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## What is planning...?

Planning is about bringing together all the pieces of our community.

Planning is about understanding all the dynamics of our community so that we can build on what we know.

Planning is knowing where we have come from so we can understand where we are going.

Planning never ends...

The community over the past few years has undergone many structure changes which were directly as a result of the Comprehensive Community Based Planning process. The voice of the community has been one for long term changes revolving mainly around taking a holistic approach. The resources within the community have been pulling together strategically in trying to aim at developing long term solutions in developing a thriving economically stable community for many generations to come.

I presented at the AFOA's National Conference "The National Forum for Excellence and Innovation in Aboriginal Finance and Management". AFOA's National Conference is the only forum for the exchange of knowledge and information on Aboriginal finance and management in the country. The conference attracts over 900 delegates from across the country. Delegates to the conference include First Nations, Metis and Inuit executives, administrators, financial managers, program managers, and elected representatives. This took place in Ottawa in March 2010. I also presented at the AFOA's Atlantic Canada Fall 2009 Conference and AGM. It was a 2day workshop on "Developing an Effective Remedial Management Plan in First Nations". This took place in PEI in September of 2009. Both presentations are available on the community website.

Our Community Based Plan is a living document that needs to be re-visited from time to time to ensure that we are remaining on task and that we are remaining focused on the voice of our community members. Surveys were available on the community website, distributed throughout the community, and also sent out through emails and the regular mail. The information collected from these surveys were formalized and presented on our new set of panels as shown below. They too are also available in PDF format on the community website.

The Community Vision has remained the focal guiding point in the administration of the Pabineau First Nation.

