

Tsawout First Nation Land Code Next Steps Discussion Paper

Background Information

Since approximately 2004 the Tsawout First Nation, through the Tsawout Land Code Committee, have been developing the Tsawout First Nation Land Code. This hard work and dedication was supported by the Band Members during their ratification vote held March 23, 24 and 26 2007.

Based upon the requirements of the Land Code and the implementation of the code and the Individual Agreement for First Nation Land Management this next step discussion paper has been prepared.

Project Goals

**The development of
the following:**

- 1/. Land use-
planning laws**
- 2/. Establishment of
a land registry
system**
- 3/. An Interest and
Licence processes**

Possible next steps categories – not listed in any order

Laws

Chief and Council to discuss the laws to be implemented – priority to be established (21 identified in the Code)

Outstanding Issues

- 1/. Identification of outstanding issues – databases (lands), environmental
- 2/. Review current planning documents

Tsawout Databases

- 1/. Ownership boundaries
- 2/. Utility locations – GIS
- 3/. Sewer and waterline locations and sizes of pipe - GIS

Organizational structure

- 1/. Property management
- 2/. Bylaw enforcement
- 3/. Lands - 2 subsections (daily applications and policy development)

Agreements

- 1/. Environmental
- 2/. Transitional – (Interim)
- 3/. Individual agreement issues

Administrative

- 1/. Community Plan
- 2/. Land Registry system and related documents (processes and forms)
- 3/. Insurance – E and O (Chief and Council, Lands Committee and Staff)
- 4/. Lands Committee – related requirements
- 5/. Dispute Resolution Process

Potential Information Sources

- 1/. LABRC
- 2/. Westbank First Nation
- 3/. Muskoday First Nation
- 4/. Other First Nations with extensive CP holdings
- 5/. INAC
- 6/. Central Sannich – utility lines?
- 7/. CRD – water lines and sewer lines?
- 8/. LTO
- 9/. Planning Institute of BC
- 10/. Staff – all Departments