



Teslin Tlingit Council and Village of Teslin Receive National Recognition for their Community Development Plan

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Teslin (Yukon) – During their 23rd Annual Conference held in Whitehorse, the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers (Cando) bestowed its prestigious Economic Developers Award to the Teslin Tlingit Council (TTC) and the Village of Teslin (VOT) for their 10 year Teslin Community Development Plan.

Cando is a federally registered, non-profit society that is Aboriginal controlled, community based, and membership driven. Cando's Economic Developers Award was created to recognize and promote recent or long-standing Aboriginal economic development initiatives throughout Canada. The Teslin Development Corporation nominated the VOT and the TTC for this award because they have seen first hand the benefits that collaboration brings to community planning.

Since 2007, both the TTC and the VOT governments have been working together towards common community goals. The integrated community development plan addresses common community development needs while respecting each other's jurisdiction.

“Our Teslin Community Development Plan is unique, progressive and has had a far reaching impact in the prosperity of our community,” stated Nha Shade Heni Richard Sidney of the TTC. “The Plan supports community employment, training and mentoring; it promotes local contracting and supplying opportunities; and ensures local project management.”

The Plan outlines sustainability principles and identifies community development priorities. It focuses on infrastructure improvement, tourism development, economic diversification and land use planning.

“We recognize the benefits of working together on projects that affect both our governments,” said the Village of Teslin Mayor, Clara Jules. “ Our success lies in the fact that we were, and still are, entirely dedicated to working together to develop a shared vision for the future of Teslin.”



This is not the first time the TTC and the VOT have been recognised for their innovative approach. In 2007, the Association of Yukon Communities recognised that the TTC and VOT's approach could pave the way for other municipalities and First Nation governments to partner in the development of their communities. In May 2016, the TTC and the VOT were again recognised for their collaborative and innovative approach and received the Sustainable Community Award from the Association of Yukon Communities.

Click on the link to learn more on the [10 year Teslin Community Development Plan](#)

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