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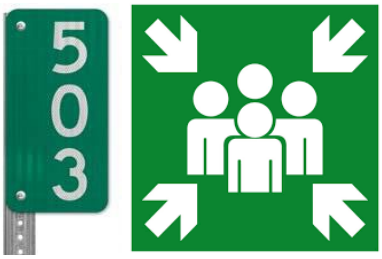
Emergency Program Update

December 2024

Focused on resilience, and in the face of climate change, we are working to protect our people and ensure environmental sustainability. This means we need to look at the big picture. Are we prepared to protect and support our members and residents in our village? Are we ready to respond to any crisis in Bute? Can we reduce risk ahead of disasters? Have we planned for quick recovery of our government services to support our people? In order to financially support recovery, are our businesses putting in place continuity plans? To address these questions, we have a multi-path emergency program:

- All-hazards emergency management planning
- Training and practicing for our emergency team
- Territory emergency response planning
- Emergency supplies including food and water
- Wildfire risk mitigation through FireSmart
- Disaster recovery planning
- Willow Creek flood risk mitigation
- Coordination with land use planning

For mor details on your emergency program scan the QR code to see our page on the Xwémalhkwu website.



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Land Use Planning

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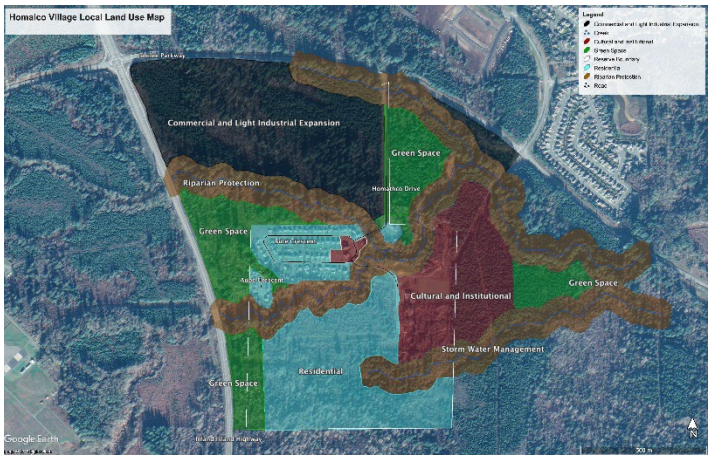
Great News! We are just beginning an update of our land use plan, and you are going to be in charge!

We will be expanding and updating the Xwémalhkwu territorial land use plan as a tool of nation building, stewardship, sustainability, and resilience. At every stage we will be engaging with community to hear what you want and need from your lands and waters. We will be taking a close look at local land use in all of the places that are important to us.

Our strategy will be to braid together culture, language, science, and Xwémalhkwu ways. We will honour the past and look to the future.

Watch in the new year for information, gatherings, and opportunities for conversation.



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Watershed Risk Assessment and Restoration

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Watching our climate change and our weather become less predictable, we have refocused our efforts in emergency management towards building resilience.

With members telling us that they are concerned about flooding in the community, we began looking closely at the streams of the Willow Creek Watershed which flow through our village.

We are more than half way through our watershed project and we have made great gains on assessing risk and designing stream and crossing work to handle greater storm water flows and restore the streams to the benefit of fish and other environmental and cultural values.

A big thank you to everyone who was able to attend our gathering on December 5th. We discussed ecological restoration, salmon habitat, culvert repair, and coexistence with beaver to the benefit of salmon. We had a big crowd, received great input, and shared excellent door prizes!

Please watch for future opportunities to participate in the coming months.

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