

First Nations Land Management – Provincial Working Group

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Mission Statement

- To provide a forum for various provincial ministries to participate in discussions on First Nations Land Management under the *Framework Agreement (FA)*, the *First Nations Land Management Act (FNLMA)* and related issues.
- The goal is to produce a coordinated provincial approach that will assist in furthering the ability of signatory First Nations to manage reserve land and resources under their own land code as well as seeking harmonization with on and off reserve regulatory processes.

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Mandate

- The Working Group will support the participating ministries in exploring opportunities to improve Ontario's involvement and support of land code First Nations operating under frameworks such as the *Framework Agreement* and the *First Nations Land Management Act*, by:
 - Providing feedback on engagement approaches;
 - Recommending best practices for individual ministries to collaborate with land code First Nations;
 - Coordinating provincial response to priorities and challenges of land code First Nations.

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Partner Ministries

- Ministry of Indigenous Affairs (IAO)*
- Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG)
- Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM)
- Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)
- Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sports (MTCS)
- Ministry of Transportation (MTO)

*Note: The working group is chaired by the Director, Community Initiatives Branch, IAO

Work Plan: 2018/19

- Bi-monthly working group meetings.
- Building awareness within the OPS:
 - Phase 1: Targeted Staff
 - Phase 2: All OPS Staff
- Meetings with external partners:
 - Lands Advisory Board Resource Centre (LAB-RC)
 - Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)
 - Land Code First Nations

Accomplishments

- Established one-window contact into the Ontario Government for First Nation Land Management related inquiries.

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- Initiatives to spread awareness of FNLM among ministries, for example:
 - Ontario Public Service Educational Day, March 1, 2018
 - FNLM Fact Sheet – in progress

Engagement Plans

1. Learn about opportunities and challenges facing land code First Nations in Ontario.
2. Discuss potential opportunities for Ontario to collaborate with and support land code First Nations.
3. Identify examples specific to the priorities of enforcement and environment.