

CLAYOQUOT BIOSPHERE TRUST

Education Committee

Ahousaht Youth Cultural Centre

May 3rd 2007

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Meeting Summary and Next Steps

On Thursday, May 3rd the CBT Education Committee met in the community of Ahousaht.

This meeting did not follow a formal agenda and was an opportunity for committee members to hear from the community about current trends and issues in Education. The meeting began with an extended round of introductions as individuals shared their personal experiences in the field of education. Hesquiaht elder Charlie Lucas spoke about the importance that education has in moving communities through crisis and informing individual choices. Root Garden proponent Jen Pukonen presented an update on her project n Ahousaht to the committee and gave thanks to the Ahousaht elders For inviting her into the community and developing this idea along with her. Maaqtusiis School principal Greg Louie shared his perspective on education and spoke to the recent jurisdictional change that has finally transferred control of First Nations education away from the Federal Government. The committee was joined by community members for lunch. After lunch Jen took the committee on a walk to the root garden before members proceeded to a presentation on the Wild Coast Project.