

# TK'EMLÚPS TE SECWÉPEMC GROCERY STORE

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



### Project Background

Tk'emlúps te SecwépeMC (TteS) has for some time envisioned owning a Grocery Store that would offer better access to groceries for members. The development of a Grocery Store on-reserve is a goal of the Comprehensive Community Plan and direction received by membership.

TteS has for many years grown its participation in the regional economy. Developing the commercial portion of the Chief Louis Centre is a natural extension of that participation. The Grocery Store will be an integral piece for all future developments.

TteS is not different from other First Nations who are driven to explore sustainable opportunities for employment creation, facilitating food security, and maximizing the positive effects of local development.

### Key Numbers

- 22,000 square foot store
- \$13.2 million total project cost
- 50 jobs created in year 1
- 100 jobs estimated by year 5
- 14 month construction phase
- Spring 2023 opening celebration

Fresh

Culture

Quality

### Business Description

**WHERE** - Highway #5 and Shuswap Road East (southwest quadrant of intersection).

**WHAT** - TteS owned independent grocer with a supply relationship with a major supplier.

**PRODUCTS AND SERVICES** - Full grocery selection; superior fresh departments; in-house butcher, bakery, and deli; online ordering and deliveries; meals ready to eat program; and loyalty program.

*"This project will bring food closer to home, create employment, and further strengthen our economy. It will be a source of pride as leadership is fully implementing a community driven opportunity. The grocery store will benefit, not only our membership, but all our friends who reside on the TteS as well as those who will travel here to support our Band owned grocery store." Kukpi7 Rosanne Casimir*

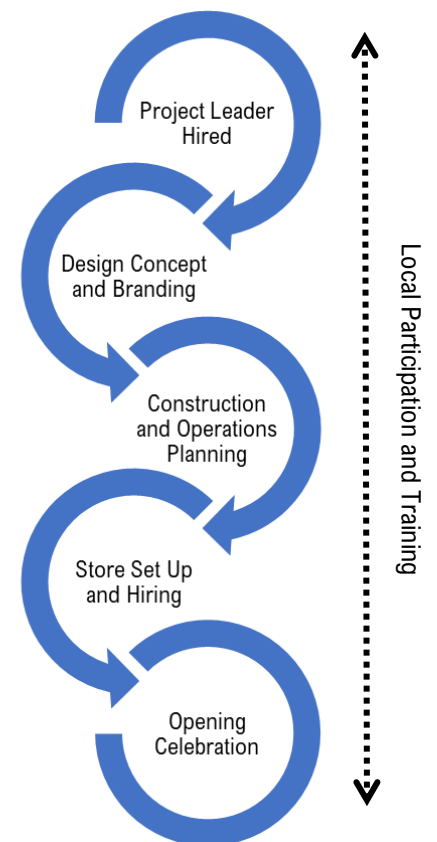
### Project Objectives

To serve the needs of the community and build the grocery store within budget and on schedule.

To create new opportunities for partnerships, employment, and capacity development for members. This is a priority from project start through to launch of the business.

To reinforce SecwépeMC cultural traditions.

To advance economic, social, and environmental sustainability and self-sufficiency.



### Team Members

**TteS Business and Economic Development Department** Over the past 40+ years TteS has successfully developed and operated a number of businesses. These businesses are overseen by the Business and Economic Development Department.

**VisionQuest Advisors Inc.** Provides full-service consulting to First Nations throughout western Canada. This has included successfully planning, constructing, and launching several First Nation owned grocery stores.

