

## Toward Building Mapping and Capacity Partnerships

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at University College of the Cariboo

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### **1. How we got here.**

Dave Whiting provided a short summary of recommendations from an April 23 workshop at UCC on Internet mapping regarding information and capacity partnerships:

#### **Information and Capacity Partnerships:**

- Partnerships are needed to maintain and continue to develop information management tools to support sustainable land use decision making
- Partnerships can leverage funding to acquire technology, software and hardware. They can feed information from Southern Interior to the Community Mapping Network
- Partnerships need local champions and initiatives
- Dialogue is needed with local government to:
  - identify data standards
  - identify Data gaps
  - identify need for training
  - Share and integrate data
- However, resources are needed to do the above

- Need another meeting in Kamloops to move discussion on Information and Capacity Partnerships forward

## 2. Clarifying the scope of our initiative:

Discussion among the group explored the scope and potential elements of a mapping/capacity partnership:

- The focus of the partnership would be lands within high growth areas of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) in close proximity to Kamloops - specifically, the "South Thompson Corridor".
- The focus is primarily private lands at a scale of 1:5000.
- The geographical focus could be expanded to support land use decision making by City of Kamloops and the Kamloops Indian Band on their respective areas of jurisdiction
- A digital atlas could be developed that would be a compilation of existing mapped information from the partners to support decision making by the TNRD in response to development proposals.
- This digital atlas could be hosted on the Community Mapping Network (CMN) so that the information is freely available to all with an Internet connection. {check out the Community Mapping Network website <http://www.cmNBC.ca/> }
- The CMN builds capacity to collect data, store data, and distribute data
- The CMN fills information gaps that provincial resource information system can not provide
- Current information that could be compiled and displayed initially includes:
  - i. Ortho photo base map
  - ii. Cadastre
  - iii. TRIM
  - iv. TNRD zoning designations
  - v. Grassland mapping from GCC?
  - vi. Wetland mapping from DU?
  - vii. ALR?
  - viii. ???
  - ix. ???
- Additional layers that would support decision making but need to be produced include:
  - i. Agricultural layers (supporting Environmental Farm Planning?)
  - ii. Sensitive Habitat and Inventory Mapping
  - iii. Fish and wildlife distribution maps
  - iv. South Thompson River riparian areas
  - v. Map products prepared by community groups?
  - vi. ????
- Through the Internet, information layers can be efficiently updated. This could provide opportunities for student research and activities

at UCC to provide meaningful input to support local land use decision-making.

- The digital atlas could help fill the gap as Provincial agency referral processes are reduced.

3. Other related items:

- Rick Howie has an avian database that is looking for a home
- CMN has a high end GPS unit available for loan
- Kent Watson has delivered GPS training previously
- CMN has established partnerships with Selkirk and University College of Fraser Valley
- The BCCF office in Kamloops has office space and GIS resources and would like to participate

4. Moving Forward

- Dave Whiting offered to type up notes for the meeting
- Brad Mason proposed that he draw up a “vision” of an atlas, a two page document for the group to review (using email) within a few weeks
- Once the vision is clear, we would then move forward by using the clear vision as the basis for proposals for project funding
- Bruno cautioned the groups that we will have to move quickly because funding organizations (such as foundations) have short windows for funding applications in the fall.
- Brad also stressed that a local champion is needed to co-ordinate the project, act as “banker”, and get “buy in” from potential partners
- **The next meeting is scheduled for September 8 at 9:00 AM at a Kamloops location to be confirmed.**
- At the September 8 meeting, we hope to confirm a “champion” and confirm a strategy for submitting proposals