

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

As part of the two community sessions held on December 11<sup>th</sup>, participants were asked to think about the strengths of the community. Participants contributed thoughts about skills in the community, physical assets and opportunities, and especially the positive qualities of Listuguj people. The following notes are compiled from the discussions about community strengths and categorized into themes.

## Strengths

*What strengths can you build on?  
What is unique or remarkable about Listuguj?*

### **Land**

#### **Location**

- River
- Location
- Historical Area
- Unique location
- Close to urban centres
- Location, close to NB along world famous salmon river/ by highways 132/ railroads/ both QC side and NB side

#### **Resource Abundance**

- Plamu (Salmon)
- Open, untouched land
- Resource accessibility
- Woods and water in the ‘backyard’
- Abundance of land and responsibility to manage resources sustainably
- Salmon Fishing, Hunting
- Land Base
- Camps
- Respected stakeholder for the region on lands and natural resources

### **People**

#### **Strong Culture and Language**

- Culture – crafts, beadwork, baskets (should promote talented
- Language emersion for kids

- Language
- Resilience through history
- Listuguj Showcases Culture
- Language
- Ability to get along with other cultures
- Mi'gmaq ecological and traditional knowledge
  - Now is the time to transfer
- Language is still strong and being passed on
- Cultural events
- Language incorporation

### **Strong and Determined People in the Community**

- Remarkable people
- Strong and determined people makes a strong community
- Experienced community members
- Well educated members to act on issues of sovereignty
- Educated people (staying in the community)
- Strong workforce – skilled trades, bringing skills back to the community
- Current volunteer run activities
  - Pow wow committee
  - New year's eve committee
  - Fund raising to support families in times of crisis

### **Social Opportunities**

- Building Trust
- Family and child wellness
- Value and build upon youth's strengths
- Education
- Direction for youth
- Leading youth into the future
- Develop and understand the vision
- Make education priority number one
- Bring a doctor in to the medical centre, maybe just a few days per week

### **Strong and Supportive Community**

- Will of the people
- Volunteer Committees
- Elections bring people together through parties
- Unity in times of CRISIS
- Resilience
- Ability to unity and act as a collective
- Similar values and interests – Facilitates vision and goals
- Community – minded and united membership
  - Able to mobilize at key moments, good and bad

- Strong political community
- Independent identity and spirit
- Confidence in our own community ideas and actions
- Sense of identity and community exists across three communities in Gaspé
- People look out for each other, unity in times of crisis
- Pride and dignity
- Family
- Home

### **Strong Connection to Elders**

- Elders – living memory and oral history
- Respect for Elders
- Still looking to Elders for important knowledge

### **Very Good Existing Social Services**

- Daycare & Childcare system
- Re-adaptation centre
- Abundance of services
- Language is gaining strength again (even written)
- Education / children
- AGS

### **Many activities in the Community**

- Sports- softball, hockey, basketball

### **Community Events**

- Salmon Feast
- Holiday Gatherings
- Pow wow
- Saint Anne's Day
- Culture day
- Treaty day
- Wellness fair
- Families first
- Father's Day Social
- Mother's Day Social
- Youth Camps
- Culture Days (at school)
- Winter carnival
- Language classes every morning
- Bingo
- St. Anne's Day
- Addictions week
- National holiday gatherings

- Funerals
- Feasts

## **Economics**

### **May Skilled People in the Community**

- Artists
- Carpenters
  - Journeymen and Red Seal
- Rangers
- Forestry harvesters
- Divers
- Mechanics
- Firemen
- Teachers
- Iron workers
- Police officers
- Biologists
- Millwrights
- Lawyers
- Plumbers
- Police
- Managers
- Chefs
- Welders
- HEO
- ECE
- Personal trainers
- Social workers
- Nurses
- Language teachers
- Electricians
- Masons
- Cabinet makers
- Artisans – bead workers, painters, basket weavers, authors, singers
- Waste water management
- Drummers
- Management skills
- Linesman
- Heavy equipment operators
- Aquaculture
- Deckhands/captains

- Fisher
- Various Artisans and woodworkers

### **Opportunity for Tourism**

- Tourism – cultural
- Culture (Could build on cultural events to bring in tourists)
- Many opportunities for tourism related businesses
- Develop tourism opportunities
- Tourism is attracted by location
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### **Existing Economic Strengths**

- Responsible forestry and resource management
- Greater Employment
- Businesses in community
- Woodpile
- Technologically savvy
- Control over fishing rights
- Wharf
- Wealthy community

### **Opportunity for Economic Development**

- Resources, tourism – Economic development opportunities
- Available resources
- Opportunities for fishery related businesses
- Opportunities for greater commercial activity
- Opportunity for improving economic development
- Make job creation a priority
- Tax free/ on reserve attracts investment
- Invest in a fish plant to keep more of our money

## **Settlement**

### **Good Existing Infrastructure**

- Delivery (services?)
- Subway on reserve + delivery services
- Recreation facilities
  - Ball field, outdoor arena, youth centre, gym
- Fort
- Wharf
- Clean community

### **Opportunities to Improve Infrastructure**

- Build an Elders' facility – creates many job opportunities in different areas (24 hrs/3 shifts)
- Build a veterinary/animal shelter
- Build more opportunities to bring in money – investors/plants/factories/shopping
- Expand reserve onto our surrounding lands, building new infrastructure
- Build our own
  - Grocery store – grow own food
  - Bank
  - Lumber company
  - Casino