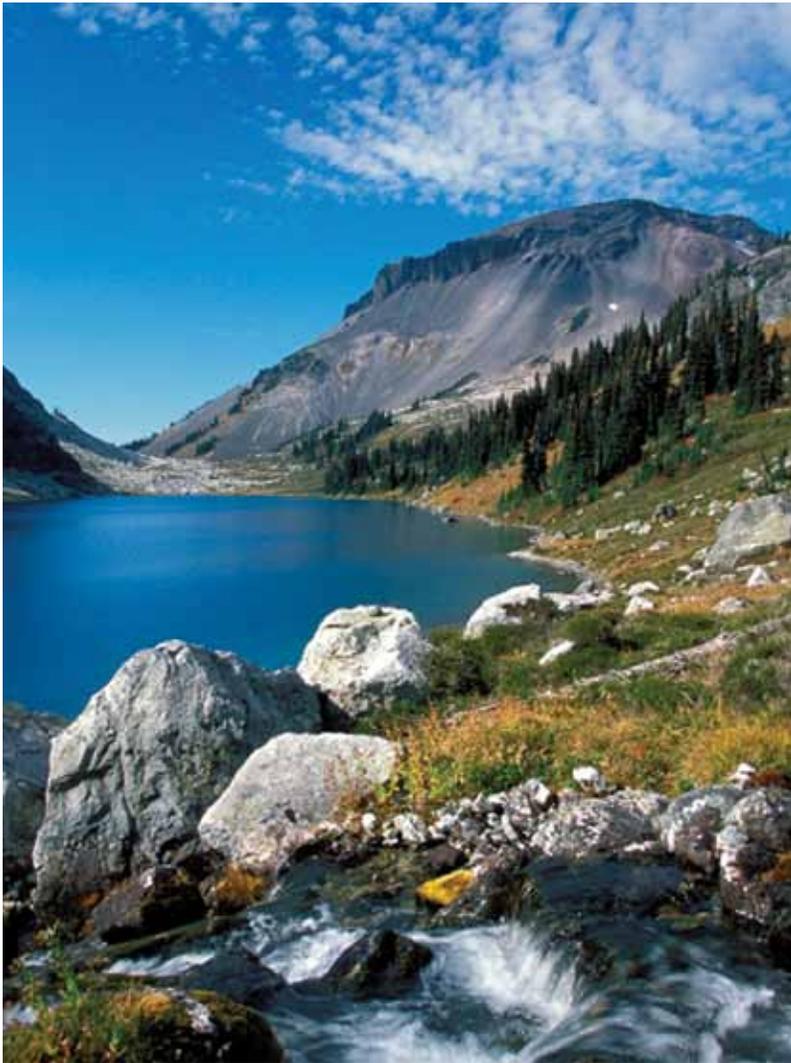


# CONSTITUTION



## Community and Regional Gatherings

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# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



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## 1. How does culture fit into our Constitution?

- When we develop the Constitution, In-SHUCK-ch cultural values will be built in. It is up to In-SHUCK-ch to define what culture means to us.
- With Treaty, In-SHUCK-ch government may make laws in respect of the preservation, promotion and development of In-SHUCK-ch culture and the Ucwalmícwts language.

## 2. Will this Constitution acknowledge its ties with the tribe?

- The In-SHUCK-ch Constitution will acknowledge its ties to all Úcwalmicw.

## 3. Our Constitution needs to show how we will co-exist with all our neighbours. How will this be done?

- Coexistence is a basic part of our culture and will be built into our Constitution.
- We will respect our neighbour's views and hope they respect ours.

## 4. There needs to be a separation of the In-SHUCK-ch Government and the church. How will this be done?

- This separation will be set out in the In-SHUCK-ch Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

## 5. What are examples of individual rights and collective rights?

- Individual rights belong to the individual; such as the right to life, freedom of speech, free-thought and the right to vote.
- Collective rights are held in common by In-SHUCK-ch Citizens. The right to practice In-SHUCK-ch culture and to use the Ucwalmícwts language is a collective right.





## 6. Can you give an example of individual and collective rights in harmony?

- Hunting and fishing rights are held in common by all In-SHUCK-ch citizens. Hunting and fishing rights are exercised by individuals.

## 7. How will election rules be included?

- Election rules will be included in the In-SHUCK-ch Elections Act.
- This Elections Act is required by the In-SHUCK-ch Constitution.

## 8. Is October a realistic goal for the completion of a draft Constitution?

- The first draft will be delivered in September.

## 9. How will we use the community Constitutions (and Skatin's membership agreement) as a foundation for the In-SHUCK-ch Constitution?

- The values of each community have been a significant source of input into the development of the In-SHUCK-ch Constitution.

## 10. Will community Constitutions (and Skatin's membership agreement) be superseded by the In-SHUCK-ch Constitution?

- No, the In-SHUCK-ch Constitution cannot supersede a community Constitution.
- The In-SHUCK-ch Constitution will recognize and respect each community Constitution.
- The community Constitutions and the In-SHUCK-ch Constitutions will be consistent.

## 11. What is the community government role in developing a Constitution and will we be able to provide input?

- Each community government is represented on the In-SHUCK-ch Constitution team.
- The current Constitutions (and Skatin's membership agreement) have been a significant source of input into the development of the In-SHUCK-ch Constitution.



## 12. Can the community governments rely on the protections set out in the In-SHUCK-ch Constitution?

- Yes, once adopted the In-SHUCK-ch Nation Government is accountable to uphold the Constitution and the protections it offers.

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