

**26 May 2011
Victory Community Centre
Framing Our Future Community Workshop (9.30am – 12.00noon)**

In our future we will see:

1. Nelson is an inclusive city, in which every decision is referenced to people's sustainable wellbeing*.

** We need adequate definitions of 'inclusive', 'wellbeing', 'people', 'sustainable'.*

This will reflect and / or embrace:

- **Community**
 - Nelson is a caring, inclusive community with opportunities for all to participate
 - Vibrant social networks building community development through cooperation and participation
 - We live in a truly participatory democracy that delivers happiness to all citizens, and income is equally distributed
 - Funding of arts and culture for community cohesion and enhancement
 - Multicultural communities – shared community centres like Victory Community Centre
 - Helping ethnic people with poor English to know how to get involved
 - Cultural respect for our environment
 - Sustainable population plans, informed by state of environmental resources
 - Population change
 - Limiting population growth – small is beautiful – Nelson's natural advantages to be safe guarded
 - Intergenerational communities - aged care – independent living with care available
 - More events in Nelson such as Auckland's Pasifika groups – making sure Pasifika kids are passing school grades
 - Ask the youth what solutions they envisage, capture what they offer and action in community
 - Finding a better space for youth of 15 – 20 years
 - Build village (tribal) culture by providing space for people to be together in
 - Challenge housing affordability – skilled immigrants can push up housing costs that leads to affordability issues for lower paid
 - Primary Health focus – individual and DHB
 - More information in our free papers (people can't afford papers)

- **Social wellbeing - People**
 - Keep markets – for exchange of goods, local livelihoods and community communication

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- Inhibit gross consumerism – political / social
 - NZ made – not in China
 - All age groups live in all areas
 - Tino rangatiratanga kaitiakitanga
 - Iwi are well represented on council and integrated in planning
 - In 2060, all iwi groups are on the same page
 - Whenua – more input from the people
 - Highly skilled, paid and locally trained workers for elderly care
 - Support for creative community efforts
 - Maintain the number of small festivities t current ratio per capita – arts film etc
 - Serious restrictions on population size – even work to decrease
 - Quality and appropriate education
 - Research to address the need for consumerism – replace the need with something else – less water etc
 - Nelson is recognised as the solar capital of NZ, with all electricity being generated by solar and hydro renewable
 - Key social local wellbeing agencies (e.g. Victory Centre, Tahuna CC, House 44) are directly supported by N.C.C.
- **Urban design and housing**
 - Social research for improved sustainable outcomes – housing, employment, education
 - Affordable, sustainable, well thought-out housing for all
 - Affordable housing low cost of buying or renting - quality housing
 - Creative sustainable urban design – building good / beautiful places and spaces
 - Mixed housing style and ownership
 - All retail and commercial developments have low cost, high quality housing above (second level), owned by housing trusts
 - Central city housing
 - More appropriate urban design; mixed use, high density – retain high quality productive land
 - Medium density housing – 2-storey housing throughout Nelson (no further spread out)
 - Get rid of CBD, and have all resources available locally to communities
 - Stop pulling down old houses – new style of architecture needs improvement
 - Appropriate housing for Nelsonians – kaumatua/ whenua/ elderly
 - Build local clusters of homes / shops / work places – virtual offices
 - More inner housing – walk everywhere
 - People first on city spaces – pedestrian plazas
 - The whole community is working collaboratively to realise our vision
 - We have an excellent programme to adapt to sea level rise
 - Development of housing on south facing slopes not sustainable

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- **Self-reliance**
 - Community self-sufficiency and resilience
 - Ownership of kiwi assets stays in Kiwi hands, and the local economy is nurtured over the interest of global corporations
 - Nelson is using a GPI model to find out what makes people happy, and is delivering on this
 - In control of our lives – we are involved in building our own environments again – our own houses, grow our own food
 - Interrelationships between iwi, council and people for resource management and protection
 - People are enabled to maintain healthy lifestyles / wellbeing

- **Culture**
 - Respect
 - Valuing and celebrating cultural diversity
 - More cohesive, representative society
 - Participation in arts / music / culture
 - Celebrate multi-culturalism
 - Ethnic diversity – segregation or integration?
 - Heritage and cultural celebration valued, involving all sectors and ages of the community
 - Cultural exposure / art opportunities
 - Equity
 - Ending victim-mentality

- **Recreation**
 - Experience nature
 - Variety of sport and recreation – affordable and accessible
 - More community sporting groups
 - Art / culture / music – recreation
 - Increased access for biking / walking
 - Increased opportunities for walking and cycling and public transport
 - Nelson as a sports and recreation hub for regional / national activity – higher levels of participation
 - Lower participation in organised sport isn't necessarily an issue

- **Equity**
 - Minimum wage has to allow rents to be affordable
 - Development, especially industry on the coast, threatens biodiversity
 - Youth opportunities
 - The gap between rich and poor is reduced to a minimum
 - Discrepancies between rich and poor is a thing of the past
 - Recognition of new immigrants' skills and ensuring benefits – inclusive of all

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2. Nelson is a self-reliant community in renewable energy, where there is no such thing as “throw it away”

This will reflect and / or embrace:

- **Energy**
 - Focus on sustainable, renewable energy networks
 - We are a centre of innovation, based on renewable energies
 - Small business incubators and assistance for innovation
 - Combined opportunities of solar and wind power – solar technology is everywhere; wind and water turbines
 - Integrated local energy production e.g. a few wind turbines here and there (not industrial scale)
 - Local hydro energy generation
 - More sustainable fuel (firewood), but cleaner, efficient log burners - movement away from log burners (due to emissions) has led to greater reliance on electrical supply
 - Methane capture from waste (especially sewage treatment plant) - methane digesters can provide 1/3 of household energy needs
 - All energy is used efficiently – no waste – go for 90% self reliance through conservation – all new houses should be required to maximise own energy
 - Every household should have an energy budget
 - Solar panels have to be on new residential builds
 - Council promotes sub-utility – renewable energy distribution and generation based on local manufacture
 - Renewable Distributed Energy Generation
 - Increasing alternative energy resources to oil are adopted
 - A net energy producer, rather than user
 - Small scale energy solutions that give direct benefit back to those who manage their own energy – help central government develop programmes that do so

- **Waste**
 - Legislation for reduced packaging / producer responsibility – retailers forced to receive
 - Consumerism
 - Policies around household ‘environmental footprints’
 - It is a ‘given’ that we take our own bags to the supermarket
 - Litter is personal responsibility
 - No plastic water bottles are bought or sold in Nelson
 - Recycling is mandatory
 - Decreased packaging – increased reuse – waste to resource
 - Increase waste levies to make dumping unattractive, and reduction of waste a reality
 - Sustainable recycling systems are supplied to, and used by, everyone including businesses
 - Provide a facility for organic waste recycling

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3. Kaitiakitanga – Guardianship

- **Shared responsibility for use and protection of all natural resources to provide for future generations – we are a part, not apart.**

This will reflect and / or embrace:

- **Valued Natural Environment**
 - Sustainable community and system
 - Guardianship of all natural resources
 - A city where the people play the role of kaitiaki – harakeke teams
 - A community of less consumerism; not driven by ‘must haves’ – more in touch with the planet and each other
 - Generation of people driven by attachment / care for planet, not dollars
 - Continued maintenance and improvement of natural environment including water and coast
 - Nelson has a unique natural symbol taken from native flora / fauna
 - We are Centre of excellence for water / ocean research
 - Understand our relationship with the environment, particularly water and the ocean
 - Shared responsibility for, and guardianship of, the land and sea and sky – equitable use – wise management

- **Water**
 - No waste pumped to sea
 - Help our streams – improve water quality
 - Water security
 - Eliminate completely water pollution – we want clean water
 - Freshwater – riparian planning
 - Housing developers are having big effect on increasing quality of freshwater – riparian planting strip
 - Use grey water as much as possible – create incentives for this
 - Understand what is impacting water quality in the lower reaches of our water ways
 - Water security supply – earthquake catchments, free from DDT
 - All citizens have access a clean beach to swim
 - Kids to be able to swim in natural city pools from waterways
 - Every new home has water storage for rainwater collection for use in laundry / toilet / garden
 - Each new house needs to have rain saving barrels
 - Allow for increasing severe flooding events – more levees / greater attention to storm water
 - Water is kept free – a vital resource for life; without it people are slaves
 - Estuary protection – Waimea
 - Established grey water recycle-reuse systems on all homes, industry
 - Water fountains everywhere – fresh water easily available
 - Guardianship approach to marine environment – to manage fisheries

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- **Waste**
 - Decrease pollution – increase water quality – increase use of waste resources
 - Zero-waste households
 - Zero waste resources
 - Eliminate waste
 - Zero waste of our resources – recycling etc
 - Create methods to facilitate ratepayers to self manage any and all air pollution they would have made
 - Recycling companies pick up recycling from commercial businesses
 - Provide information and methodologies on how to be a zero-waste house hold
 - Clean air and water – vital for community well-being
 - Picking up rubbish
 - Sport and recreation extended in a clean way

- **Biodiversity**
 - Environment is clean – rivers are swimmable for people and animals – city trees are full of birds
 - Biodiversity – coastal habitats restoration of prime importance – planting stream banks
 - Intrinsic value of individual species – conservation of biodiversity is essential for our long-term welfare
 - Green corridors in inner city out to fringes
 - Resilience to perturbations

- **Air**
 - Improved air and water quality
 - To walk anywhere in Nelson and breath clean air
 - Air quality – insulation of homes / local energy / solar design / electric transport
 - Polluters pay
 - Total ban on coal usage – thoroughfare or sale

- **Energy**
 - Every new house has mandatory solar hot water as minimum
 - Mining efficiency – insulation / draft stops / double glazing / passive solar
 - Selling power back to the grid
 - Grow more trees for energy

4. Nelson has an economy

- **that is smart, clean and with zero-carbon emissions, that fulfils the needs of all residents**

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- **that offers enriching productive employment opportunities for young people, through adding value, innovation and entrepreneurialship**
- **that supports compassionate, self-reliant communities with fair income distribution and appropriate skills**
- **that favours the strengthening of local economy using GPIs over trans-national investment**

This will reflect and / or embrace:

- Local economy over trans-national investment for export
 - An economy which supports small companies, self-reliant communities, fair income distribution and appropriate skills
 - Making Nelson a centre for the alternative energy industry
 - Smarter innovative economy – IT or solar Centre of excellence leading to more wealth, more and better paid jobs so youth can stay
 - Jobs created from new urban technology
 - Meaningful jobs for young - jobs all together
 - An economy which offers enriching, productive and well paid jobs for the next generation
 - Skilled and unskilled people are invested in
 - Developing high-skilled, low carbon-producing jobs
 - Self reliance on skills to add value to resources
 - Strengthen the economy by underlying values creation and encouraging of value from each dollar
 - Nelson's economy lives within its environmental constraints
 - Strong links to natural environment results in low consumption communities
 - An economic model with less debt – another way of looking at jobs (not just sustaining debt, but meaningful innovation)
 - People are debt-free
- **Economics and measurement**
 - Genuine progress indicators in place, and as a key communication tool
 - Well-being is measured and accounted for across all aspects of local government business i.e. economic development is not exclusive of wellbeing
 - 21 hour week
 - A steady-state economic model
 - Increased job security for part time
 - New economic models developed for long term view, balancing production and consumption
 - Added-value to products
 - A smart clean and zero-emission economy that supports the needs of all Nelsonians
 - Job sharing opportunities
 - **Consumption**
 - Self-sufficient society

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- Educational programmes for sharing ways to consume less, while having more

5. Regarding transport, our city is designed to support:

- **All people having access to appropriate multi-mode travel options**
- **Sustainable appropriate multi-mode freight movement options**

This will reflect and / or embrace:

- Increase linking walkways
- Pedestrian plazas (between Bridge and Hardy Street) in CBD
- Inner CBD is pedestrian only
- Cycle and walk ways have smooth flows in and around city – higher priority than cars
- Cycling and walking is preferred way to travel – not cars
- Cycle path developed across city, to encourage walking and less car usage
- Efficient sustainable travel – affordable, environmentally friendly, user friendly transport system = fewer cars
- Free solar powered electric transport around the region
- Nelson is the first region to introduce electric vehicle recharging stations to replace oil imports
- Electric / solar / hydro powered vehicles – smart grid technology (www.RMI.org)
- No new roads
- That clustering sports at Saxton Fields is not good for the whole of Nelson getting there and back
- Other options to roading – light rail
- More community transport
- Car share programme
- City bikes, like Amsterdam
- Improved, comprehensive affordable public transport
- Free public transport (Scandinavian example)
- Transition toward a car-free CBD over next 15 years - provide the information to business owners in the CBD that a car-free area is of benefit to them; help me learn what kind of body-fuelled transport vehicle I can build / buy that is road legal and safe
- Good policies that support e.g. public transport – a deciding factor
- We have an excellent industry around innovative boat designs to cover future boat communities on the coast, and a healthy coastal shipping system (based on renewable energy)
- Coastal wind driven transport moves goods around the region; Nelson becomes a design and manufacturing hub for wind / sail shipping
- Coastal shipping is important to get goods to the 4 big hub ports as oil prices rise
- Barge the logs

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6. Education system based on values which respect environment, individuals and community

This will reflect and / or embrace:

- **Education**
 - Everyone has access to free equal education
 - Government endorses education
 - Enquiry-based learning – no national standards – NCEA not in place
 - Learning, education and innovation (are linked)
 - Adaptive education, using multiple technologies and settings
 - Education both revives those skills appropriate to smaller self-reliant communities, and catalyses innovation and entrepreneurialship
 - Knowledge that has relevance to our circumstances
 - Schools are supported to be sustainable and creative
 - Smaller schools that value students
 - Young people are attracted to our city to learn about environmental issues
 - Enviroschools and other sustainability initiatives are continued
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7. Food Security

Sustainable food production is recognised as integral to a healthy, resilient community through:

- **100% organic food production**
- **Minimal reliance on fossil fuels**
- **Easy accessibility through local community gardens, allotments, home gardens**
- **Regional availability of fruit trees on public land (providing a) diverse range of food**
- **Permaculture approach to land use planning**
- **Being important part of local economy**
- **Care for environment and people**

This will reflect and / or embrace:

- **Food and transport links**
 - Local resilience - encourage and enable local food production
 - Focus on local (self and community) to reduce transportation
 - High percentage of food produced and used regionally – very low imports
 - Eat what we grow – locally or regionally, not imported
 - High levels of kumara production again in Waimea
- **Local food economy**
 - Production and provision of high quality food in region

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- Local prices for local food
 - No tax on local food and vegetables
 - Utilise and eat the pests – possum for economy
 - 'Eat local' campaigns (that counter that) we continue to let supermarkets control food security
 - Organic, local, sustainable production
 - City farm
 - Land trust and land share arrangements are in place for those who want to grow food
 - Nelson is rich in mixed food and native trees, managed by the community for their use
- **Food production as part of community life**
 - Communities able to provide / grow own food
 - Very strong local community networks, parks and shops, that develop community cohesion and spirit
 - Food grown in local people's houses; 50% of vegetables grown that families need
 - Keep ability to have poultry at home available
 - Healthy food security – local food supply - safety essential
 - Open orchards
 - Access to fruit and nuts in local parks and reserves
 - Fruit and nut trees on all cycle ways, pathways and public spaces
 - Every school has a community garden
 - Council land available for allotments
 - Healthy vibrant soil, and food growing in every neighbourhood, so self-sustaining in food
 - Hunting and gathering accepted as our ethos / way of life
 - Food growing opportunities in each neighbourhood, with organic waste recycling
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8. Collective Leadership – facilitating the community vision

- **Establish leadership and participation**
- **Create coherence in approach**
- **Define values**

This will reflect and / or embrace:

- **Government Policy**
 - Environment Minister – currently doesn't believe we are losing species or that water quality is an issue
 - Integrate the silos within government structures

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- **Policy**
 - Quality of vision scope
 - Regional planning
 - Align sustainability action with TDC
 - Kaitiakitanga – not just CEOs
 - De-babysitting the ratepayers – educating and creating opportunities for people to manage their own water, waste, transport, heating, building and items that the council is now taking responsibility for
 - Enviroschools continue to run in our schools
 - High level of community health and wellbeing

 - **Management of Visual pollution**
 - Expanded information
 - Beauty is valued for intrinsic purposes
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