

# CO-OP PROPERTY – COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

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## DIALOGUE SUMMARY – WORKING GROUPS



### WORKING GROUPS ESTABLISHED

based on the most significant uses/anchors identified which could co-exist on the Co-op site:

- Each working group consists of 3 or 4 members
  - Each working group is tasked to objectively research the feasibility and opportunities of their given area/site anchor; its connectivity to current resources and programs; sources of funding or investment opportunities.
  - Each volunteer group will engage and interview others in the community, including City staff, TEDA and Kermodai Tourism.
  - Each group will report regularly to Skeena Diversity Society which is committed to provide ongoing support to the process (based on availability of its funding).
  - Timeline: working groups will provide a progress report to City and community in February 2011.
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- **CAPTURE HISTORY OF THE CO-OP SITE**
    - Acknowledging the historical importance of the site for the past and future of Terrace
    - How to collect and display the history and memories
    - Include pre-settlement history

- **FIRST NATIONS AND HERITAGE ARTS & CULTURE CENTRE**
  - Following the proper protocol of First Nations and include other cultures
  - Research how this could fit with other resources and programs
  
- **EDUCATION: CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE**
  - This could be a very important anchor
  - Sustainability, research, First Nations
  - Contact with UNBC & NWCC
  - Attached housing to this anchor for out-of-town students
    - Sends a message that young people are welcome, we have a place for them
    - Opportunity for theatre/lecture halls/convention centre space
  
- **HOTEL/HOSTEL/SUITES**
  - Identified by tourism – it could be a niche, it may only be a dozen high-end rooms
  - Concern about private business – it could be part of the publicly-run complex (possible cooperative) with profits allowing other parts of the complex benefiting.
  
- **HOUSING**
  - Start looking at parameters of the type of housing – “eyes on the street”, how would it fit in to the Downtown Plan
  - Meet with planners and the Housing Task Force
  
- **WALK/BIKE OVERPASS TO CONNECT KALUM STREETS**
  - Research options and feasibility of connecting Kalum Streets again
  - Safety, access, sustainability

#### OTHER POSSIBLE USES:

- **Joint space** for TEDA, Kermode Tourism, Chamber of Commerce and Skeena Diversity
  - Not a large driver but important one
- **Youth centre**
  - May be accommodated in another empty facility (eg. ET Kenney School)
- **Gathering Place/Outdoor Space such as plaza/town square**
  - keep it in mind as all aspects are being planned
- **Theatre**
  - it was added to Education
- **Food Market**
  - could be accommodated in the design but current location seems to be working well

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