

# MST Nations Membership Newsletter

Spring 2022

## WORKING TOGETHER AS ONE

The Musqueam Indian Band, Squamish Nation, and Tsleil-Waututh Nation (MST Partnership) have come together 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) entered into an historic joint venture in 2014. Together, we are working on the redevelopment of two significant parcels of land in Vancouver to bring new opportunities to these lands. We are pleased to provide regular updates regarding the Heather Lands and ʔəyálməxw/Iyálməxw/Jericho Lands for Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

## HEATHER LANDS MOVING CLOSER TO REALITY

The Heather Lands will become ʔəyálməxw / ʔəyálməxw / ʔəyálməxw a new neighbourhood, with homes, shops, parks, daycare and a MST Cultural Centre, organized around a forest trail reminiscent of the trails travelled by ancestors across the peninsula of Vancouver.

We are pleased to share that the Heather Lands project is taking another big step towards reality this spring! On May 24, Vancouver City Council will be holding a public hearing

to gather feedback as it considers the rezoning application for the site.

Rezoning approval is an important step closer to starting detailed design and construction. Over time, the Heather Lands will bring benefits to Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations communities and residents of the Vancouver region, including new cultural spaces, affordable housing, and direct employment and economic development opportunities. More details about the project and its benefits can be found on page 3.

To see the detailed rezoning application and City of Vancouver report to Council, please visit [shapeyourcity.ca/heather-lands](https://shapeyourcity.ca/heather-lands).

← Artist rendering of what the Heather Lands could look like in the future, including input from MST Nations community members, Cultural Liaisons and project managers. (Artist: Matthew Thomson)

### Heather Lands

Located on 21 acres in the Cambie Corridor, the Heather Lands is designed to be ʔəyálməxw / ʔəyálməxw / ʔəyálməxw a new neighbourhood, with about 2,600 homes, shops, parks, a daycare and a MST Cultural Centre.



# IMPRINTING MST CULTURE ON THE HEATHER LANDS

We would like to thank all Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations community members who shared stories, knowledge and wisdom that have been fundamental to the development of the Heather Lands.

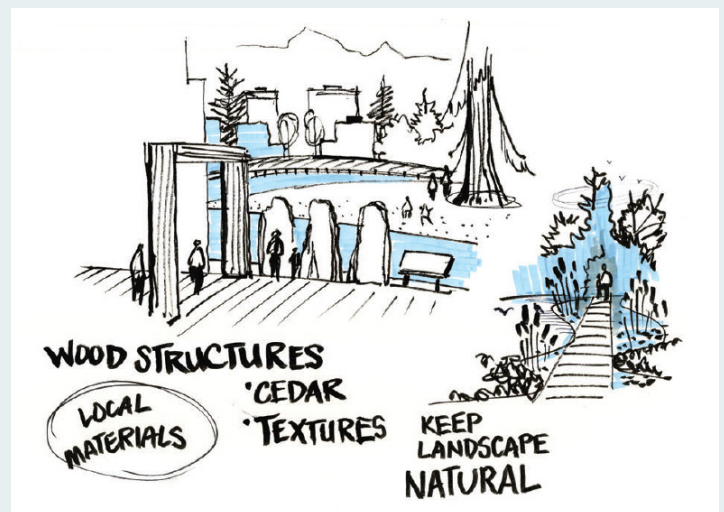
Your input was compiled into the Heather Lands Cultural Interpretive Plan – a living document that will help to inform and provide inspiration for the development of these lands, and other MST projects, for years to come.

The Cultural Interpretive Plan is structured around the four elements of life (water, earth, wind, fire) and MST culture and stories. It communicates ways to embed the cultural identity of the MST Nations, past, present and future, into the Heather Lands neighbourhood.

MST values have inspired the project's four design principles:

- Welcoming to All
- We're Taught to Know Where We Came From
- Everything is Connected
- Being in Touch with the Light, Weather, Seasons and Land

To see the full Cultural Interpretive Plan, as well as the documents summarizing the engagement sessions for it, please visit [heatherstreetlands.ca](https://heatherstreetlands.ca).





## HEATHER LANDS BENEFITS FOR MST NATIONS

The development of the Heather Lands will provide significant benefits for MST Nations and for current and future residents of the region (please see page 4 for more information about employment opportunities). When fully built, the site will provide much needed housing and a range of other public amenities and spaces.



In addition to housing, the project will create significant and long-lasting community benefits including:

- A 74-space childcare facility, owned and operated by MST
- A MST Cultural Centre, owned and operated by MST
- 4.4 acres of park and public open space
- New commercial space

Over time, it is expected that MST will once again own and steward these lands in perpetuity.

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## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Subject to rezoning approval from Vancouver City Council this year and additional work with City of Vancouver staff, construction of the Heather Lands could begin in the next two years. Construction activities would begin on the south part of the site first, moving to the north over time. It is expected that construction of the Heather Lands will take place over about 10–15 years.



### 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 MST Employment & Training Society 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
- Employment related to operation of community facilities in the new neighbourhood, including childcare centre, MST Cultural Centre, parks, etc.



**CLC-MST websites:**  
[heatherstreetlands.ca](http://heatherstreetlands.ca)  
[inspirejericho.ca](http://inspirejericho.ca)



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