The Upper Skeena Recreation Center. An example of successful collaboration LGLA presentation,

Richmond, Feb. 1st 2018 Dr. Peter Newbery The communities of the Upper Skeena





The Owner's Partnership Committee

- The Gitxsan Treaty Office -- Hereditary chiefs
- The Gitxsan Government Commission -- Elected chiefs
- Municipality of the Village of Hazelton
- Municipality of the District of New Hazelton
- Regional District of Kitimat Stikine [agreed owner operations under agreement, as with other recreation facilities in the region]
- Ice Arena Association
 The User's of the User's terms
- The Heart of the Hazeltons the financial campaign.
 Plus staff [municipalities and Regional district] consultants and architect.

The challenge – financial and other

- Originally asked to raise \$2 million to replace a 40 year old volunteer-built arena
- Developing the vision ...
- Final goal \$17 million capital
- \$ 2 million FFand E
- \$ 2 million operation and programs

The vision

- Background high rates of unemployment [up to 90% on reserves in the winter]
- high rates of suicide and suicide attemptshigh rates of type II diabetes, hypertension,
- strokes, renal failure...

- poor education outcomes – 40% + of indigenous students don't graduate

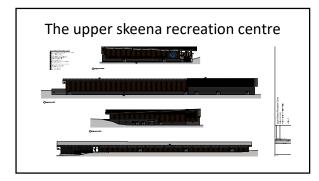
A once in a lifetime opportunity

The vision

- A year round multi-use recreation center a catalyst for greater things. Address our health, education and social challenges.
- A recreation plan for the whole of the Upper Skeena, including support for active recreation for all the villages to enact their own recreation plans.
- A transportation strategy.
- Education linked to more opportunity for healthy activity, including but not limited to team sports.
- Tracking health outcomes, including holistic approach to health measures.

On the way

- \$2 million in philanthropic, personal and industry contributions, including NDIT, with more to come.
- \$4 million local government contributions including \$1.5 million from elected chiefs,
- Possible biomass and community forest contributions through hereditary chiefs,
- \$ 11.75 million from provincial and federal governments, A recreation plan - all communities consulted - Social
- Planning and Research Council of BC [SPARC]



Further work

- \$2 million for FFandE
- \$2 million for operations and program
- Transportation strategy
- Health measures/ social services impact [\$ 7 million in system savings annually to put back into the system]

Keys to success

- A common challenge A bold determination to develop a common vision, developed and agreed to by all, which goes well beyond our original concept.
- Consultants who support the vision and help with its Strong volunteer group. Excellent support from the Regional District.
- Networks government [first nation, municipal, regional, provincial, federal] health [FNHA, NHA fed. Public health];
- sport and recreation [VIA Sport, BC hockey, Vancouver Canucks, YMCA, ISPARC, Parks and Recreation BC...]; education [Coast Mountain SD, NWCC, UBC SCARP and sports medicine, UNBC..]

Taking reconciliation past conversation to action.

Keys to success

An understanding wife!!