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A weekly summation of the *Gathering Place* workshops

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## A message of appreciation

This process of visioning what it is that Ta'an Kwäch'än Council, staff and citizens, want to see as their Administration Building and Gathering Place, has been an incredible process. The ideas that have come forward, the concerns raised, and the continued energy to enable this process to be successful, has been immensely rewarding and such an honour to be a part of.

As we head into our last planning meeting next week, the entire team wants to thank each and everyone for their time and energy and patience throughout.

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## Week 9 – Look, Location, and Longevity.

*“Live the Life of Your Dreams: Be brave enough to live the life of your dreams according to your vision and purpose instead of the expectations and opinions of others.” — Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart*

We are on the homestretch, having had many hours of discussion about wishes, dreams, visions, and ultimately, arriving at some semblance of a final product. This week's meeting asked participants to finalize

locations, and weigh-in on look and feel.

In summary to all these discussions, it has been decided that a large build accommodating both Administrative

requirements, as well as citizen-focused services, will be built on lands within the City of Whitehorse, with a smaller but no less important build, focusing on cultural needs with opportunities for Staff to work remotely, will be provided at Lake Laberge.

Discussions over the past two months have focused on where a building wants to go, and what the building will serve. Lengthy discussions have been had about the benefits and challenges of the sites available for development.

At the end of these discussions, it is apparent that the importance of lifetime of citizens, culture, and the building, are at the forefront of the decision

-making process.

Votes were cast, voices were heard, and we are honing-in on the final vision. Conceptual drawings will be coming in the near weeks, so stay tuned!

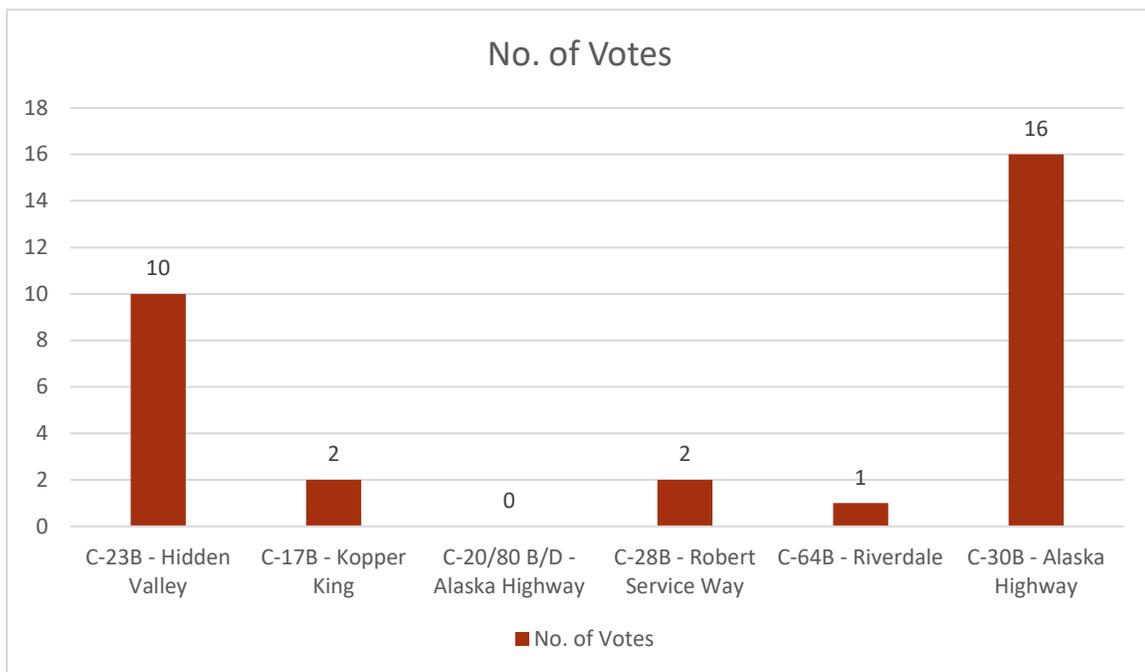
**Join us for our last meeting, May 15, at Helen's Fish Camp!**



*Based on the criteria of must-haves in a parcel of land, on which the Administration/ Gathering Place would be built, several parcels were considered, and ultimately when the votes were counted, one parcel stood out as the ideal and chosen site.*

*Participants were asked to consider the following sites...*

- C17B – Kopper King*
- C28B – Robert Service Way*
- C-80FS and 20B – Alaska Highway*
- C64BD – Riverdale*
- C23B – Hidden Valley*
- C-30B – Alaska Highway*



C-30B parcel had not received the same attention, largely because of the parcel being considered for other projects, and in concentrated discussions with the City of Whitehorse regarding development implications. With the change in application status to the City, settlement parcel C-30B was able to be brought forward again, in more detail.

Ultimately, after careful consideration of the accessibility and services of the parcels being discussed, this parcel was the most suitable, meeting the majority of the critical site requirements.

*Preliminary discussions on where at Lake Laberge, the additional build will occur. This will be the focus for our last meeting at Helen's Fish Camp on May 15, 2019.*

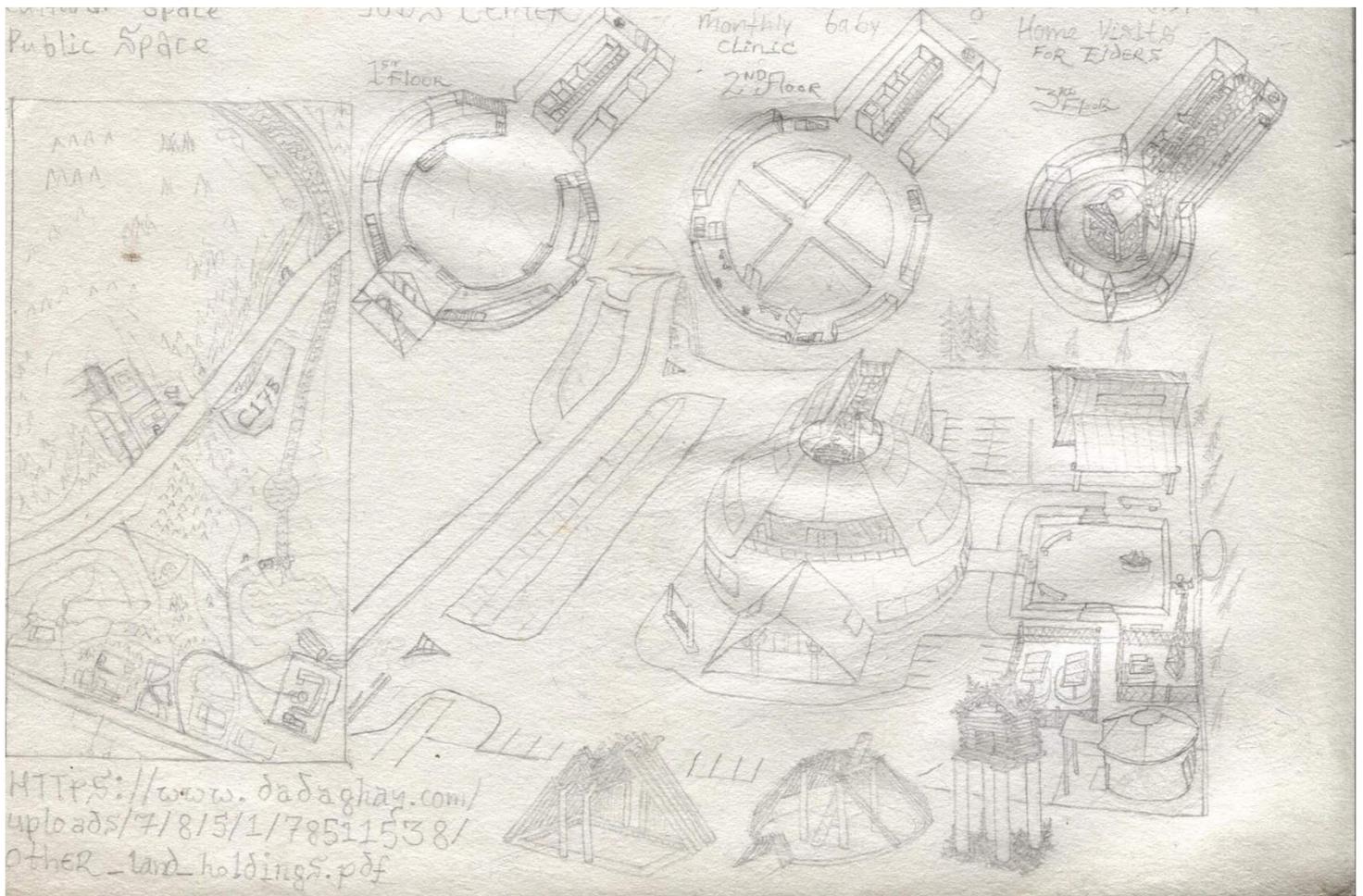
## Conceptual Designs are being developed....

Several weeks ago, DDDC put out a call for artists to develop conceptual-level drawings based on the wish lists developed from citizens and staff over the many weeks of discussion.

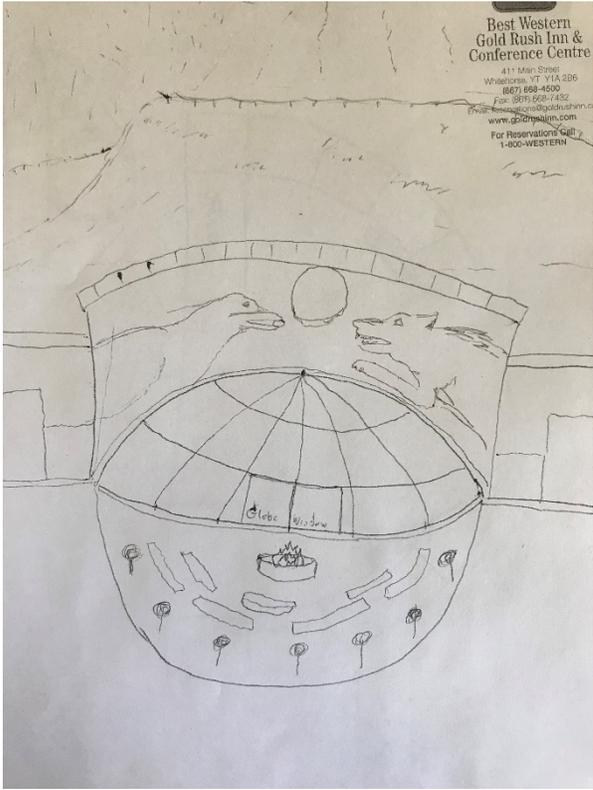
It was thought that we had struck-out, but we were very pleasantly surprised when a young man from Teslin Tlingit Council stepped forward, surprising us with conceptual drawings generated by hand. These are provided below.

Further too, Clayton Boss, who has been a regular participant of these workshops, developed hand-drawings during these workshops, and has indicated he would like them considered too, for inspiration.

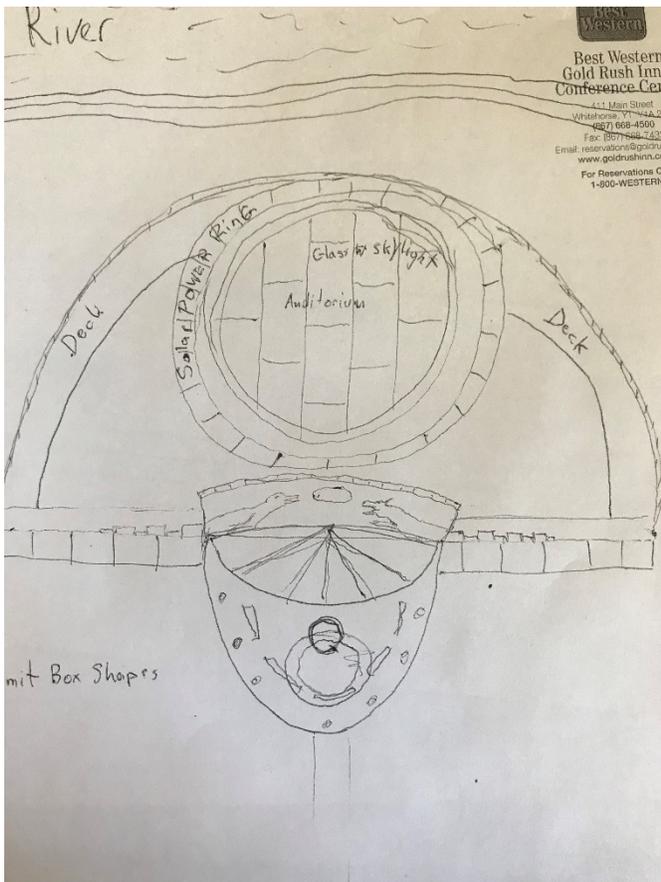
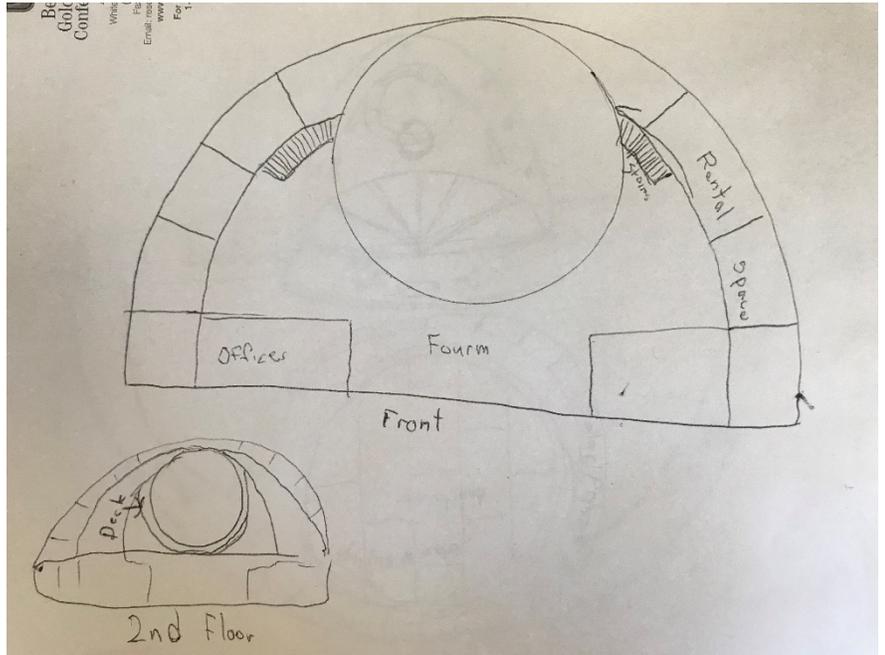
There is incredible talent out there, and we are so in awe of how these workshops have served to inspire the imaginations of so many.



Credit: Dustin Sheldon, Calm Rivers, Teslin Tlingit Council citizen



Credit: Clayton Boss, Ta'an Kwach'an Council citizen



## *Inspiration ... what do you see as the “look and feel” for these spaces?*

*Participants were their thoughts on the ultimate look and feel of the buildings, based on other Administration or Gathering Place-type buildings in Canada and beyond. Here are some of the favorites that will serve to influence the ultimate design.*



## *Next meeting...*

*May 15 – Helen’s Fish  
Camp*

**May 15**, bus leaves TKC office at  
4pm

As we continue to develop conceptual drawings into renderings that are suitable for putting out to tender for architectural attention, there are two more opportunities for you to contribute to the vision and process.

**June 5 – DRAFT conceptual drawings** will be presented  
Town Hall, Gold Rush Inn

**June 12 – REVISED drawings** will  
be presented.  
Town Hall, Gold Rush Inn

## *Next Steps...*

*Consensus and decisions on what will happen at Lake Laberge remain a need, scheduled to be discussed at the remaining two workshops.*

*Kobayashi-Zedda Architects are busy developing conceptual drawings to illustrate the reality of all the visioning accomplished over the past eight weeks.*

*Last meeting is May 15 at Helen’s Fish Camp.... Then the artists will be busy putting together the drawings for your consumption and comments.*

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

*Please let us know!*

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