



CCP Basics

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Virtual Comprehensive Community Planning Workshop 2020

Topic Overview

What is CCP

Why should we do it?

Planning

Budget

Engagement

Q & A

Key learnings

Cara Basil - first remarks:

- CCP handbook is excellent for those who are brand-new, has many best practices
- CCP started in 2004-2006 in BC as pilot-project
- Handbook grows every year, can request hard copy from ISC and is available online
- Only a toolkit, don't have to use it religiously

What is CCP?

- Sometimes communities lose sight of how to dream
- CCP is great at letting community members use their voice and empowering them
- Is a healing process for members, opening up convos that weren't happening before
- CCP is a big, overarching plan for communities – long-term
- Not a technical plan, will outline goals and objectives but not super technical in implementation
- It's guiding the community to get to the 'vision'

Why should we plan for communities?

- Strong governance tool to hold chief + council accountable
- Perhaps lacking in capacity, perhaps high turnover, hard to achieve things
- Healing and reconciliation for community
- To have accountability, move things forward
- Stepping away from western, federal models
- Elevator pitch is important
- Need to have strong understanding of what it means, what it means to you, and what it means for community
- Straight to the point, no more than 5 slides even!
- Be considerate of leadership



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Planning Phases

- Pre-planning
- Planning - phase can't have timeline, can take 2 – 5 years
- Implementation – when CCP actually gets implemented, will be through different department work plans and different
- Quickstart projects – if you are going through engagement process and see ideas that you can do, that can show community you are listening, pursue them as a quickstart project

Developing a budget

- Many folks get stuck with this
- Bulk will be with CCP coordinator salary + travel
- Important to have full-time person here, salary can be avg. \$18-25
- Consider if CCP coordinator needs a CCP support worker
- Capital – laptop, Ipad, camera to capture photos of CCP work being done
- Project supplies – will look different with virtual
- Honoraria – want to value time and input from communities
- Planning team - hope is to have no more than 10 on planning team
- Elders – provide prayer, eg. In Bonaparte they asked elders over video to provide stories of community
- Youth – innovators, can be used sometimes to assist with virtual things (ie. zoom) important to empower them as well
- Workplan – important for CCP coordinator, helps to ground you, organize
- Great to request a CCP mentor if you are new! Can give advice and guidance, no charge to communities for this

Engagement

- Trial and error process
- Before, could be done in person – sometimes only one person shows up!
- “the ones who show up are meant to be there”
- Be as creative as you can ‘ that’s what CCP is about
- Storytelling is powerful! Showcasing plans
- Making sure it makes sense to community, doesn’t need to be a written document
- Covid-19 = Door-to-door with guidelines, zoom, radio
 - Unique ways to engage – use budgets for community gatherings elsewhere

Q&A:



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Question 1 re: engaging youth? How to engage youth?

- Schools, going into schools!
- Got in touch with youth coordinators in community, pop into activities
- Youth day out at lakefront – getting folks out on the land is important, rented boat and chatted with them
- Social media to get youth democratic

Question 2 – engaging community during covid? Non-person-to-person reaching out?

- Handing out corn door to door and asking questions with social distancing
- Zoom
- Leona – used platform called ethelo, community engagement platform

Ending Remarks - Where to go once you first start?

- Get out into community by talking to membership, they will guide you
- Reach out to members who you know typically go to meetings, louder voices in the room
- Say 'hey I know you have mentioned this concern' – ask 'where should we go from here?' - These people have these great ideas!
- Elders council is good to reach out to, build trust and relationships

Amazing Quotes

Cara Basil re: CCP- “This is only one way to describe it, it’s a very powerful tool for first nations to get on path to where they want to go... 5-10-15 years down the road”
“you can get bogged down in your brain....follow your heart with the process”
“putting the planning for the future with all our people” Leona from Heiltsuk

Further Resources and Links

<http://www.comprehensivecommunityplanning.org/>

Ethelo APP <https://ethelo.com/>

CCP handbook #CCP basics - <https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100021966/1100100021970>

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