



Name of Dept:

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Reflecting the Strategic Plan

## LEADERSHIP

GOAL: SELF-GOVERNMENT BASED ON THE CULTURAL AND TRADITIONAL IDENTITY OF SIB.

- Seabird Island's holistic community structure for our new child and family services jurisdiction program is important, it includes community engagement, external consultation, and guidance from our current program. We have met with groups of Matriarchs and Patriarchs to hear their voices and guidance in this project. Our new team is planning information sessions for our community to keep them updated in the process.
- Justice program currently under review – continued services for membership, provide cultural support as needed.
- The Health Department assisted a Seabird family with reconstructing their dry rack. In return we received some teachings for youth on how to prepare fish for the dry rack and some wind-dried fish for give aways.
- Seabird traditional food bank – staff preserved fish to share with community members through community event dinners and if families are low on food in their home. This is one of our traditions as Sto:lo people and we incorporate it into sharing and caring for our membership.
- Our genealogy program enhances family tree knowledge – knowing who you and who you belong to within our own family systems. Identity is key to having pride in your heritage as an indigenous person. This program is doing graveyard mapping so our families know where their family is located within our burial sites.

## MEMBERSHIP

GOAL: ENGAGED, EMPOWERED AND SELF-SUFFICIENT SQ'EWQELO:MEXW

- Gathering information/ideas/teachings from community members for our child and family services jurisdiction team.
- Employment team has now transitioned over to the education department. Income Assistance Department continues to send referrals to the pre-employment team for supports with work-gear, child-minding, bus passes, etc.

## ENVIRONMENT

PROTECT AND ENHANCE S'ÓLH TÉMÉXW, INCLUDING LAND, WATER AND AIR CONSISTENT WITH TÓMIYEQW

- Seabird Island's emergency and pandemic plans continue to be revised as needed to better help us respond to both natural disasters and Covid-19.
- Collaboration and planning with the Lands department for food security and land-based projects to enhance food sovereignty for Seabird.

## CULTURE, HEALING, HEALTH & WELLNESS

GOAL: ÁY:MEXW – HEALTHY PEOPLE, PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY, EMOTIONALLY AND SPIRITUALLY.

- Collaborating with an external agency to bring awareness and understanding of being 2 Spirited, with educational workshops for staff and community.
- Our recovery homes continue to provide cultural graduation ceremonies for our clients – we invite family and friends, share food, have speakers and honor with a song and prayer.
- Sacred Seed program for our prenatal families, provides important cultural component for parents to be.
- Community health planning dinner – received valuable input from Seabird community members to support our community health plan. Engagement with community is key to providing information for our ten-year health plan.
- Elders shared their voices for our planning of the Truth and Reconciliation event – our elders are our guides, so the information provided helped to guide our event in a good way.
- Local Sto:lo artists joined with our youth to paint our lacrosse/ball hockey box, these artist were able to share their artistic talents with our youth program. We also went to see Native Skateboarders, which provides positive role modeling for our youth skateboarders.
- Our new child and family services jurisdiction program meets monthly with our Sto:lo Siseyomelh First Nations communities – sharing of knowledge of our family systems and plans of how to move forward in taking on our jurisdiction for our families.
- Harm Reduction event – providing awareness of drugs and alcohol, a variety of agencies attended sharing programs that support harm reduction. Event included local Sts'ailes sasquatch songs and dances.
- Seabird Health has cultural mentoring takes place with the mental health team, our trauma home cultural worker shares teachings around land-based healing. Embracing Mother Earth with building sweat lodges, going to the water to cleanse, harvesting cedar and medicines, etc.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

GOAL: AN ECONOMICALLY STABLE COMMUNITY THAT MEETS THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS FOR FUTURE GROWTH.

Within the past 5 years

- Plans have been started with Strategic Advisor for the Wellness Centre.

Within the past year:

- Approval received from FNHA to start remediation plan for health wing.