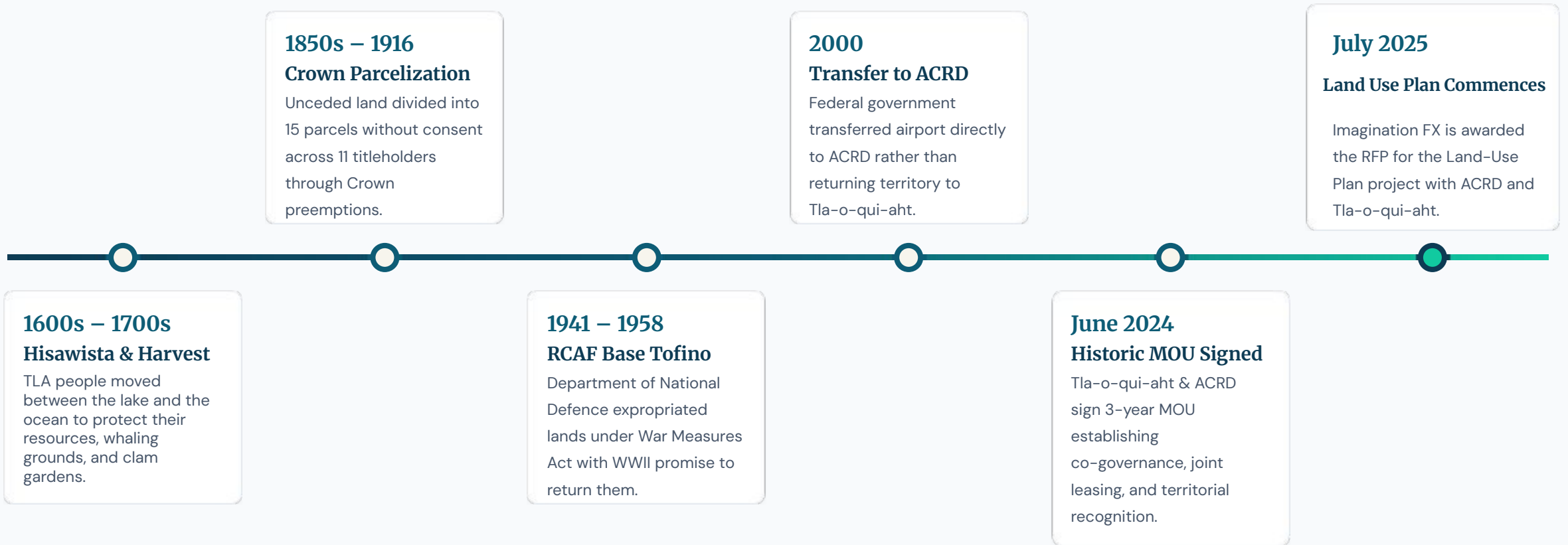

CYAZ Airport Land-Use Plan

**Project Briefing for the West Coast Committee
Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation & Alberni-Clayoquot
Regional District (ACRD)**

August 19th, 2026



Timeline and Runway for this work



Where we are Going

Aug-Sept 2026 Engagement

Tla-o-qui-aht Leadership workshop and Member engagement as well as the wider community

Fall 2026 Plan Revision

Land-Use Plan draft is revised with more community engagement.

Late 2026 and beyond Implementation

Elements of the plan will be adopted according to the phasing plan.

August 2026 Backgrounder Report

Imagination FX creates Land-Use Planning Background Report, initiating Two-Eyed Seeing framework.

October 2026 Land-Use Plan Draft

2026 Land-Use Plan for CYAZ begins based on input from prior engagement under the Two-Eyed Seeing framework.

Late 2026 Plan Adoption

ACRD and Tla-o-qui-aht finalize and formally adopt the CYAZ Airport Land-Use Plan.



Haahuulthi & Ancestral Stewardship

- **Ancestral Territory:** Unceded Tla-o-qui-aht lands, held by Hereditary Chiefs (Hawiih) since time immemorial.
- **Defended Sovereignty:** Secured sole title to lands (*Hismin*) following a 60-year war in the 1600s–1700s.
- **Resource Title (*Uu-a-thluk*):** Traditional management of vital whaling grounds and marine resources long before airport construction.
- **Unbroken Duty (*Hishuk-ish tsawalk*):** Active ownership guided by *ʔlisaak* (Respect) to protect lands for future generations.
- **Jurisdiction & Rights:** Grounded in unceded aboriginal title, treaty rights, and constitutional standing.
- **The IISAAK Pledge:** Governance and partnerships built on respect, environmental stewardship, and mutual accountability.



The Backgrounder: Approach

- Not a traditional background document, and uses the hišukʼiš ćawaak Framework
- Opens with the land speaking the history.
- This Backgrounder centres both Tla-o-qui-ahts relationship to the land and ACRD's long history operating on the lands for a two-eyed seeing lens.



Ha-Huulthii MOU Framework

Governance & Principles

Cooperative Agreement: A 3-year, non-binding framework between ACRD and Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation (TFN).

Joint Governance: Managed by a Joint Working Group convening up to four times per year.

Reconciliation in Action: Guided by Indigenous principles and UNDRIP to honor traditional land rights.

Operational Scope & Funding

Sustainable Funding: Supported by a \$2.50 passenger fee increase to fund ongoing TFN participation.

Joint Oversight: Collaborative review of short- and long-term lease applications at the airport.

Cultural Recognition: Joint development of traditional signage, artwork, and territory acknowledgment.

Land Use Planning: Joint development of the Airport Land Use Plan



The Backgrounder: Contents

Part 1: hišuk 'iš ćawaak – Context Analysis

- Exploration of land title history
- Airport history and wartime expropriation

Part 2: 'uu' ałuk – Site Analysis

- Site location, topography, traffic figures
- Regulatory, environmental, climate, contamination, tsunami risk, and governance overview.
- Existing leases, structures, and infrastructural/servicing limitations

Part 3: čamałsaaqapi — Opportunities Analysis

- Opportunities: terminal expansion, diversifying activities, benefiting from airport location.
- Expansion of services which ensures access for Tla-o-qui-aht members
- Modal shift away from road traffic
- Cultural, linguistic, and business opportunities for Tla-o-qui-aht
- Examples of Indigenous partnerships at other airports (such as Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo)



What We Heard: Key Opportunities



Culture & Environment

Preserve traditional land use including cranberry harvesting, protect sensitive wetlands, and integrate green infrastructure.



Infrastructure & Amenities

Explore terminal expansion, shared wastewater systems, and housing solutions.



Services & Connectivity

Establish a centralized emergency services hub, expand regional transit options, and improve traffic safety on Highway 4.



hišuk'iš ćawaak Framework

The way we are doing this work is different



Two-Eyed Seeing

Combines Indigenous ways of knowing (Tla-o-qui-aht histories & stewardship) equally with Western technical science (geotechnical, aviation, hydrology assessments).



OCAP® & Allyship

Respects First Nations Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession of data, establishing ethical data sovereignty and shared governance responsibilities.



Time to Take Flight

Synthesize all of the previous information and analyses into an actionable, sustainable Land-Use Plan replacing the outdated 2007 framework.



Questions

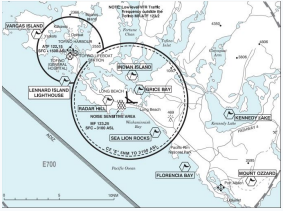
Next Steps, Questions
and Discussion

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