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**SIX**

A weekly summation of the *Gathering Place* workshops

# The Gathering Gazette

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## *A message of appreciation*

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

This week was a bit different, with the workshop being held at Helen’s Fish Camp, serving to bring some of the voices from the area, into the process.

For those who have participated in previous workshops, there were some repeat questions, but for those who have been unable to join us, the questions invoked thoughtful dialogue and emotion.

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

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## *Week 6 – Whispers of the ancestors*

*“People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors.”*

*Edmund Burke*

Our week 6 event was held Monday April 16, on the land at Helen’s Fish Camp. We were blessed with sunshine and warm winds, roaring fires, and wonderful food. It was a rich evening, with thoughtful discourse, punctuated by energetic pups and enthusiastic chickadees.

Ribs, corn, rice, Caesar salad, bannock, and berries and ice cream were plentiful, and provided by the lovely Charlene Burns and company, and Nicole Smith led us through the dinner

Many of those who attended this event, were first-timers, finding the meeting at home most convenient for participation. To ensure their voices are reflected and included throughout this process, a series of questions were posed, not unlike those already posed in weeks past. These questions and their answers are summarized in this newsletter. There was a definite sense of family and connection throughout the evening.

There were distinct themes that arose from the discussions, strongly centered around the importance of the past, of pride in culture and heritage. There was also a distinct feeling that healing and connection to one another and to the land was paramount to the growth and future of both individuals and the Nation.

*For our children to have success with cultural customs as a foundation to their lives and future.*

Education of the past, community gatherings, strong traditional values and cultures, were all common discussion points. Interestingly, when asked what services presently are important, there were very few that came

forward. While the discussions want to focus on the ultimate goal of an Administration / Gathering Place, so much of the current state of the community and government determine the final outcome and product. More to come! Moving forward, we will be alternating locations each week, with **April 24 being at the Gold Rush Inn, and May 1 being at Helen’s Fish Camp!** Full dates and locations are on the last page.



Let's start at the very beginning.... >>>

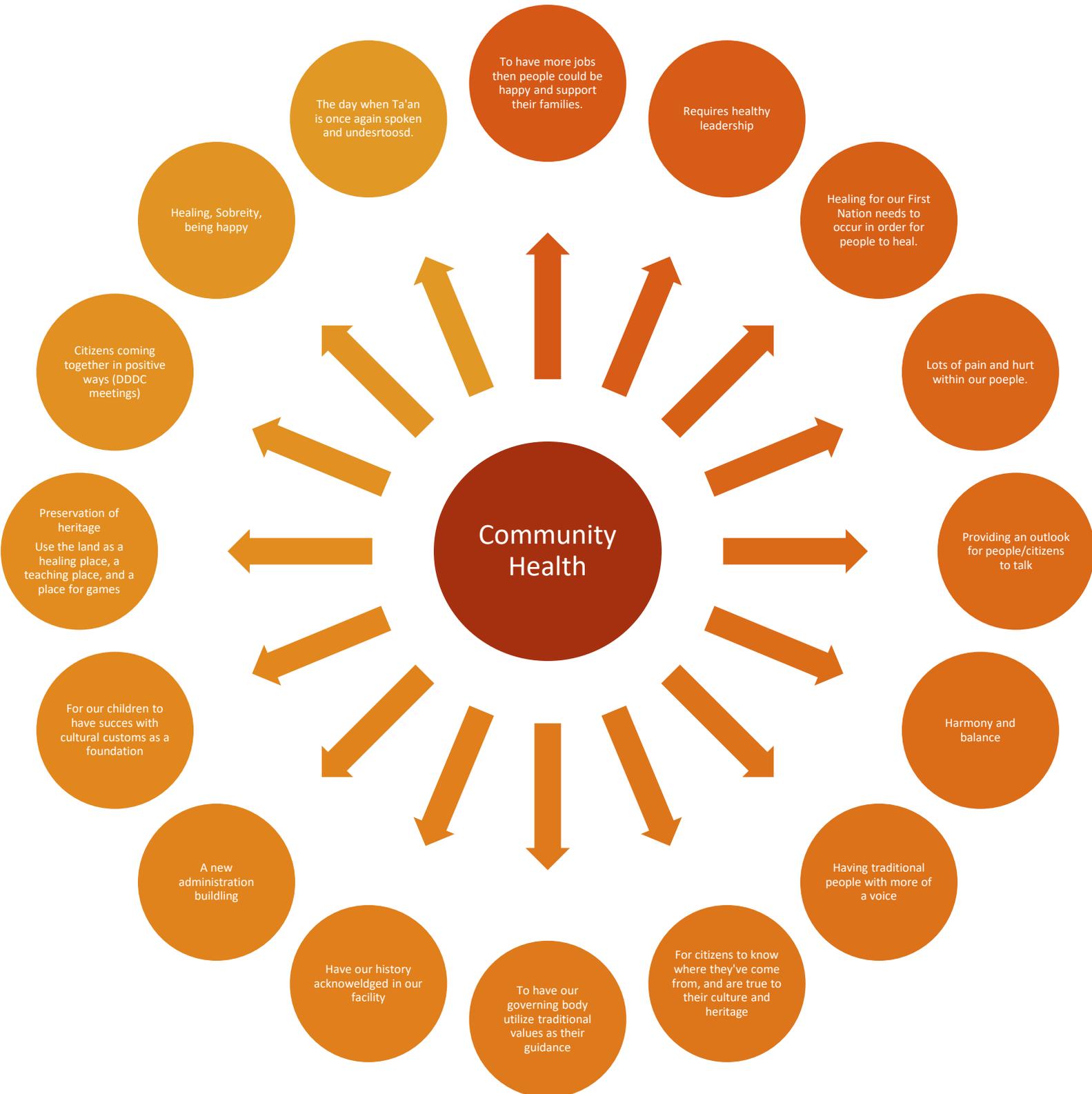
What are some of the past and present successes of your community?

To understand better the future vision of the Ta'an Kwäch'an Council and its citizens, it is important to reflect on the successes experienced, no matter how small. These successes help define who you are, as individuals, and as a Nation. While the question may seem trite, it can provide reflections of hope, happiness, and can be a source of strength and light.



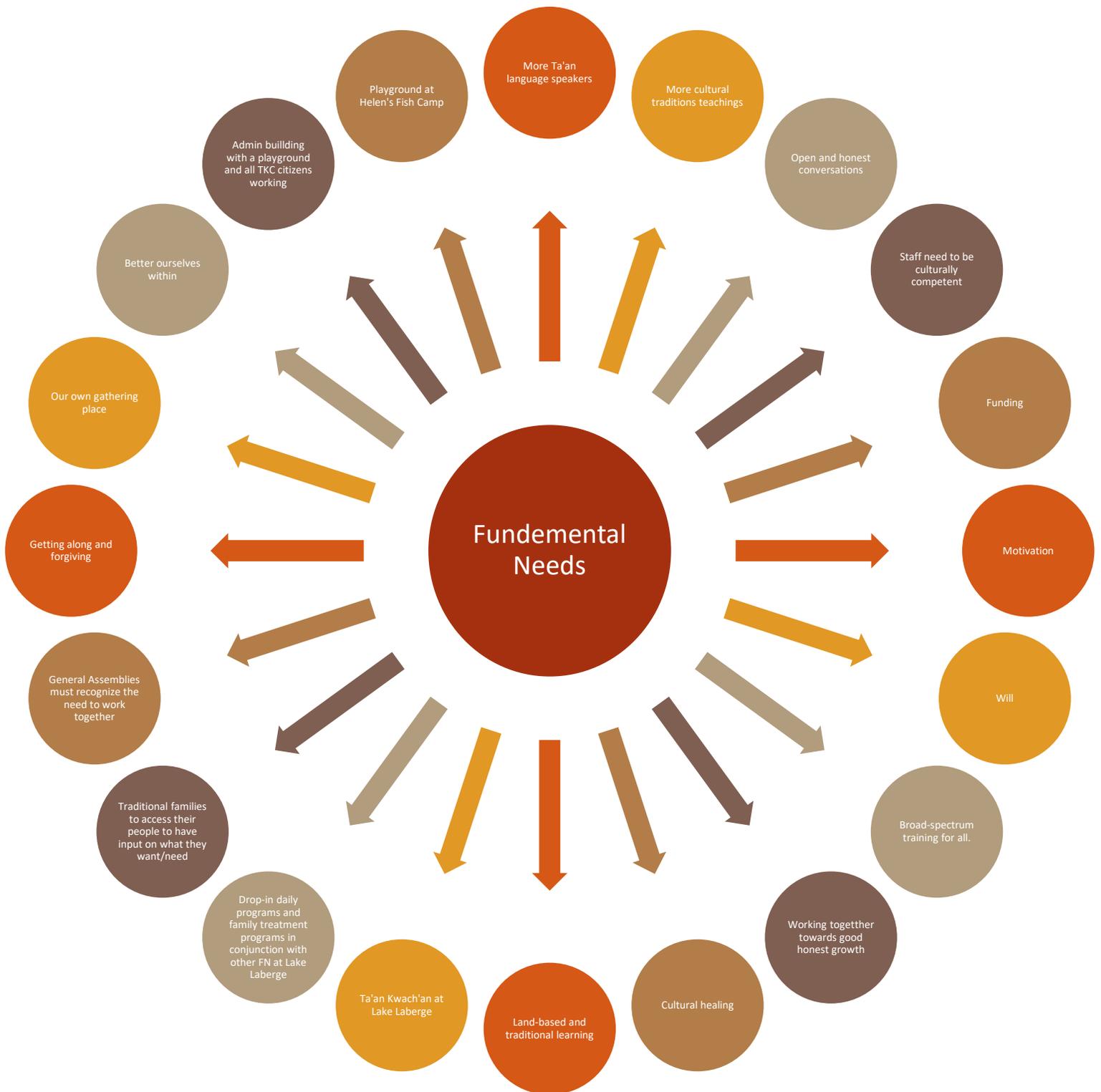
# What are your hopes for the emotional, cultural, spiritual, health of your community?

*The health of a community is so much more than just eating well, and exercising... The influence of culture on health is vast, with strong relationships and connections proving to be sources of social support, often providing a sense of belonging, security, and community. These relationships have proven to increase overall wellbeing and bolster life expectancy.*



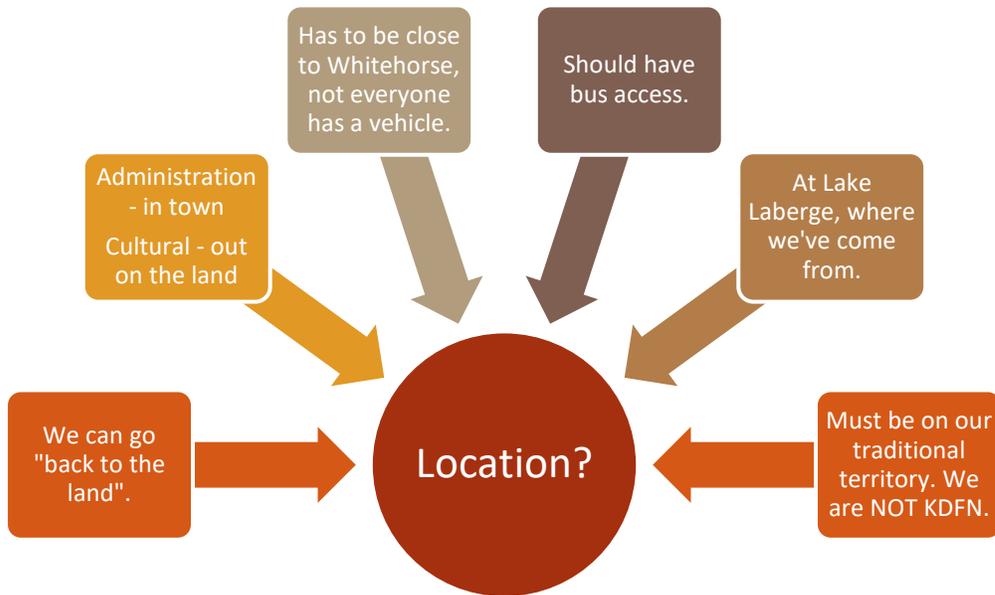
# What are the fundamental needs and components necessary for these hopes to be realized?

Over the weeks, we've discussed what is needed to make these dreams of an Administration / Gathering Place building possible. This question spoke to what the fundamental needs are, with respect to achieving the emotional, cultural, and spiritual healing, of citizens and the community.



# When you consider these dreams, where do you see this place / places?

*This last question of the evening attempted to achieve clarity on the location question...*



**Next workshop >>>**

**April 24, 2019**

## ***Alternating Locations***

Moving forward, we are alternating our locations weekly.

April 24 – Gold Rush Inn

May 1 – Helen's Fish Camp

May 8 – Gold Rush Inn

May 15 – Helen's Fish Camp

May 22 – Gold Rush Inn

May 29 – Helen's Fish Camp

June 5 – Gold Rush Inn

## ***Shuttles will be provided***

**Weeks at Helen's Fish Camp**, bus leaves TKC office at 4pm

**Weeks at Gold Rush Inn**, bus leaves Horse Creek Road at 4pm

## ***ANNOUNCEMENT!***

### ***Artist Needed!***

DDDC needs an artist who can capture the essence and ideas from these workshops and generate

*Don't see your voice reflected here?*

*Want to get involved but can't attend?*

*Please let us know!*

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