



T̂ILHQOT'IN NEN PLAN



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Six T̂ilhqot'in Communities are developing Nen Plans created by and for our people to honor our values and protect and care for a healthy and self-sustaining nen. The Community Nen Plans will be brought together in a territory-wide Nation Nen Plan. We want all T̂ilhqot'in to be part of making it.

CARING FOR NEN

Protecting and caring for nen (air, land, waters, resources) is vital to T̓silhqot̓'in culture, language and people.

The T̓silhqot̓'in National Government (TNG) was founded by the Chiefs of six communities in 1989 to meet the needs of the T̓silhqot̓'in Nation and communities and to enhance our already strong governance. Communities include: Tl'etingox (Anaham), T̓sideldel (Redstone), Yunešit'in (Stone), Xení Gwet'in (Nemiah), ʔEsdilagh (Alexandria) and Tl'esqox (Toosey).

It is our responsibility to care for T̓silhqot̓'in nen for past, present and future generations. TNG and the Council of Chiefs have given direction to prepare a community-led nen planning process that will ultimately lead to six Community Nen Plans and a Nation Nen Plan.

We seek to create a holistic and balanced way of life on the land and waters that links people and places through the past, present and future. We aim to honour and build upon the long tradition of nen stewardship and planning in our T̓silhqot̓'in territory by developing Nen Plans. We follow in the footsteps of our ʔesggidam who cared for our air, lands, waters, and resources since time immemorial. We also honour the extraordinary works of Lhin Desch'osh that made these lands and waters safe for our T̓silhqot̓'in ʔesggidam to thrive. Our work today follows this long line of nen stewardship, planning, and care, that reaches back into our earliest legends.

WHAT IS A NEN PLAN?

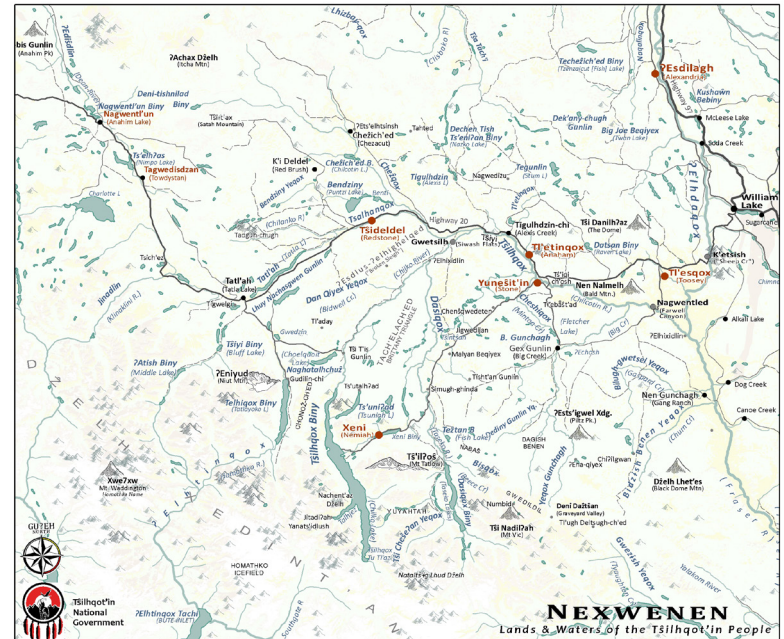
The T̓silhqot̓'in Nation Nen Plan will be a high-level, territory-wide plan for all of T̓silhqot̓'in air, lands, waters and resources. The Nen Plan will be created and approved by the communities, rooted in T̓silhqot̓'in values, culture and language, and seeks to be a sustainable, holistic and integrative living plan for current and future generations.

TERRITORY

T̓silhqot̓'in Nation Nen Plan will be a plan for the entire T̓silhqot̓'in territory. The six T̓silhqot̓'in Communities will develop six Community Nen Plans, with a primary focus on their distinct and shared Caretaker Areas and a secondary focus on the entire T̓silhqot̓'in territory. The Nation Nen Plan will be formed by bringing together the six Community Nen Plans, and adding areas of responsibility that the communities identify as resting with the Nation.

FOCUS AREAS

The Community Nen Plans will be a unique reflection of each community and may vary depending on their interests and priorities. The unified Nation Nen Plan will bring together and honour the Community Nen Plans, while also adding interconnected and holistic areas of nen including: people, social, food, health, culture, language, learning, education, economy, air, lands, waters, resources, physical development, infrastructure, governance and external relations.



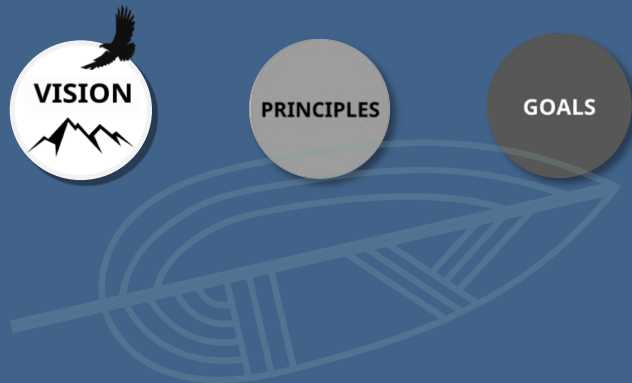
WHY NEN PLAN?

The T̓silhqot̓'in Nation Nen Plan will be used in combination with other T̓silhqot̓'in nen plans and strategies to:

- » Support relationship building and collaborative decision-making between TNG, Communities and members
- » Preserve and revitalize T̓silhqot̓'in culture and language
- » Continue to assert T̓silhqot̓'in rights and title across the territory
- » Protect, manage and heal nen
- » Guide T̓silhqot̓'in nen decision-making, governance, negotiations, assertions, arrangements, referrals and development proposals
- » Strengthen community engagement, pride and sovereignty
- » Promote community health and healing
- » Support sustainable economic and infrastructure development

WHAT IS OUR VISION FOR PLANNING?

The TNG and Community Nen Planners, coordinators, leaders, and members gathered at Nen Retreats in November 2021 and March 2022 to share their aspirations for Nen Planning, which shaped an initial shared vision, principles and goals for Nen Planning. Here is our initial draft vision framework.



VISION

With the wisdom of the past, six T̓silhqot̓'in Communities will develop Nen Plans, created by and for our people, to provide a framework and process for honoring our values and protecting and caring for a healthy and self-sustaining nen, for current and future generations. The Community Nen Plans will be brought together in a Nation Nen Plan that sets out a shared vision and connection to our homeland, driven by each Community and coordinated as a Nation, like six streams coming together to form a river.

PRINCIPLES

- » Respect
- » Responsibility
- » Trusting Relationships
- » Honoring Culture & Language
- » Honesty & Integrity
- » Inclusion & Accessibility
- » Community Led
- » Safety & Consent
- » Community Sovereignty
- » Sustainable
- » Holistic
- » Interconnected
- » Intergenerational
- » Adaptable
- » Communication & Reciprocity

GOALS

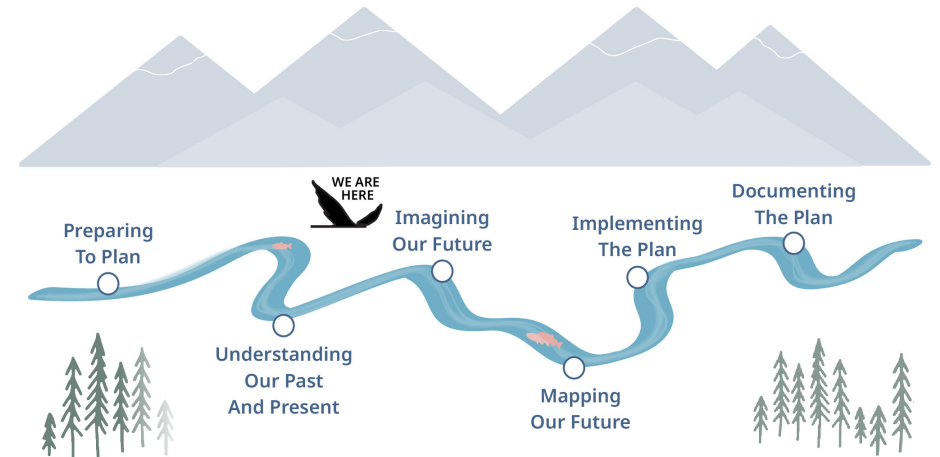
The Nen Planning process aims to:

- » Set a shared vision and goals for the future of nen
- » Create a framework for nen sustainability
- » Create a living Nen Plan for all members
- » Guide community-based nen decisions and stewardship
- » Gather, share and learn about nen past, present and future
- » Teach future generations about nen decisions
- » Ensure the Nen Plans are implemented successfully



HOW WILL WE DEVELOP THE NEN PLAN?

The Nation Nen Plan will be community-led, developed through a multi-phased Nene Planning process. We want all to be part of making it and there will be many ways for our people to contribute to the plan. It is anticipated that the Nation Nene Planning process may involve the following phases:



WHO WILL CREATE THE PLAN?

Here are some of the key groups involved in the T̓silhqot'in Nation Nene Planning process:

- » Community Members
- » Children, Youth and Families
- » Elders & Knowledge Holders
- » Working Groups / Advisory Committees
- » Community Owned Businesses
- » Community Nene Coordinators
- » Community Chief & Council
- » TNG Council of Chiefs
- » TNG Staff
- » Planning Support Team (Consultants)