

Culture in the Park

The inclusion of the Indigenous Culture Within the Community

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Background:

The gap we are filling is the unjust treatment the Indigenous communities are facing, specifically focusing in the North Vancouver District, the Squamish Nation Peoples. We will be addressing this gap by hosting a festival to honour the Indigenous Culture and showcase the importance of cultural diversity. Although the Squamish Nation community will benefit from this event the general public will be able to grasp a better understanding of their culture values and beliefs.

Relevance to City Goals:

According to the cities strategic plan, the vision and priorities that we are aiming to achieve is called a Vibrant City. This is where public spaces provide opportunities to create relationships and allow the community to engage in cultural and historical celebration. The other goal we are aiming for is a city for people, which creates welcoming, inclusive, safe, accessible, and the health and wellbeing of all.

Overview of the project:

Our project is focusing on better incorporating the Indigenous culture within the North Vancouver District. The purpose is to integrate their culture and create a stronger bond between the Indigenous community and the rest of the district.

Methods / Project Details:

Once people get involved and have a better understanding this could be an annual event and will benefit the perspective of those who are non-Indigenous. Our ultimate goal is to ensure the Indigenous peoples of North Vancouver have a chance to showcase and involve their culture into the everyday lives of those around them.

Key findings / Recommendations:

- For our project we discussed our idea with Alroy Baker (Bucky) who is a member of the Squamish Nation Chief and Council. He has connections and resources to help implement into our festival.
- After talking with Alroy Baker (Bucky) we came to the conclusion on how to incorporate our festival into North Vancouver, holding it at Waterfront Park, meeting the specific needs and desires of the Indigenous population. Our plan is to hold this in August, just a month before Truth and Reconciliation Week.

Next steps / Future research:

Next steps would be following through with contacting Indigenous groups and artists that wish to part-take in our event, as well as budgeting.

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