



### 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]

### The upper skeena recreation centre



### 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!!