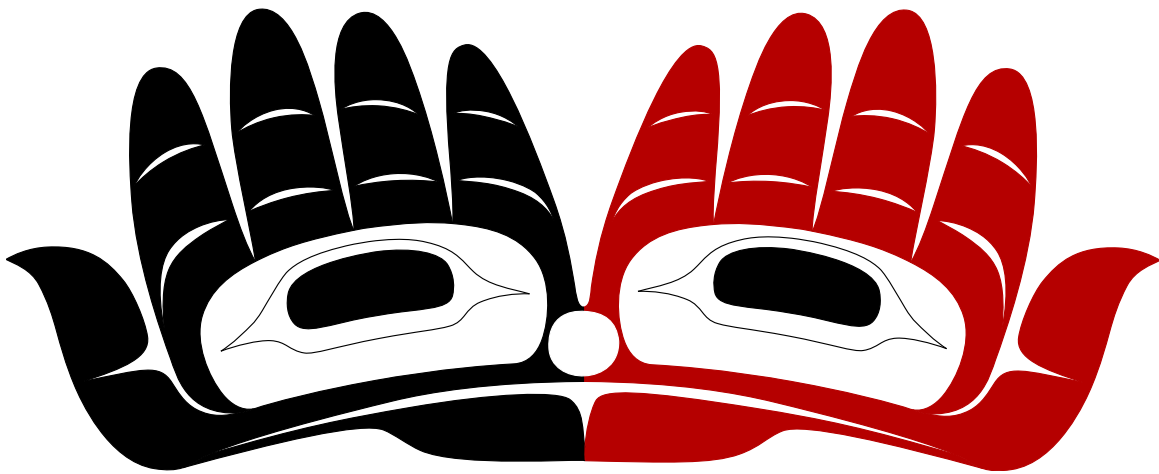
We hope to see you there!

COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN (CCP) UPDATE

CCP MEMBER SURVEY

We want to thank all Members who participated in the CCP survey and provided their feedback and input on the vision, goals, priorities, and action ideas from our last round of engagement! The survey was launched on April 13th and ran until May 5th. Overall, we had 28 responses to the survey. Our next step will be to assess the information provided by Members through the survey and previous engagements, and prepare a final draft of the vision, goals and priorities. We will also review the action ideas developed so far and begin the process of refining these into a workplan.

OUR NEW CCP LOGO AND SLOGAN!



Shared Vision - Shared Future

A new CCP logo and slogan has been selected. Created by Alexander Erickson, our Land Based Coordinator, Alexander describes the meaning behind the logo:

The meaning is about invitation and balance within us. Open hands show our 'welcome' to people. The red and black represent female and male. Red represents the blood of the nation, carried by the women who shed theirs each month. The black represents the Male side of the nation, the ash we use for protection encompassing the role of the men to be protectors. Two hands open with eyes in the palms, represent the ancestors that walked before, always watching over. They are joined at the wrist to show that everything in the clans, nation and the world are connected and need balance.

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YOUR PORTAL FOR EVERYTHING CCP & TTSP

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As well, be sure to check the Ts'il Kaz Koh Facebook page for updates and upcoming events.

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