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A Vision for the Future of the Talisman Lands and the Beaver Valley

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The Beaver Valley is at risk of inappropriate development that would negatively transform it to an unrecognizable state. The Talisman property is in the heart of the Beaver Valley. This former quaint ski area has sat dormant for the past decade, awaiting its next chapter. The owner and developer plans to build a 500 unit, dense and extensive resort community that does not fit with the existing character of The Beaver Valley. This development would fundamentally change the look and feel of the area. And once it's gone, you can't get it back.

It's time to take action and the ECA is working on just that with a collaborative Vision Talisman Steering Committee that includes Beaver Valley residents and members of our partner organization, Protecting Talisman Lands Association.

On Sunday December 9th, 2023, over 130 community members gathered with the ECA and the project Steering Committee at the Flesherton KinPlex. The audience was welcomed by Stephen Griggs and Annette Sandberg of the ECA Board of Directors. Former Chief of the Beausoleil First Nation on Christian Island, Jeff Monague of the Anishinaabe people, offered some insights into the pre-colonial history of the lands in this area, as well as some guiding words for the audience as they began this important discussion. The audience then participated in an interactive workshop led by Public City landscape architects as they collectively envisioned what these special lands 'could be'.

Stay tuned for project updates, next steps and the video recording of the event over the coming weeks.

If you would like to ensure that the ECA has adequate funding to take next steps with the Vision Talisman Project, please donate directly to this project.