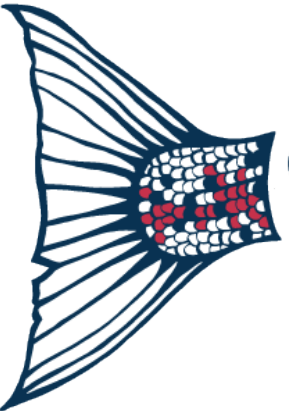


Gwaii Trust Wellness Forum 2.0



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GWAII TRUST WELLNESS FORUM 2.0

- Held on Saturday, May 27, 2017, in Gaauu Old Massett as a service provider-focused follow-up to the first Wellness Forum held in Fall 2016
- 17 attendees, representing a diverse set of communities and organizations
- Conversations focused on the development of concrete solutions to the gaps identified at the first Wellness Forum in 2016



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HOUSING

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Population Focused



- There is a need for affordable housing for:
 - Unstably housed youth
 - Elders requiring non-urgent, long-term care
 - People facing physical or mental/developmental barriers



Housing

Key Attributes



- A housing project could provide opportunities for:
 - Community building
 - Life skills development
 - Subsidized rent
 - Cooperative meals and/or a community kitchen
 - Childcare space

- Key stakeholders could include:
 - Local governments (Band Councils and Municipalities)
 - Northern Health Authority
 - Skidegate and Old Massett Health Centres
 - Ministry of Children and Family Development
 - Community-based wellness/health organizations
 - Potential residents



ELDER CARE



Elder Care

Long-Term Care Considerations



- The Elder population on Haida Gwaii is the most rapidly growing demographic within our communities
- Currently, most long-term Elder care is provided in the local hospitals, which may compromise acute/critical care capacity in the future as the demand for long-term care increases
- Many Elders who could benefit from professional care are remaining in community under the care of families and friends. This can place undue strain on these care givers
- A solution to community-based support services and professional care would ensure a safe, healthy environment suitable for aging-in-place



SAFE SPACE/DAYTOX



Safe Space/Daytox

The Friendship Centre Model



- A 'Friendship Centre'-style facility has the potential to fill several gaps across Haida Gwaii's communities
- Friendship Centres bring together multiple medical, wellness and community services, providing a non-judgemental experience for all members of the community
- Co-locating a safe house and addictions treatment with community services like recreation, housing, educational facilities, community kitchen/garden, meeting rooms and cultural programs reduces stigma



RECRUITMENT/RETENTION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS



Housing

Communities of Practice



- Attracting, retaining, supporting and celebrating service providers will ensure the sustainability of health and wellness services on-island in the long-term
- Currently, Haida Gwaii faces challenges recruiting for certain service provider roles
- There is a need for funding to improve access to on-island educational and professional development opportunities across organizations, helping to build bridges between professionals and communities
- Building strong, connected communities of practice will help service providers feel supported in their work and encourage them to stay



Next Steps



Further Engagement with a Coherent Plan

- There was rich discussion regarding the need for a **comprehensive strategic public engagement plan** for the Gwaii Trust Wellness Committee's work moving forward
- This would involve indentifying specific outcomes, a range of key stakeholders and the engagement approaches to be used over a certain time frame
- It will be important to maintain momentum for this process



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Thank you

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