**Future Directions Team Notes**

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Based on the input from the Future Planning Session on September 11, 2016 (Appendix A: Themes, Appendix B: Wordle, Appendix C: Priorities) and results from the Future Directions Team (FDT) Survey (Appendix D), the FDT is recommending the following:

1. Human Rights:

* Continue as a priority mandated by the NAJC constitution
* Expand the Human Rights Committee to have more regional representation and young leaders

1. Young Leaders:

* Establish Young leaders to be represented on NAJC committees
* Support local initiatives

1. Education:

* Coordinate how existing resources can be shared to JC communities and communities at large
* Support through funding projects that focus on the Japanese Canadian history and heritage
* Use the NAJC website to provide more information and links to resources about Japanese Canadian history
* Hire someone to write units for schools to use in the classroom
* Connect to peace education

1. New Immigrants:

* Consider a new immigrant to be a director on the NEB
* Establish new immigrants to be represented on NAJC committees
* Organize workshops for new immigrants at the Ottawa 2017 AGM

1. Community Development:

* Provide support to indigenous people when they ask for it
* Distribute a letter to these communities of our support such as the Muslim and the Assembly of First Nations
* Investigate programs that can support community development at the local level

Next Steps: 1. Post notes from Future Planning Session on the NAJC Members Only Section

1. Formation of a new Future Directions Team
2. Discussion on the “Questions to Consider” such as “Do we have the right structure for NEB, NAJC committees, and partners to deliver these priorities?”