

Fraser Salmon & Watersheds Program



Fraser Basin Council



2009/10 FINAL REPORT

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1. Project Information

1.1. Project Title

Powerhouse Foreshore Restoration Project - Visioning Sessions

1.2. Proponent's Legal Name

Lillooet Naturalist Society & Cayoose Creek Indian Band

1.3. Project Location

Powerhouse Foreshore Restoration site and Cayoose Creek Band Office

1.4. Contact for this report

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1.5 Funding Amount

Original Approved Grant Amount:	Total FSWP Expenditures:	Final Invoice Amount:	Final Non-FSWP leveraging, including cash and in-kind:
\$13,000.00	\$12,925.71	\$21,853.03	\$8,927.32

2. Project Summary

Please provide a single paragraph describing your project, its objectives, and the results. As this summary may be used in program communications, clearly state the issue(s) that were addressed and avoid overly technical descriptions. Maximum 300 words.

The goal of the Visioning Sessions was to develop a feasibility study into the possibility of building a "green" Nature Interpretive Centre in Lillooet on the banks of the Fraser River - the site of the Powerhouse Restoration Project. The centre would showcase alternative technologies and provide a home to implement locally developed environmental and cultural programs that create an appreciation and awareness of the natural world, our impacts on it, and ways to mitigate those impacts. It could also be one in a string of Fraser River Interpretive Centres from the headwaters to the delta.

We planned to engage our partners and the local community in three visioning sessions. The sessions were designed to provide a safe place to work collaboratively towards a common goal - the building of the Nature Interpretive Centre.

We held four visioning sessions in the community, and participated in outreach events and surveying throughout the year. All sessions were facilitated by our local contractors and two were held with an

aboriginal architect in attendance.

As part of our research, we visited three existing nature centres (Wells Grey, Swan Lake and Iris Griffith and Scout Island). Scout Island graciously shared their strategic plan and operating budgets with us. We also found numerous resources from book resources and on the internet.

We have now completed the feasibility study and have pre-design plans for a Nature Centre and trail system connecting the Fraser River site with the Lower Spawning Channels.

The process of creating the pre-design plans and the resulting feasibility study allowed us to develop partnerships and provides us with the resources necessary to guide future work and assist us in leveraging funds.

OPTIONAL Please give a short statement (up to 100 words) of the most compelling activity or outcome from your project.

The most interesting activity was going through the visioning process with the architect. He was able to really listen to all the participant's ideas and thoughts, and really encouraged thinking and dreaming. He was then able to take those ideas to generate a pre-design plans that all participants were delighted with, and that could feasibility be achieved by a small community.

3.Final Project Results and Effectiveness

3.1 Copy EXPECTED OUTCOMES from your detailed proposal and insert into this section. Add additional rows as needed. Then please list the FINAL OUTCOMES (the tangible end products resulting from this work) associated with expected outcome.

If FINAL OUTCOMES differ from the original EXPECTED OUTCOMES please describe why, and the implications for the project.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES	FINAL OUTCOMES
1. Visioning framework in place that creates an atmosphere where diverse organizations and individuals work collaboratively towards the goal of building a centre where education revolves around igniting passion and action	We hired two local people to facilitate the visioning sessions and they provided various ways to engage people in the process. The architect also provided an atmosphere where people were able to share ideas collaboratively.
2. Three visioning session completed where partnerships are developed and consensus building is practiced, and set outcomes are achieved	We held four visioning sessions. One took place at the Lillooet Friendship Centre and the rest at the Cayoose Creek Indian Band. We also attended four community outreach events.
3. Feasibility Report completed, based on research and community input during the visioning sessions and through community surveying	Feasibility Report completed and attached.
4. Visual Model and Plans completed, to assist in leveraging funding for a centre	Pre-Design Plans completed and attached.
5. Programming will be discussed, and detail the importance of having a centre where activities that create a passion for the environment will lead to behavioural change.	Programming was discussed and possible programs are shown in the Feasibility and Pre-Design Reports.

3.2 Please evaluate the EFFECTIVENESS of your project in achieving Project Objectives. Please identify the indicators you have used to measure the effectiveness of your project. Please include any notable successes or challenges.

Our objectives were to develop a framework and planning process that would ensure the involvement of the community in all decision making processes, and then to facilitate three visioning sessions where the community would take ownership of the project and assist in developing a feasibility and design plan.

We had a very challenging year in which to carry out this process. Lillooet was under fire evacuation orders at the time we had planned our 2nd sessions and these had to be postponed. We were then evacuated for twelve days, which again put us behind schedule. Also, we extended the project timeframe to ensure Cayoose Creek Band members were fully involved in the process as the centre will be within their traditional territory.

However, we did manage to hold four visioning sessions that included both aboriginal and non-aboriginal people, and some representation from various organizations. We held an extra visioning session and tour of the sites with just Cayoose Creek members.

We did not have as many participants at the 1st community visioning session as we would have liked, so we decided to attend four community outreach events to share the idea and get feedback (Wetland Day at Cayoosh Elementary, Wild About Plants Day, Canada Day and Salmon in the Canyon Festival). We also initiated a survey process during these events and within the Cayoose Creek St'at'imc community, and sent the draft pre-design plans out to various interested people for comment.

We evaluated the effectiveness of our project by tracking the number of participants and by the consensus on the pre-design plan. We were successful in completing the feasibility study and pre-design. We feel with these reports and visual aids we will be able to involve more community members in future planning and leverage funding to ensure we progress in incremental steps towards our goal.

3.3 Please attach all DOCUMENTATION of Final Outcomes, and LIST attachments here.

These may include technical reports, maps, photos, evidence of communications, lists of meeting participants, etc.

1. Feasibility Report
2. Pre-Design Study, which includes maps
3. Photographs of events
4. Photographs of visits to other centers
5. Evidence of Communications

3.4 Please describe how the benefits of this project will be sustained and/or be built upon into the future. What are the planned next steps, or recommendations for further work, if applicable?

Now that we have the feasibility report and pre-design plans we will work on involving various organizations and interested individuals in setting up a Committee to work towards our goal in a logical progression.

We will be looking at the governance and funding opportunities during 2010. Based on that work, we will schedule an implementation plan.

3.5 What are the top three lessons learned from this project that could be useful to communicate to others doing similar work in the Basin?

1. Ensure enough time is allocated to reach out to a broad range of organizations and individuals
2. Involve youth and elders in the process. We had excellent ideas come from these participants.

3. Visit other nature centre and/or network with them