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Da Daghay Development Corporation thanks everyone participating, for their time, and creativity.

This past week, discussions centered around narrowing down the idea of one building or two buildings, and where to put it / them.

The following pages capture this creativity, and we look forward to incorporating them all into the vision.

As promised, the fourth edition of this newsletter will be circulated to everyone, with hard copies provided at the next meeting.

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Week 4 – So where are we going?

“With the right people, culture, and values, you can accomplish great things.”
– Tricia Griffith

Our week 4 event was held March 27, once again had close to 60 people sitting down to brainstorm and articulate what is needed to make this Gathering Place, real. This week, we weighed the benefits and challenges of having two spaces or one combined space, servicing the wish lists generated to date.

A low-carb dinner was served late at 5:15pm, following a welcome Da Daghay Development Corporation, Ben Asquith, and a prayer by Elder Jim Miller, and movies.

This evening was focused on brainstorming the benefits of having one building or two buildings, housing all the services of an Administration building and a Gathering Place at one location, or apart.

Once those ideas were recorded, discussions turned to site selection. A number of votes were cast in previous weeks, narrowing down the options to five sites in particular. These are illustrated in the pages below.

There are many advantages to having the services of the Administration Building combined with the Gathering Place. Similarly, there are many advantages to having two separate sites.... And inherent challenges to both scenarios.

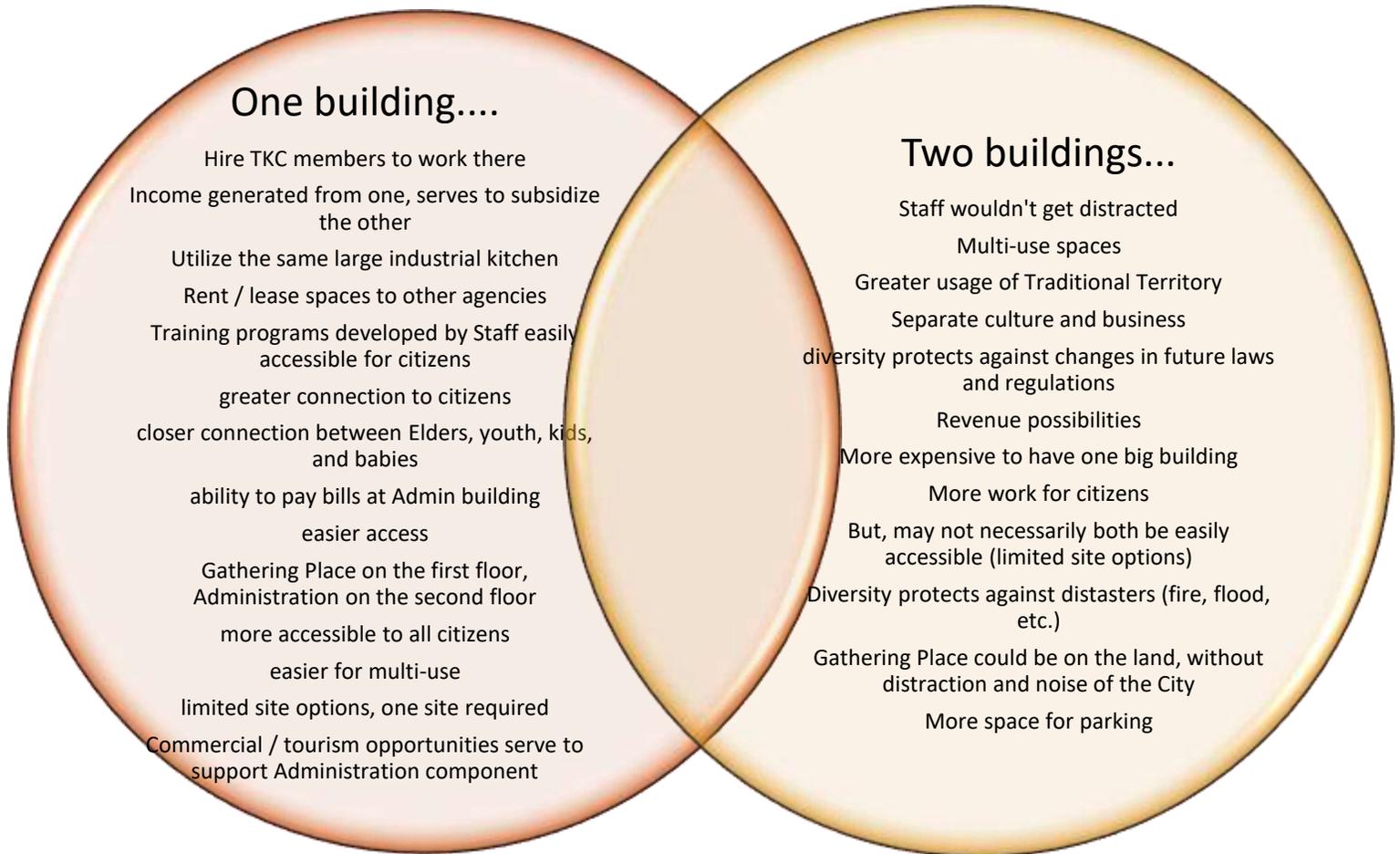
These are not easy decisions, but the process of brainstorming and discussion strives to arrive at a consensus-based decision that satisfies the diversity of ideas and sentiments.

Each week, these newsletters strive to capture the excellent and in-depth discussions occurring each night. The newsletters further capture the discussions for the benefits of those unable to attend each week. For those unable to attend, online and paper versions of the questions posed, will be circulated soon. As always, many thanks to you all for sharing your evenings with us. We all look very forward to the coming events!



Benefits of one or two buildings...

This wish lists of services and programs and rooms have been long and full. The question remains, if it is the vision and desire to have the services and structures requested, to be under one roof, separate buildings on the same site, or entirely different geographic locations. There remains benefits and challenges of each scenario, and these were actively discussed by participants.



A third potential which arose from these discussions, is the potential for having a combined Administration / Gathering Place within the City of Whitehorse, and then a smaller satellite service of both would be located at Lake Laberge.

Site Selection – C-17B to start...

Large maps of the various sites for consideration were once again displayed. This time, only the sites that received votes the previous week, were displayed. As time permitted, discussions were focused on the most popular site – C 17B, across and slightly north from the Kopper King. Below are the benefits and challenges of the site, as brainstormed by those in attendance.



C-17B

4.13 ha (10.2 ac)

On Alaska Highway

On transit routes

Adjacent to tourism amenities
(Copperbelt Railway Museum,
McIntyre Creek)

Site Benefits

- Close to a creek with fish
- Close to town
- On transit
- Nice view
- Central location
- Close to subdivisions and downtown
- View of the mountains
- Tie into existing services (utilities, and College)
- Public exposure
- Connection to walking trails
- Close to firehall
- Outside of downtown
- No traffic congestion
- Lots of parking
- In the wilderness no other buildings around
- Cultural tools accessible

Site Challenges

- Too close to the bar and off-sales
- Not the nicest looking area
- Lots of traffic
- Dusty in spring
- City ordinances
- Rock quarry across the road
- Away from downtown core
- Close to fish habitats, and risk for damage to McIntyre Creek
- Traffic access off Alaska Highway
- Not big enough
- Swampy, mushy, and unbalanced
- Building height restrictions?
- Utility corridor likely restricts building site
- How much of the land is lost because of the Creek?

Next steps....?

The weeks are passing quickly, and we are narrowing-down the vision and ultimate plan for this project (or projects).

The next event will focus on drawing out the benefits and challenges of each of the remaining sites.

Based on feedback from those attending these workshops, the DDDC team will need to present conceptual drawings reflective of the design and services brainstormed from these events, and carefully consider the site selection.

As such, we will need to engage with an architect in the very near future. Please let us know explicitly who you would like to work with.

Below are the sites to be discussed next week, in order of number of votes.



C-28B

12.84 ha

On Robert Service Way

Easily serviced

C-64B/D

3.08 ha

On transit routes
Existing services
Historic significance



C-20B

3.43 Ha

On Alaska Highway

Major traffic corridor, both
commuter and tourist



Next workshop >>>

April 3, 2019

VENUE CHANGE

This session will be held at the Coast
High Country Inn.

5pm – 7pm

Dinner will be served

Together? Or Apart?

Week 5 will further discuss the
benefits and challenges of the
remaining sites as selected in the
voting process in previous weeks.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

PHOTO COMPETITION

We want your photos, your
perspectives of the land on which you
live, your families, and anything else
that inspires you.

Submit your photos, **high resolution
or print**, and a caption for the photo,
and you will have your photographs
displayed in the new Gathering Place.

*Don't see your voice reflected here?
Want to get involved but can't attend?*

Please let us know!

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