

Briefing Note

Background:

Tunnel Island Common Ground Board Development Project (TICGBDP) was sanctioned by the five (5) Tunnel Island project partners: Grand Council Treaty #3, Wauzhushk Onigum (WON), Obashkaandagaang, Ochiichagwe' Babigo' Ining (Dalles), and the City of Kenora. Jeremiah Windego of Black Dog Management and Consulting was selected to facilitate the project with the following deliverables: Determine board membership, board appointment processes, develop the board, establish By-law #1, communications plan, create governance documents, and complete a strategic plan to develop a common and long term vision for Tunnel Island.

Members of our project included; Donna Anderson – Grand Council Treaty #3, Councillor Ed Skied – WON, Elders Clifford and Janet Skead – WON, Starla Ledoux – Obashkaandagaang First Nation, John Henry, Barry Henry EDO, Elder Alice Kelly – Dalles and Jennifer Findlay EDO, Mayor David Canfield, Councillor Rory McMillen.

Meetings were held at; Grand Council Treaty #3 (September 23, 2014), Wauzhushk Onigum Nation (November 4, 2014), City of Kenora (December 4, 2014 & January 14, 2015).

Project goals;

- Determine board membership.
- Board appointment processes.
- Develop the board.
- Establish By-law #1.
- Communications plan.
- Create governance documents.
- Complete a strategic plan to develop a common and long term vision for Tunnel Island.

Project deliverables;

- Partner Terms of Reference.
 - Each member created an individual “terms of reference” that defined the board member selection process, qualifications, length of term, communication plan, reporting requirements and responsibilities.
- Group Terms of Reference.
 - Working group members worked together to create a “group terms of reference” that defined the authority, vision, board structure, quorum, term, meetings, frequency, and internal and external communication plan.
 - Authority states that the land is owned 100% by each partner.
 - Vision statement “Shared History, Shared Land, Shared Future”.
 - Board structure are three (3) board members per partner but only one vote per partner.

- Quorum is established at three (3) of five (5) members to establish quorum but decision making is made by consensus.
 - Terms are unique to each partner and staggered to help ensure continuity of board.
 - Meetings are to be hosted on a rotating schedule.
 - Frequency of meetings are monthly.
 - Communication plan defines the policy and procedures for internal and external communications.
 - Internal sets out how we will communicate between partners.
 - External sets out how we will communicate as a group with all external stakeholders.
- Establish By-Law #1.
 - Our by-law #1 was created based on the group and partner terms of reference.
 - Created from the “Not-For-Profit Corporations Act: Draft Organizational By-law”.
- Strategic Plan.
 - A 12 month strategic plan was created and four (4) priorities have been established.
 - Establishing a Governing Body for TICG Lands.
 - Next steps are to obtain approval from each partner and follow the terms of reference to establish a governing body for TICG lands.
 - 12 Month Plan.
 - Obtain funding for planning initiatives.
 - Explore and Create a Management Structure.
 - Establish a working board of directors.
 - Establish a finance structure for the board of directors.
 - Re-visit taxation issue regarding land ownership and tax liability.
- Documents Created.
 - Meeting Minutes
 - 14-09-23TICGPMMeetingMinutesGCT3Boardroom
 - 14-11-04TICGPMMeetingMinutesWONYouthElderBuilding
 - 14-12-04TICGPMMeetingMinutesCOKOperationsCentre
 - 15-01-14TICGPMMeetingMinutesCOKOperations
 - Presentation Materials
 - 14-08-01TunnelIslandProjectGanttChart
 - Documentation
 - 14-11-19NoticeOfChangeFormOntarioCorporation
 - 15-01-23BriefingNoteTICG
 - 15-02-27TICGStrategicPlan2015
 - 15-01-01TICGBoardofDirectorTOR
 - 15-01-01CityOfKenoraTOR
 - 15-01-01ObashkaandagaangFirstNationTICG-TOR
 - 15-01-01Ochiichagwe'Babigo'IningOjibwayNationTICG-TOR

- 15-01-01WauzhushkOnigumNationTICG-TOR
- 14-11-25DRAFTByLaw#1TunnelIslandRev1

Summary

Tunnel Island Common Ground Board Development Project was completed in February 2015 through the hard work of dedicated partners. This project focused on developing a governance structure to assist in advancing the interests of five (5) partners and the land they share. Throughout the project the power of the land and its ability to bring people together was apparent. This group walked in two worlds for a shared vision, “Shared History, Shared Land, Shared Future”.

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