

Listuguj Community Plan  
Community Engagement Notes  
Workshop – December 10-12, 2012

On December 12<sup>th</sup> the planning team met with the high school students at Sugarloaf Senior High School to introduce the Community Plan process and have a discussion about what is important to them about Listuguj. The students talked in small groups about concerns they had as well as what they value and regard as strengths. The issues they identified are combined with the issues identified in the community workshops. The values and strengths expressed by the students are highlighted below. They are categorized into themes.

## Values & Strengths – High School Students

*What does being a member of Listuguj mean to you?*

### **Land**

- Our community has beautiful scenery

### **People**

#### **Culture and Traditions**

- Pow wow
- Pow wow
- Pow wow
- Pow wow
- Pow wow
- Pow wows
- Pow wow dance and singing
- Our language
- Teaching the younger generation our language
- A place where we can practice our language
- Native accent
- Our language
- Language to pass to next generation
- A place that lets you reach, understand and practice your history and culture
- It's a place where you can connect to your ancient history, meaning where we can gather knowledge of our history and culture
- Culture
- Culture
- Our culture
- 7 principles
- My culture
- Mostly keeping our culture strong,
- Music

- Moose meat

### **Identity and Community Pride**

- It means that you take pride in where you are from and who you are. It means a lot to me to be a part of Listuguj and the community. It also should give you a reason to be able to voice your opinions without any trouble.
- Mi'gmaq pride
- Native pride
- It means I can be proud of where I can from and proud of my culture
- Being proud of who I am
- Being proud of my people
- Pride
- Honour
- Native pride
- Proud of who we are
- Native pride
- Proud to be a first nation
- It makes me native and who I am
- Brings all first nation people to celebrate our culture – pride

### **Close and Supportive Community**

- Being in a community that you feel connected to
- Proud of being part of a community. Means being part of one big family
- Unity; sticking together and always having each other's back
- Connection
- To be a group and help other members of the community
- Being part of something allows us all to be connected
- Being a community member in Listuguj means you are part of something larger than yourself, with each individual connected
- Everyone comes together in times of need
- Listuguj is a loving and supporting community
- Support – we have each others backs
- Strong community
- Good community
- We're like a big family
- We help each other
- We do everything to keep our community safe
- Our community sticks together
- Help when you need it and people to offer advice]
- Respect
- Peace
- Freedom

- Creative

### **A Place to Call Home**

- It's my home and a way to connect to my culture
- My home – A place where I can practice my culture without being discriminated against and judged
- It's my home
- I have nowhere else to go
- That's where I was created
- Pride and place to call home
- Living in a community I can call home and having something I can look back at in the future

### **Many Activities for People**

- A lot of things to do in the community
- It means a lot because it's such a big community and we do a lot in the community
- Support for education
- Teaching crafts (beading, moccasins...)
- Trying to give us activities
- Activities to keep us out of trouble, doing something fun and meeting people

### **Closeness to Family and Friends**

- It means I can continue my native culture on a daily basis. Being a part of this community couldn't make me any happier by living with the people I love and care about.
- Family
- Family
- Family
- Family
- Loving who you live with and the people in your life
- We are all related
- Love – we all care for each other
- Family – we are all close
- Family
- Friendship
- Family
- Friendly people
- Home
- Home

### **A Grateful Community**

- Grateful
- A lot of things we take for granted, others communities don't have

- Advantages
- Listuguj is a good place to live
- We have resources and support from community members

### **Strong Connection to Elders**

- We take care of our elders
- Respect everyone especially elders
- Elders pass on stories, teach us language

### **Native Rights and Status**

- Native status
- Our rights (hunting and fishing)
- Exercise our rights
- Hunting and fishing rights
- Hunting rights
- Our rights

### **Economics**

- Welfare cheques
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- Status - No taxes
- No tax
- No tax
- No taxes
- Free lunch
- Free school lunches
- Free lunch

### **Settlement**

#### **Small, safe and well-connected community**

- Small community
- Closeness (family and friends)
- Access to things
- A place where I feel safe

#### **Good Community Infrastructure and Facilities**

- Youth centre
- Youth centre and skating rink to give kids something to do
- We are a privileged community
- Better opportunities
- They are now starting to make visual changes

- Trucks and equipment
- Trails
- Nice houses
- School on reserve
- Keeping listuguj clean and always being a great role model
- ATVs, skidoos