

KLAHOOSE CULTURAL CENTRE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK REPORT

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Community Engagement - March 14, 2024



Klahoose
First Nation



SUMMARY

On March 14th 2024 a community meeting, meal and ceremony was hosted to celebrate the kick-off of the Klahoose Cultural Centre. We heard from community members about their visions and usage needs for the new facility.

Over fifty community members attended, some of whom travelled across the territory to witness the ribbon-cutting and ceremonies on the new cultural centre site, share their ideas for the centre, and come together as a community to feast and celebrate the start of this exciting new project.

HIGHLIGHTS

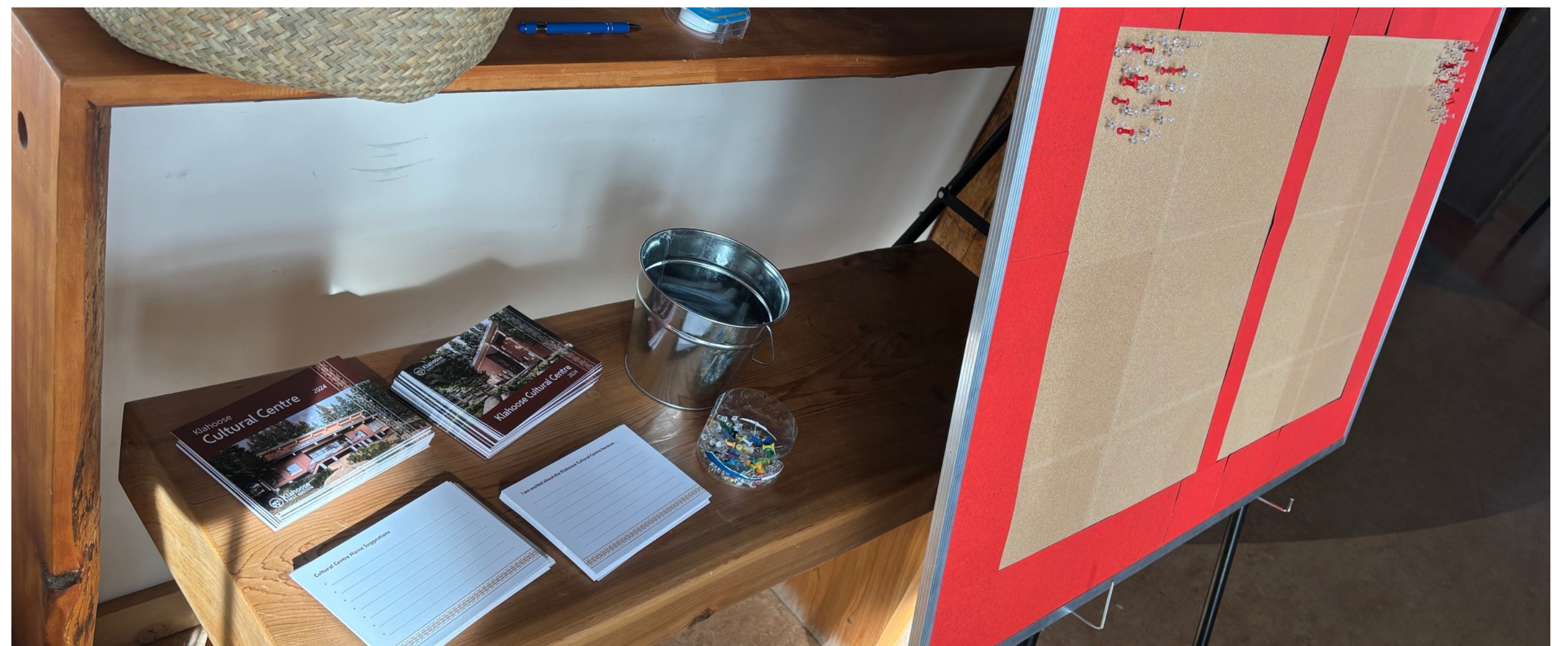
- Chief and Council shared the vision and purpose of the project
- The internal project lead provided more information about the project plan and next steps
- The architects and design team shared drawings and designs for the project with the community
- Ceremonies were done to initiate the building site in a good way, with community members present to witness
- Community members shared their insights and ideas for naming the centre

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Community members were able to check out the plans and designs for the new cultural centre, and hear from the project team and architects directly.

We also asked community members to write down what they were excited about using the cultural centre for, and to share their ideas for the cultural centre's name.





I'M EXCITED ABOUT THE
KLAHOOSE CULTURAL
CENTRE BECAUSE...

space culture learn people language community center cultural together practice place grow singing see gatherings dances recording office weaving classes skills opportunity ancestral celebrate art love beading excited bring children learning stories young forward values kids klahoose building cooking spirit drumming new good share room future carve practices

COMMUNITY USES OF THE CULTURAL CENTRE

- **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.** We heard that people are excited to have a dedicated space where they can learn and share the Klahoose language, culture, and artistic practices. Some activities people are excited about are: learning language, singing, dancing, drumming, carving, weaving, beading, crafting, creating art, sharing stories, recording songs and language, and sharing meals.
- **CULTURAL SPACES.** Particular spaces people mentioned within the cultural centre included a dedicated elders' space, a youth space, a recording space, a space to store artifacts properly and showcase the history of the Klahoose people, a language classroom, and a space to display the work of talented carvers and artists.
- **A CULTURAL HOME.** Overall, many respondents emphasized how excited they were to have a space where our community can come together, heal, and celebrate our culture and values.

"IT WILL BE GREAT TO HAVE A NEW SPACE DEDICATED TO THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND PRACTICE OF OUR CULTURE. THERE HAS BEEN MANY CONVERSATIONS ABOUT HOW WE CAN REVITALIZE OUR CULTURE AND BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER IN A HEALTHY WAY. THE DRUM IS THE HEARTBEAT AND DANCING IS THE SPIRIT. I'M EXCITED TO HEAR THE VOICES BOOM AGAINST THE WOODEN WALLS AND TO POUR MANY STORIES AND LESSONS INTO THIS SACRED AND BLESSED SPACE."

-ANONYMOUS COMMUNITY MEMBER'S WRITTEN FEEDBACK

COMMENTS

The Klahoose Cultural Center will bring forth our people with the many different skills that they hold and are talented in making such as beading, weaving, carving, sewing, and sharing our languages and stories

I am excited for this cultural building, for it gives our community the place to learn our people's language. Also it's very nice to see our community grow and prosper

A long time coming to have a cultural center. This center will bring the Klahoose people together in a good way. Moving forward, bringing our culture, beliefs, values and all good things. A positive journey for sure!!

Excited because of the goal before us and for the ones today [who] made this happen and also to watch our new young ones to learn what we learned to pass on to our future kids

To celebrate how far we've come and how much room we have to grow

It's a space for our kids

Language office/classes

Cooking space

Practice dances

It will be ours for culture practices and gatherings

Because it brings people together

Learn language

Carve

We will be able to see our younger children and future generations learn song, dance, language and many more things handed down from our elders and ancestors

Sing or learn new songs

Drumming and singing recording practice

Bonding and reconnecting our community

We come together to share our skills in crafts

The new opportunity to learn and grow fluently in culture, and get-togethers

I am looking forward to seeing this building! Emote!

Place where my children learn language, art, singing, drumming

COMMENTS

Definitely want to learn more of my language and drumming

We can learn Toq language

A place to come together

Learn to carve

Make bailers

We all want to learn tradition and cultural values

Be a place to be at home

It is good for the young ones and waterfront

Opportunity for employment

Opportunity to record ancestral knowledge

Opportunity for talent of carvers, painters etc.

History provided

Pictures of klahoose territory

Our singers will have a place to practice

Our artifacts will be stored properly

It will be great to celebrate our people and our culture together as one.

Bringing people together

Learning culture and language

It'll reconnect our community and our families

Excited to learn language, share laughs learning

Art

Meals

It will help us heal from the past

Community spirit family children elders joy peace love light

Bring everyone together

I like beading and it is fun

Language

Elder's space

Recording space

Youth space

My 3 children and I can have a space to engage in our culture. I love teaching my kids our language and practicing traditional teachings. Crafting, cedar weaving, singing and many more!

WHAT SHOULD WE NAME
THE NEW CULTURAL
CENTRE?

CULTURAL CENTRE NAME SUGGESTIONS

THANKS FOR SHARING THESE GREAT NAME IDEAS - AND SHOWING OFF YOUR LANGUAGE SKILLS!

- Coming Together as One (in our language)
- Unity (in our language)
- the spirit house
- gathering spirits
- t' oyaymux^w Cultural Centre
- ʔoʔop ʔaye (healing house)
- Chenna House
- Toq ymix^w cultural centre
- Kwa-Kwa-Ju
- Xwetlay
- Nun Kum
- Xawgus
- Louieville
- Nancy louie
- Shon McKay
- Big Tuna
- The Slappin' Salmontail
- Bear Claw Pavillion
- Tobo Town's Great Ceremonial Hall
- Raven's Roost / Regalia
- Drum Seeker's Hall
- Clam Digger's Paradise
- Bannock Ballroom
- Our Elders' House (in our language)
- Our Youth House (in our language)
- Our child's House (in our language)

- The "Bob" House
- Apukum house
- .́timexʷ ʔaye (medicine house)
- χanaθiʔəm timuxʷ (I will give you medicine)
- ʔanot
- ʔεłtan moł (real tradish food)
- γεkumεn
- beach of culture
- the spirit house
- λoʔos qayemɪʷ (klahoose peoples)
- ʔúʔuy-ém (gathering)
- kʷijum (light shining)
- toq'Nation cultural center
- Klahoose First Nation Cultural Center

- Póho culture building (raven)
- ́gagatεx (to beat a drum) cultural centre
- niš (here) cultural centre
- ́tiymexʷ (medicine) cultural centre
- qaykʷ (egale) cultural centre
- Eagle House
- We need animal spirit
- A place to call home
- A place we can come to when in need
- Home of culture
- Home of new beginnings
- ʔams na timexʷ ʔaye (our medicine house)
- We are all one (in our language)



P&MOTÉ!



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