



MST Nations Membership Newsletter

Fall 2020

WORKING TOGETHER AS ONE

The Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation, and Tsleil-Waututh Nation (MST Partnership) have come together in partnership to celebrate their cultural and family connections, and to reflect their tradition of working together collaboratively to benefit their people.

The MST Partnership and Canada Lands Company (CLC), have entered into a historic joint venture. Together, we are planning for the redevelopment of two significant parcels of land in the City of Vancouver to create opportunity for all involved. We are pleased to provide regular updates regarding the Heather Lands and ʔəy'alməxw/Iy'álməxw / Jericho Lands for members of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

A major milestone for the Heather Lands, and a step closer to turning plans into a community

The Heather Lands will become ɣəw's tə ná šx'wə'tə' ná ɣə'təl' / X ə w's u'Uxwumixw / a new neighbourhood, with homes, shops, parks, daycare and an MST Cultural Centre, organized around a forest trail reminiscent of the trails travelled by ancestors across the peninsula of Vancouver.

There will be about 2,600 homes in buildings ranging from 3 to 28 stories.

In early October, we submitted a detailed rezoning application to the City of Vancouver for the 21-acre site in the Cambie Corridor. The rezoning application brings the Heather Lands one step closer to becoming reality.

Over the next 12-18 months, we will be engaging with City staff as they review the application and make a recommendation to Vancouver City Council.

All things moving smoothly, we anticipate enacting the new zoning in early 2023 before the site is rezoned.

That will allow us to begin the site works and servicing and is when you will see the new neighbourhood begin to take shape.

↓ Artist renderings of what the Heather Lands could look like in the future.
(Artist: Matthew Thomson)



HEATHER LANDS TIMELINE



CULTURAL INTERPRETIVE PLAN: IMPRINTING MST CULTURE ON THE HEATHER LANDS

A key part of the rezoning application for the Heather Lands is the Heather Lands Cultural Interpretive Plan, which will guide neighbourhood design inspired by MST culture.

MST values will be seen in the landscape, parks and pedestrian areas, public art, food systems, water systems, commercial uses, waste management, building and architectural character, lighting, energy systems and more. Informed by the Cultural Interpretive Plan, the design for the neighbourhood will communicate culture and way of being.

Based on what we heard during events in each community, the plan includes the following four principles that will guide the planning and design of the site:

- **Welcoming to All**
- **We're Taught to Know Where We Come From**
- **Everything is Connected**
- **Be in Touch with the Light, Water, Seasons, Land**

We are grateful to the many Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh people who generously shared their time, wisdom, and sacred legends to help in developing the plan. The stories and ideas shared are at the heart of the plan, and will one day be at the heart of the new neighbourhood.

To see the full Cultural Interpretive Plan, please visit heatherstreetlands.ca.

↓ Outreach and engagement with MST Nations community members.



JERICHO LANDS TIMELINE



CONTINUING TO INSPIRE JERICHO

The ʔəy'alməxʷ/Iy'álməxw / Jericho Lands site offers a transformative opportunity for the neighbourhood.

The site is 90 acres that is being planned as one neighbourhood, including 52 acres co-owned by CLC-MST and 38 acres owned solely by the MST Partnership.

The planning and design of the lands will take place over years, and the full development of the site is anticipated to take 20-30 years.

We chose the title "Inspire Jericho" for the plan to remind everyone that this process is an opportunity to think about the possibilities for reconciliation, and a better future for all through the creation of a walkable,

socially-diverse and amenity-rich neighbourhood that reconnects to the community and provides places for people to live and gather in this remarkable location.

We want to hear from you!

We want to thank all of the MST members who have provided input into the development of the Heather Lands and Jericho Lands plans over the past few years, including giving us feedback about your aspirations, and about what should be included in the Cultural Interpretive Plan.

Starting this fall, we'll be holding meetings in each community to seek your input on different topics, including the refinement of a Cultural Interpretive Plan for the Jericho Lands. We will also be hosting conversations with neighbours of the Jericho Lands and residents across Vancouver to help us develop the neighbourhood concept for the Jericho Lands.

↓ Inspire Jericho talks event and public open house.



MEET THE TEAM WORKING FOR YOU

We are fortunate to have strong leadership from MST, CLC and expert consultants working hard to turn the opportunity of these lands into reality.

Planning for the Heather Lands, including the rezoning application, has been supported by a design team led by DIALOG. Earlier this year, the CLC-MST project team selected a world-class design team to lead the master planning for the Jericho Lands. The team is led by Urban Strategies Inc., and includes Formline Architecture, a Vancouver-based Indigenous design firm specializing in environmentally and culturally-sensitive architecture. You can read more about the core design team members at inspirejericho.ca.

Your Cultural Liaisons

In 2019, we were pleased to include Cultural Liaisons from each of the MST Nations as part of the project team. The Cultural Liaisons are providing advice to the team throughout the planning process. Their contributions, along with those from the Management Committee members, MST elders, knowledge keepers and community members will inform the ways that MST culture and values will be authentically integrated into the development of the Jericho Lands.



“It is an honour to serve our people as a Cultural Liaison. As a grandmother, I see the opportunities that these projects will provide in terms of careers and prosperity for my grandchildren and their grandchildren. But most of all, I see and feel pride in our people regaining what was taken away from us, and using these lands to be able to take care of one another.

The blood that flows through my veins flowed through qiyəplenəw, and my family embodies the coming together of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh. I look forward to helping bring the footsteps of the past forward, to guide us on a positive path for our future.” – Charleen Grant, Musqueam Indian Band

“These lands have a deep personal connection for me, as the great-great-granddaughter of Jericho Charlie. People from up and down the coast have talked about their families coming to his longhouse at ʔəy 'alməxw/Iy'álməxw for celebrations.

What I enjoy most about my role as a Cultural Liaison is working with the great design teams who are listening carefully to us and are bringing our vision and rich culture to life. I look forward to the day that we can welcome people from all walks of life to share in a modern celebration of our culture on these lands.” – Sxeláitenaat | Adrienne Charlie, Squamish Nation

“Our three Nations have taken our rightful place on these lands, with an opportunity to finally generate economic prosperity for our people. Our role as Cultural Liaisons is vital to honouring the resilience of our ancestors and making them proud. We serve as a conduit between the Nations and the designers, to make sure our elders, our youth and all Nation members have a say in what they want to see on the MST lands. We're bringing our Nations' collective spiritual energy into our work, and ultimately to the landscape, the pathways and the buildings we will create here.” – Whonoak | Dennis Thomas, Tsleil-Waututh Nation

Have you considered a career in development? Perhaps in design, planning, sales, construction, or management? Throughout the decades-long development of the Heather Lands and Jericho Lands, there will be many different career opportunities available.

The Employment, Training and Contracting Committee supports Nations business involvement, and is guiding the Nations member training and skills development needed to pursue a career opportunity on these projects.

Some of the opportunities that these major real estate projects will provide include roles in the following areas:

- Project management
- Trades
- Architecture and design
- Engineering
- Landscaping
- Marketing and communications

- Real estate sales
- Construction
- Maintenance
- Property management

In future newsletters, we will profile some of these careers and talk to people who have chosen these paths.



CLC-MST websites:
heatherstreetlands.ca
inspirejericho.ca



City of Vancouver websites:
shapeyourcity.ca/heather-lands
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