

Shallow Bay Zoning Committee

June 12th, 2018 > kick-off event

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Background

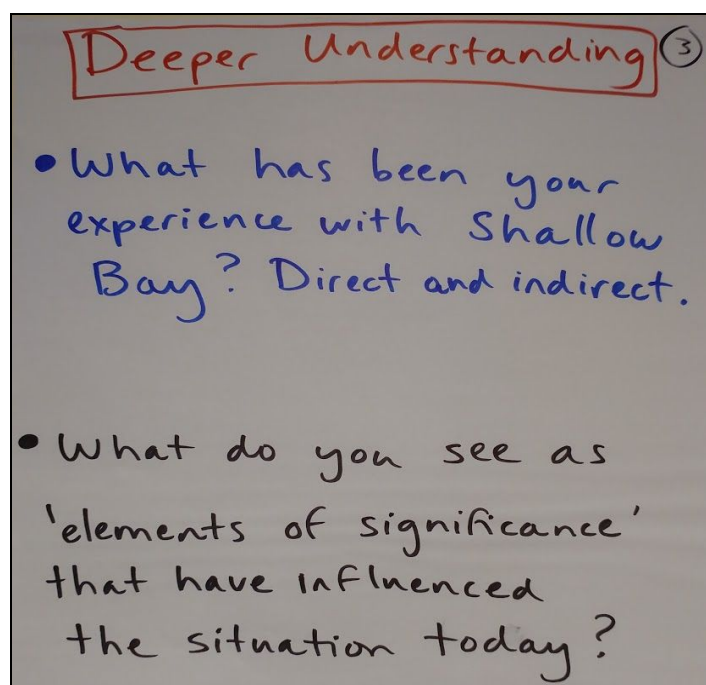
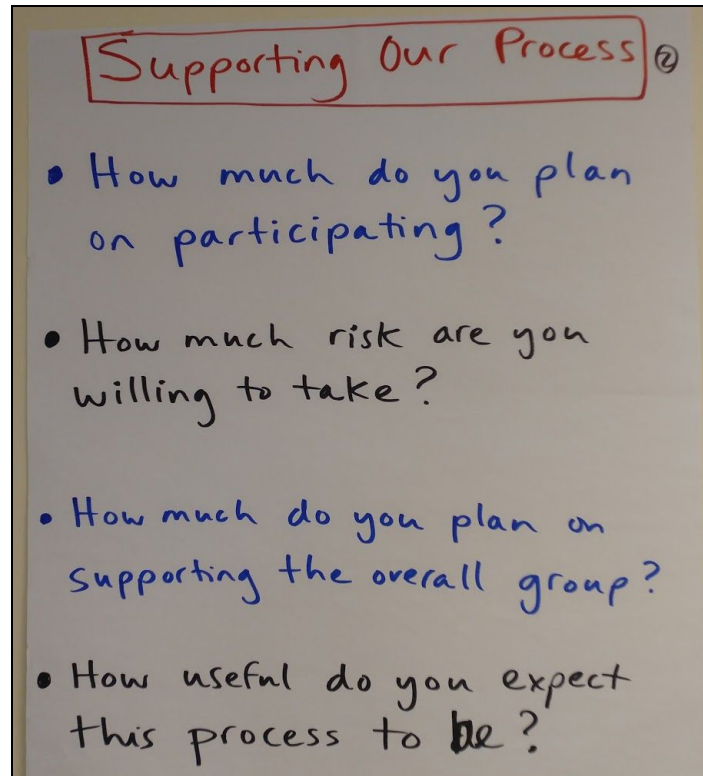
In 2018, Yukon government (YG) created the Shallow Bay Development Area Regulation Zoning Committee to provide a draft zoning regulation for YG to consider. The Committee includes property owners of the Shallow Bay community and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council (TKC) citizens. The Committee held its kick-off meeting June 12th, 2018, at the Hootalinqua Fire Hall.

Meeting purpose

1. Start to understand each other.
2. Identify individual hopes and expectations.
3. Articulate important questions.
4. Clarify the Committee's mandate.
5. Determine future logistics.

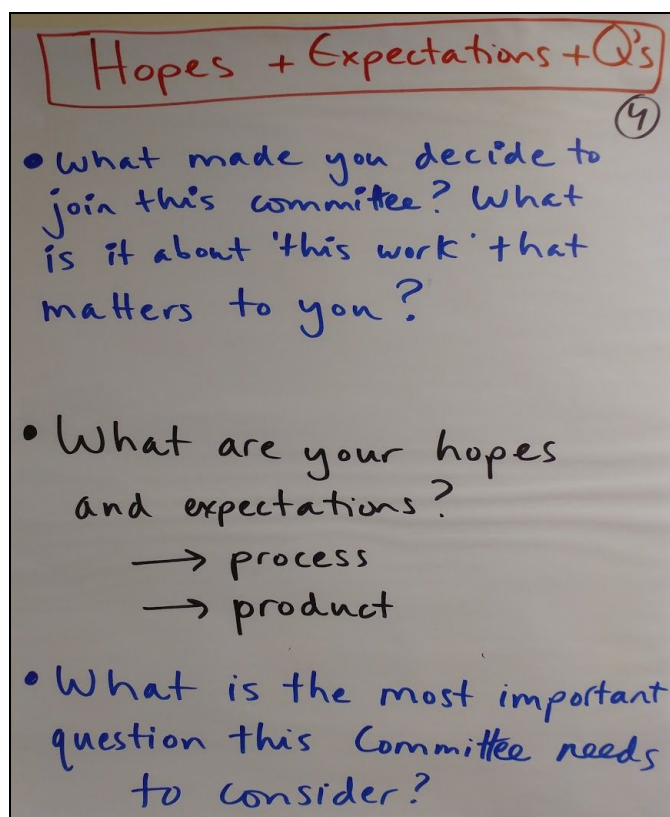
This Report

The following report outlines the workshop outcomes as-was-said and written. This report makes no attempt at synthesis or analysis. The content order is either alphabetical or random.



Hopes and Expectations; process and 'product'

- That the process is both equitable and amicable. I have no time for animosity.
- That the product is equitable and that all sides get given consideration.
- Clarity of existing regulatory regime such as environmental, building requirements etc. Information is often wrong, inconsistent, or missing. There can also be inconsistency amongst and within governments.
- Environmental commitments which are 'positive' and get needed attention.
- Resolution: what is going to govern development in the area.
- Local representation on a committee is a good idea (and a long-time coming).
- Knowledge of area is important.
- Why is the experience in Shallow Bay so different than the experience in Jackfish Bay? In the former, there is no clarity, while in the latter there generally is.
- Importance of involving locals.
- Broader education on compatibility as articulated in Chapter 25 in the TKC Agreement is required.
- TKC is in the process of doing some comprehensive planning, so does this Shallow Bay conversation connect with that process?
- There is a history of inadequate consultation with TKC on this area.
- What are the impacts of future development in this area?
- The involvement of TKC citizens is important because their voice matters given TKC current land ownership in the area as well as Shallow Bay being the heart of the Ta'an Traditional Territory.
- I hope we develop a product that we all believe in and have ownership over.
- Greater understanding of human impacts in Shallow Bay and the wider lake-system.
- Animal and fish health matters and is important to the culture and subsistence of both TKC citizens and the broader public.
- I am interested in learning more about the history or the area.



Important questions that require consideration

What is the current regulatory regime in place?
What are the government's future plans for green spaces in Shallow Bay area and how does compatability of land use fit in with TKC land use planning?
What are the key community / First Nation values that the existing regulation(s) are not addressing?
What is an acceptable density of development in the Shallow Bay area? Will there need to be different zones with different densities?
How do we reach consensus, or, can it be reached?
How is the integrity of the natural environment to be protected should this committee suggest a subdivision policy be implemented?
How long will this process actually take?

Mandate: general questions and comments

- Clarification that the Terms of Reference was developed and signed by both Yukon government and TKC.
- What is KDFN's interest in this process? If it is minimal, does that exist in writing?
- In terms of Committee meeting outputs, what is public and what is private?
 - Generally, the intention is to have a transparent process. However, like any process, there may be times where discussions need to be *in camera*. This will be determined by the Committee collectively.
- What will be the impact of a decision on zoning on future TKC harvest rights?
- Clarification that this Committee is tasked at exploring 'zoning' at the broadest level, and is much more than the question of 'subdivision'.
- Can Yukon government have a legal opinion on the existing regulations conducted?
- Clarification that once the Committee has made its final recommendation, Yukon government will conduct formal a government-to-government consultation process based on the Committee's work.
- Clarification there is not a polarity of interests; that somehow Yukon government 'wants development' and TKC 'wants conservation'. This is an open and exploratory conversation about zoning in Shallow Bay.