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Cultural Centre/Multi-Purpose Building

Attention Aamjiwnaang First Nation Members,

The Aamjiwnaang Cultural Centre (ACC) Project Team has been working with Burkhart Gilcrest Architects Inc. (BGAI) to develop a design concept for the Cultural Centre/Multi-Purpose Building to be shovel ready for Chief and Council to make a decision regarding the project.

The ACC project team and BGAI undertook a cultural expressions exercise, identifying cultural aspects to be incorporated in the building design concept. The cultural aspects were put into themes in the Cultural Expressions & Meaning Report, which was made into large display boards.

At the AFN Community Open House on September 28, 2023, Community Engagement took place with the ACC project team and BGAI in attendance to discuss the overall project with community members and walk them through the display boards. Further to the community verbal feedback, members were also given the opportunity to complete and submit a cultural expression survey form. The form was also made available through the members only website portal. Approximately 115 community members attended the Open House with 15 surveys being submitted.

Based on the community feedback the Cultural Expressions & Meaning Report was updated and reviewed by the ACC project team. Attached for your reference is a copy of the Report.

BGAI will begin work on the design of the building layout incorporating the cultural aspects identified in the Report.

Respectfully,

Aamjiwnaang Cultural Centre Project Team

c.c. Harrison Plain, Band Manager

Please see attached, Cultural Expressions & Meaning Report