

VISION

WSÁNEĆ Nation are united, self-determining, and prosperous owners of our homelands and waters.

MISSION

We are the catalyst for revitalizing WSÁNEĆ culture, language and natural laws and advancing WSÁNEĆ rights and title.

VALUES

ĆELÁ_NEN

Tradition; heritage; birthright; speeches; history; what belongs to us.

NEṬOLNEW

One mind, one people; doing things as one.

ÁTOL

Mutual respect for the rights of others (with life). This extends to all life, including water and land.

ĆAINEUEL

Working together.

SYESES ENs QENÁŁ

We aspire to promote and restore WSÁNEĆ culture and language.

HIF SE ŒEĒÁT SELSELI

We aspire to restore sovereignty and self-determination.

SNEPENEK

To Teach, Sharing the Teachings

MANDATE

The WLC's mandate is to work on behalf of WSÁNEĆ First Nations of Tsartlip, Tseycum and Tsawout on issues of common interest or mutual concern to advance the interests of the rights-holders.

As an organization focused on self-determination, the WLC works to enhance recognition of, and respect for, WSÁNEĆ Douglas Treaty rights, WSÁNEĆ Aboriginal rights and title and WSÁNEĆ Natural Laws and respect for WSÁNEĆ culture, traditional practices, and language, including the WSÁNEĆ ways of managing the environment.



THE WSÁNEĆ CREST

The WSÁNEĆ Crest is a symbol of WSÁNEĆ. It was created by artists Doug Lafortune (Tsawout), Mark Henry (Pauquachin), James Jimmy (Tseycum) and Charles Elliott (Tsartlip).

The Spindle Whorl is sectioned into four parts equally and showcases four individual designs, all integral symbols to WSÁNEĆ culture and way of life. A braided rope which represents the survival of the great flood surrounds and segments the crest.

The Crest was approved by the WSÁNEĆ ARTS COUNCIL and the WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council has adopted the crest as it's logo.

GOALS & STRATEGIES

RECONCILIATION & NATION -TO-NATION RELATIONSHIP

Revitalize and implement the broken Douglas Treaties

Pursue recognition of WSÁNEĆ title and #landback

Increase neighbouring governments' and citizens' understanding of WSÁNEĆ people, territory, history, natural laws and the Douglas Treaty



OCCUPYING WSÁNEĆ JURISDICTION

Occupy title & rights and assert our natural laws into the management of our lands and waters

Use co-management agreements with governments, agencies, and authorities as a steppingstone to full decision-making

Leverage WSÁNEĆ title and rights so our people can take their seat at the economic table

WSÁNEĆ communities, through the WLC negotiate an education jurisdiction agreement



KEEPING OUR CIRCLE STRONG

WSÁNEĆ people have a strong understanding of WSÁNEĆ natural laws

WLC member communities are informed, supportive and rely on the work of the WLC

WSÁNEĆ communities are united behind the work of the WLC

WSÁNEĆ communities coordinate and collaborate on referrals

Collaborate with our neighboring nations to ensure our shared values are being respected by governments, agencies and authorities



GOVERNANCE AND CAPACITY

WSÁNEĆ culture is woven in to what WLC does and how we do it

WLC directors are engaged champions of the WLC's work

WLC's organizational structure has matured and reflects the volume and importance of the WLC's work

Clear lines of authority exist among negotiations, decision-making, implementation and communication activities.

