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Lac Seul First Nation Land Code Update



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What is a Land Code?

A Land Code will be the basic land law of the First Nation and will replace the land management provisions of the Indian Act. The Land Code will be drafted by the First Nation and will make provisions for the following matters:

- Identifying the reserve lands to be managed by the First Nation (called "First Nation Land),
- The general rules and procedures for the use and occupation of these lands by First Nation members and others,
- Financial accountability for revenues from the lands (except oil and gas revenues, which continue under federal law),
- The making and publishing of First Nation land laws,
- The conflict of interest rules
- A community process to develop rules and procedures applicable to land on the breakdown of a marriage,
- A dispute resolution process,
- Procedures by which the First Nation can grant interests in land or acquire lands for community purposes,
- The delegation of land management responsibilities, and
- The procedure for amending the Land Code.

Being a signatory to the Framework Agreement on First Nations Land Management, milestones are required to be completed as part of the Developmental Process. This includes creating the Land Code to suit the needs of LSFN, negotiating an Individual Agreement, and developing a Community Ratification Process.

What's been done?

Three major processes:

Completed the 1st draft of the Lac Seul Land Code with some minor edits. Due to COVID-19, face to face community engagement has been halted for the time being.

We have started the land description process. J.D. Barnes was awarded the contract and is in the community from July to August 2020 to conduct the reserve land boundary survey that LSFN will govern and manage if the Land Code is passed by the membership.

Started the Phase 1 ESA process—This will commence at the end of June 2020 until the end of August. Phase 1 ESA will be complete by the fall of 2020. The purpose of this process is to prioritize contaminated areas for Canada to clean-up in the future.

What is an Individual Agreement? What is the Community Ratification Process?

Under 6.1 of the Framework Agreement, the Minister and each First Nation that intends to manage its First Nation land will also enter into an individu-

al agreement to settle the actual level of operational funding for the First Nation and the specifics of the transfer of administration between the First Nation and Canada. To ensure the membership is fully informed of the process of approving the Land Code and Individual Agreement, a Community Ratification Process (CRP) has to be developed. It sets out the procedure by which the community will decide whether to approve its Land Code and the IA, specifically, how the community vote will be organized, the voting process, and how it will be monitored and verified by a third party.

What does a Yes vote mean?

A Yes vote means positive growth for Lac Seul
A Yes vote means that Lac Seul will have the final say on how we govern and manage the lands and natural resources without government approval

A Yes vote means Lac Seul will be able to protect the land and natural resources for future generations

A Yes vote means increased opportunities in business development and job creation

A Yes vote means we will move away from the land provisions of the Indian Act— it will be a step towards self-governance

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Through Leadership, the Lac Seul First Nation will enhance quality of life and strive for self-governance utilizing the wisdom and value of its people

