

Economic Development Understanding Council of the Haida Nation and the Island Communities'

The people of Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte Islands face significant change and opportunity for social and economic development brought about through the implementation of the Land Use Plan.

In order to best respond to future economic opportunities, we recognize the importance of working cooperatively, providing planning and coordination, to ensure the long term benefits to our communities, families and our future generations.

Principles:

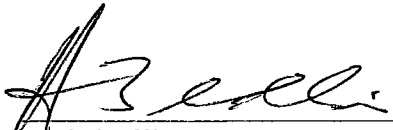
- Be consistent with the Land Use Plan of Haida Gwaii.
- Provide a balance between social, economic and environmental well-being.
- Develop a regulatory and administrative climate within respective jurisdictions that promote sustainable business opportunities.
- Promote employment opportunities that offer security to our families.

Objectives:

- Establish terms of reference to design an Island wide economic development approach.
- Identify financial support for the various economic development initiatives.

Suggest areas for inclusion in terms of reference:

- Design a mechanism to coordinate and develop a strategic economic and capacity building plan.
- Support the development of forestry business opportunities, including community forests, that will diversify the economy to better provide for community well-being.
- Explore land requirements to meet future economic development and community needs.
- Research opportunities arising from:
 1. the Prince Rupert container port;
 2. the on island agricultural sector
 3. the non timber forest products sector



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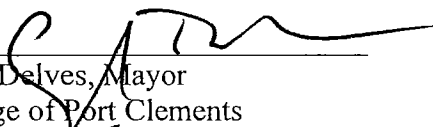
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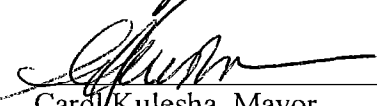
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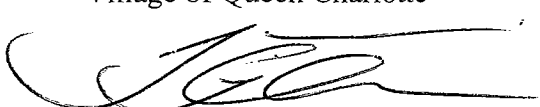
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