

# Environmental Management under Land Code

ZOOM Q&A – Dec 7 & 8, 2022

## DAY 1

### PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLANNING

- FYI, today at noon the International Association for Impact Assessment - Western Canada Chapter is having a free presentation on environmental assessment post-covid. All are welcome go attend register here txs [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-world-has-pivoted-due-to-covid-should-ia-as-well-tickets-454174105977?aff=ebdsoporgprofile&keep\\_tld=1](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-world-has-pivoted-due-to-covid-should-ia-as-well-tickets-454174105977?aff=ebdsoporgprofile&keep_tld=1)

### ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Q: Please confirm, the presentation is in regard to EA Environmental Assessment, not an ESA.

- yes, impact assessment not ESA, IAs are typically for major projects. An exclusion list can identify projects that fall under general building codes typically at the municipal level. The issue with CEAA was that it captured too many projects that should be reviewed at the local level. Hopefully, Nations are able to integrate these practices into their Codes
- That's an important reminder - even if projects are exempt from requiring an Environmental Assessment under a First Nation's EA process or law, that does not mean the project is also exempt from requirements to obtain any other necessary permits - such as a building permit.

### SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

- I forgot to mention that Lower Nicola Indian Band was able to remove 8 tons of recyclable materials, 360 tons of landfill waste, 292 tons of contaminated soil from our know dumpsites.

### GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Q: Could we get your websites and emails and other links Nadine? You had some great info resources there!

- <https://weavingknowledges.ca/>
- <https://www.indigenousaware.com/lrvtraining>

## Other Comments:

## DAY 2

### ESAs: BEYOND PHASE I

Q: Would you recommend an ESA is conducted prior to purchasing land? New evaluated land.

- I think it's a good practice for commercial and industrial land, but perhaps not necessary for land that has always been used for residential purposes (unless there are concerns about home businesses or other practices that might have occurred on the land)
- I agree with Nancy, it's good to have a monitoring person from the community with the consultants.
- absolutely, communication, communication, communication! Community restorative justice with elder reps is an effective way of resolving low-level issues

### ENFORCEMENT & ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS

- compliance and enforcement are simply messengers of the current law in place and inserting awareness and educating members on the laws in place. Great presentations thank you. I feel Sts'ailes is on the right track with our compliance and enforcement in lands
  - Thanks Tim! I appreciate your feedback and input, it's very valuable and very accurate. I agree with you that Sts'ailes is on the right track; with some very impressive initiatives and a great strategy.
- <https://www.coastalgaslink.com/whats-new/news-stories/2022/2022-11-28-indigenous-construction-monitors-on-coastal-gaslink-ensure-transparency-with-communities-during-construction/>
- <https://www.bcogc.ca/files/first-nations/Other/2019-alp-faq-4-may-15-2019-1.pdf>

### GUEST PRESENTATIONS

From Kerrie Blaise:

- <https://cela.ca/celas-northern-services/protecting-lands-and-waters-a-toolkit/>

Q: Do any other countries have Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs)?

- Yes – there are quite a few countries that have been advancing IPCAs. You can view a global chart in the toolkit linked above.

Q: Is there a link to the Interim Environmental Assessment? It's very hard to find any reference to this other than on the LABRC website.

- The Interim Environmental Assessment process is outlined in your Individual Agreement with Canada (annex F) and it contains those conditions around the environmental assessment process that your First Nation should be following until such time that you develop your own Environmental Assessment law.

### Other Comments: