

## Water Sustainability Plan Update – January 2023

The Xwulqw'selu (Koksilah) Water Sustainability Plan (WSP) planning process is nearing launch. Details will be released later this spring, with kick-off events anticipated in spring/early summer. For more background information – on why a WSP is being undertaken, watershed analysis, feedback from past community outreach, and more – please visit the [Resources page on koksilahwater.ca](https://koksilahwater.ca).

The Xwulqw'selu WSP is first-of-its-kind initiative in the province of BC. Beginning in 2020, staff from Cowichan Tribes and the Ministry of Forests and the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship have worked collaboratively to affirm mandates, develop foundational agreements, design the planning process, and secure resources for this multi-year initiative. These up-front investments will help the WSP planning process be efficient, transparent, and impactful.

The planning process is premised on government-to-government relationship. There is shared commitment by the Province and Cowichan Tribes to meaningfully involve Cowichan Tribes members, community members, and stakeholders in planning, and to communicate early, often, and sincerely.

There will be a range of opportunities to get involved, get information, and provide input towards short and long-term watershed solutions. Stay tuned for more updates and resources on this page in the spring as planning moves to launch.



*Photo caption: Members of the Xwulqw'selu Transition Steering Committee gather in Bright Angel Park to receive guidance from Cowichan Tribes elder Luschiim in September 2022.*