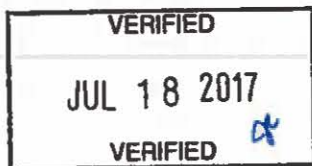


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## MIAWPUKEK FIRST NATION LAND CODE

### Preamble

**Whereas** the Miawpukek First Nation has a profound relationship with the Land that is rooted in respect for the spiritual value of the Earth and the gifts of the Creator and has a deep desire to preserve their relationship with the Land;

**And Whereas** fourteen First Nations and Canada concluded a government-to-government *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management* on February 12, 1996;

**And Whereas** the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management* provides the option to First Nations of withdrawing their reserve Land from the land management provisions of the *Indian Act* in order to exercise control over their Land and resources for the use and benefit of their Members;

**And Whereas** Canada ratified its commitment to the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management* with the enactment of the *First Nations Land Management Act*, S.C. 1999, c.24;

**And Whereas** Miawpukek First Nation became a signatory on April 13, 2012 to the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management*, as Miawpukek First Nation wishes to govern its Land and resources under the *Miawpukek First Nation Land Code*, rather than having its Land and resources managed on its behalf under the *Indian Act*;

**And Whereas** the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management* acknowledges that Canada's special relationship with Miawpukek First Nation will continue;

**And Whereas** the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management* is ratified by Miawpukek First Nation through community approval of the *Miawpukek First Nation Land Code*;

**NOW THEREFORE, THIS LAND CODE IS HEREBY ENACTED AS THE FUNDAMENTAL LAND LAW OF THE MIAWPUKEK FIRST NATION.**

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**PART 1  
PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**1. Title**

Title

1.1 The title of this enactment is the *Miawpukek First Nation Land Code*.

**2. Definitions**

Clarification

2.1 Any words or terms used in this *Land Code* which are defined in the *Framework Agreement* shall have the same meaning as in the *Framework Agreement*, unless the context otherwise requires.

Definitions

2.2 The following definitions apply in this *Land Code*:

“Canada” means Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada;

“Common-Law Partnership” means the relationship between two (2) persons who are cohabiting in a conjugal relationship;

“Community Land” means any Miawpukek First Nation Land in which all Members have a common interest;

“Council” means the Chief and Council of the Miawpukek First Nation or any successor elected government of the Miawpukek First Nation;

“Eligible Voter” means, for the purpose of voting in respect of Land matters under this *Land Code*, a Member who has attained eighteen (18) years of age on or before the day of the vote;

“Extended Family”, in respect of a person, means the person’s grandparent, uncle, aunt, first degree cousin, grandchild, and/or any other relation or relationship that Council may add by law;

“First Nation Lands Register” means the register established pursuant to clause 51 of the *Framework Agreement* and maintained by the Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada;

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**“Framework Agreement”** means the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management*, entered into between Canada and the signatory First Nations on February 12, 1996, and amended to include Miawpukek First Nation on April 13, 2012;

**“Immediate Relatives”**, in respect of a person, means the person’s parent, sister, brother, child, and Spouse;

**“Individual Agreement”** means the Individual Agreement providing for the specific of the transfer of administration made between Miawpukek First Nation and Canada in accordance with clause 6.1 of the *Framework Agreement*;

**“Interest”**, in relation to First Nation Land, means any Interest, right or estate of any nature in or to that Land, including a certificate of possession, certificate of entitlement, lease, easement, right of way, servitude, or profit à prendre, but does not include title to that Land;

**“Land”** or **“Miawpukek First Nation Land”** means any reserve Land that is subject to this *Land Code*;

**“Land Code”** means the *Miawpukek First Nation Land Code*, and sets out the basic provisions regarding the exercise of the Miawpukek First Nation’s rights and powers over its Land;

**“Land Law”** means a law, including, but not limited to, regulations, standards, restricted to Miawpukek First Nation Land, enacted in accordance with this *Land Code*;

**“Lands Committee”** means the Lands Committee established under Part 6 of this *Land Code*;

**“Licence”** in relation to Miawpukek First Nation Land, means any right of use or occupation of that Land, other than an Interest in the Land;

**“Meeting of Members”** means a meeting under Part 3 of this *Land Code* to which the Members are invited to attend;

**“Member”** means a person whose name appears or is entitled to appear on the Miawpukek First Nation Band Membership List;

**“Miawpukek First Nation”** means the Miawpukek First Nation and its Members;

**“Panel”** means the Dispute Resolution Panel established under Part 8 of this *Land Code*;

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“Resolution” means a band Council Resolution enacted under this *Land Code*;

“Spouse” means a person who is married to another, whether by a traditional, religious or civil ceremony, and includes a Spouse by Common-Law Partnership.

### 3. Interpretation

#### Interpretation

#### 3.1 In this *Land Code*:

- (a) the *Land Code* shall be interpreted in a fair, large and liberal manner;
- (b) the word “shall” signifies an obligation that, unless this *Land Code* provides to the contrary, must be carried out as soon as practicable after this *Land Code* comes into effect or the event that gives rise to the obligation;
- (c) unless it is otherwise clear from the context, the use of the word “including” means “including, but not limited to”, and the use of the word “includes” means “includes, but is not limited to”;
- (d) unless it is otherwise clear from the context, the use of the masculine includes the feminine, and the use of the feminine includes the masculine;
- (e) titles and headings have been inserted in the *Land Code* for convenience of reference only, and are not interpretive aids;
- (f) unless otherwise clear from the context, whenever the singular is used, it will include the plural, and the use of the plural includes the singular;
- (g) all references to a time period of days means consecutive days and not business days;
- (h) where the time limited for the doing of an act expires or falls on a Saturday or Sunday, or a First Nation, federal or provincial holiday, the act may be done on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday;



- (i) where the time limited for the doing of an act in the Miawpukek First Nation administration building falls on a day when the office is not open, the act may be done on the next day that the office is open;
- (j) where there is a reference to a number of days or a number of days between two events, in calculating that number of days, the days on which the events happen are excluded; and
- (k) the principles set out in the Preamble to this *Land Code* may be used to interpret this *Land Code*.

**Culture and traditions**

- 3.2 The structures, organizations and procedures established by or under this *Land Code* shall be interpreted in accordance with the culture, traditions and customs of the Miawpukek First Nation, unless otherwise provided.

**Language**

- 3.3 The language of the Miawpukek First Nation may be used to clarify the meaning of any provision in this *Land Code*, if the meaning of that provision is not otherwise clear in English.

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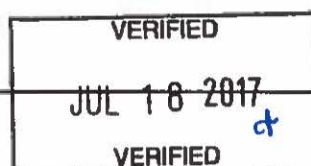
- 3.4 If there is an inconsistency or conflict between this *Land Code* and any other enactment of the Miawpukek First Nation, including a by-law enacted under section 81 of the *Indian Act*, this *Land Code* prevails to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.

**Consistency with Framework Agreement**

- 3.5 If there is an inconsistency or conflict between this *Land Code* and the *Framework Agreement*, the *Framework Agreement* will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.

**Rights not affected**

- 3.6 This *Land Code* does not change:
- (a) the by-law powers of Council pursuant to the *Indian Act*;
  - (b) any Aboriginal, Treaty, inherent rights or other rights or freedoms that pertain now or in the future to the Miawpukek First Nation or its Members; or





- (c) the fiduciary relationship between Canada and Miawpukek First Nation and its Members.

Lands and Interests affected

3.7 A reference to Land in this *Land Code* includes all the interests and rights, as well as the resources that belong to that Land to the extent these are under the jurisdiction of Canada and are part of that Land, and includes:

- (a) the water, beds underlying water, riparian rights, and renewable and non-renewable natural resources in and of that Land, to the extent that these are under the jurisdiction of Canada;
- (b) all the Interests and Licences granted by Canada listed in the Individual Agreement; and
- (c) all the Interests and Licences granted by Miawpukek First Nation after this *Land Code* comes into effect.

Eligible Reserve Land

3.8 Only Land that has reserve status is eligible to be governed under this *Land Code*.

### 4. Authority to Govern

Origin of authority

4.1 The traditional teachings of the Miawpukek First Nation speak of the obligation of the people of the Miawpukek First Nation to care for and respect the Land and the magnificent wonders of Nature created on the Land. By enacting this *Land Code*, the Miawpukek First Nation is reclaiming this special responsibility.

Flow of authority

4.2 The authority of the Miawpukek First Nation to govern its Land and resources flows from the Creator to the people of the Miawpukek First Nation, and from the people to Council according to the culture, traditions, customs and laws of the Miawpukek First Nation.

### 5. Purpose

Purpose

5.1 The purpose of this *Land Code* is to set out the principles, rules and administrative structures that apply to Miawpukek First Nation Land and by which

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the Miawpukek First Nation will exercise authority over that Land in accordance with the *Framework Agreement*.

**6. Description of Miawpukek First Nation Land**

Miawpukek First Nation Land

6.1 The Miawpukek First Nation Land that is subject to this *Land Code* is that Land known as Samiajj Miawpukek Indian Reserves listed in the Individual Agreement.

Description of Land

6.2 The Miawpukek First Nation Land includes all reserve Lands described in Appendix "A" of this *Land Code* and any other reserve Lands or Interests of the Miawpukek First Nation that are made subject to this *Land Code* by Resolution.

Additional Lands

6.3 Council shall hold a community meeting in accordance with section 14, prior to passing a Resolution under clause 6.2.

**PART 2  
FIRST NATION LEGISLATION**

**7. Law-Making Powers**

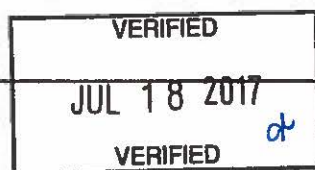
Council may make Land Laws

7.1 Council may, in accordance with this *Land Code*, make Land Laws respecting:

- (a) the development, conservation, protection, management, use and possession of Miawpukek First Nation Land;
- (b) Interests and Licences in relation to Miawpukek First Nation Land; and
- (c) any matter necessary or ancillary to the making of Land Laws in relation to the Miawpukek First Nation Land.

Examples of Land Laws

7.2 For greater certainty, Council may make Land Laws including, but not limited to:



- (a) regulation, control and prohibition of zoning, Land use, subdivision control and Land development;
- (b) the creation, regulation and prohibition of Interests and Licences in relation to Miawpukek First Nation Land;
- (c) environmental assessment and protection;
- (d) provision of local services in relation to Miawpukek First Nation Land and the imposition of equitable user charges;
- (e) enforcement of Miawpukek First Nation Land Laws; and
- (f) provision of services for the resolution, outside the courts, of disputes in relation to Miawpukek First Nation Land.

**Regulatory Instruments**

7.3 For greater certainty, in addition to Land Laws, Council may make other regulatory instruments, including, but not limited to, rules, regulations, standards, codes and policies.

**8. Law-Making Procedure**

**Introduction of Land Laws**

8.1 A proposed Land Law may be introduced at a duly convened meeting of Council by:

- (a) the Chief;
- (b) a Councillor; or
- (c) the representative of the Lands Committee, or other body or authority composed of Members, that may be authorized by Council to do so.

**Rationalization of Proposed Land Law**

8.2 It shall be incumbent upon any proponent mentioned in clause 8.1 to submit a written explanation of the reason for the proposed Land Law.

**Lands Committee Review**

8.3 Council shall refer a proposed Land Law to the Lands Committee for review and comment.

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Procedure upon receipt of Proposed Land Law

8.4 Upon receipt of a proposed Land Law, Council may:

- (a) table the proposed Land Law for further review or for enactment;
- (b) request that the proponent provide further information or attend before a future meeting of Council to speak to the proposed Land Law;
- (c) undertake or direct the preparation of a draft Land Law concerning matters raised in the proposed Land Law, for consideration by Council; or
- (d) reject the proposed Land Law.

Tabling and posting of proposed Land Laws

8.5 Before a proposed Land Law may be enacted, Council shall:

- (a) table the proposed Land Law at a duly convened meeting of Council;
- (b) post it in public places and publish it online;
- (c) deposit the proposed Land Law with the Lands Committee;
- (d) review comments and recommendations, if any, provided by the Lands Committee; and
- (e) take any other steps to give notice of the proposed Land Law that Council may consider appropriate.

Urgent matters

8.6 Council may enact a Land Law without the preliminary steps ordinarily required, if Council is of the opinion that the Land Law is needed urgently for public health and safety or to protect Miawpukek First Nation Land or the Members however this Land Law expires one hundred and twenty (120) days after its enactment unless re-enacted in accordance with the required preliminary steps.

Approval of Land Law

8.7 Subject to this *Land Code*, a Land Law is approved by a quorum of Council at a duly convened meeting of Council open to the Members.

Certification of Land Laws

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8.8 The original copy of any approved Land Law or Resolution concerning Miawpukek First Nation Land shall be signed by a quorum of Council.

Land Laws taking effect

8.9 A Land Law enacted by Council takes effect on the date of its enactment or such later date as specified in the Land Law.

9. Publication of Land Laws

Publication

9.1 A Land Law shall be published:

- (a) in the minutes of the Council meeting at which it was enacted;
- (b) by posting a copy of the Land Law, as soon as practicable after enactment, in a location within the administrative office of Miawpukek First Nation accessible to all Members, for a period of not less than thirty (30) days;
- (c) online; and
- (d) by any additional method as Council may consider appropriate.

Registry of Land Laws

9.2 Council shall cause to be kept, at the administrative offices of the Miawpukek First Nation, a register of all Land Laws and Resolutions, including Land Laws and Resolutions that have been repealed or are no longer in force.

Copies for any Person

9.3 Any person may obtain a copy of a Land Law or Resolution on payment of a reasonable fee set by Council or a designate. Fees may be amended from time to time.

10. Enforcement of Land Laws

Enforceability of Land Laws

10.1 To enforce its Land Code and its Land Laws, Miawpukek First Nation shall have the power to:

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- (a) establish offences that are punishable on summary conviction;
- (b) provide for fines, imprisonment, restitution, community services, and alternate means for achieving compliance;
- (c) establish comprehensive enforcement procedures consistent with federal law, including inspections, searches, seizures and compulsory sampling, testing and the production of information; and
- (d) enter into agreements with provincial or municipal governments with respect to any matter concerning the enforcement of its *Land Code* and Land Laws.

Prosecuting Offences

10.2 For the purpose of prosecuting offences, Miawpukek First Nation may:

- (a) retain its own prosecutor;
- (b) make laws with respect to the appointment and authority of justices of the peace.

**PART 3  
COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND APPROVALS**

**11. Participation of Members**

Participation of Members

11.1 Every Member is entitled to participate in the community meetings process set out in Part 3 of this *Land Code*.

**12. Participation of Eligible Voters**

Participation of Eligible Voters

12.1 Every Eligible Voter is entitled to participate in the community approval process set out in Part 3 of this *Land Code*.

**13. Meeting of Members and Community Approval Procedure**

Notice of meeting

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13.1 Council shall give written notice of the Meeting of Members and any matter requiring community approval at a Meeting of Members, and include in the notice:

- (a) the date, time and place of the meeting;
- (b) a brief description of the matter to be discussed;
- (c) a brief description of any matter that requires community approval; and
- (d) other information and material that Council considers appropriate.

Manner of notice

13.2 The notice shall be given to the Members before the meeting or vote, by:

- (a) posting the notice in public places;
- (b) providing the notice to Members and taking reasonable steps to locate and inform Members who reside on and off-reserve;
- (c) posting the notice online;
- (d) publishing the notice in the community newsletter or local newspaper; and
- (e) additional methods Council considers appropriate.

Permission of Council

13.3 A person, other than a Member, may attend a Meeting of Members only with permission of Council.

Informed Decision

13.4 Council may schedule more than one Meeting of Members as may be necessary to ensure that Members are well informed before making a decision on a proposed Land Law or Land matter.

### 14. Community Meetings of Members

Community Meetings

14.1 Council shall call a Meeting of Members prior to:

- (a) declaring Land or an Interest to be subject to this *Land Code*;

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- (b) enacting a Land Law respecting a community plan or subdivision plan;
- (c) any development affecting a heritage site or an environmentally sensitive property;
- (d) enacting a Land Law respecting environmental assessment and protection;
- (e) enacting a Land Law respecting the transfer and assignment of rights and Interests in Miawpukek First Nation Land;
- (f) enacting a Land Law respecting matrimonial real property on reserve;
- (g) enacting a Land Law respecting the rate and criteria for the payment of fees or rent for Miawpukek First Nation Land;
- (h) enacting a Land Law respecting the rights and procedures on community expropriation; and
- (i) respecting any other matter, Land Law or class of law that Council, by Resolution, declares to be subject to this section.

No Quorum

14.2 No quorum or minimum level of participation is required at a Meeting of Members.

**15. Community Approval**

Community approval

15.1 Community approval shall be obtained for the following:

- (a) any master Land use plan;
- (b) any new grant or disposition of an Interest or Licence in any Miawpukek First Nation Land exceeding a term of thirty five (35) years;
- (c) any renewal of a grant or disposition of an Interest or Licence in any Miawpukek First Nation Land that extends the original term beyond thirty five (35) years;

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- (d) any grant or disposition of any non-renewable natural resources on any Miawpukek First Nation Land exceeding a term of five (5) years;
- (e) any deletion of a heritage site;
- (f) any voluntary exchange of Miawpukek First Nation Land referred to in section 18 of this *Land Code*; and
- (g) any Land Law or class of law that Council, by Resolution, declares to be subject to this section.

Utility Permits Excepted

15.2 Community approval is not required for an easement, right of way or permit granted by Council for utilities, including but not limited to, telecommunications, water, electricity, natural gas, sewer services and ancillary services.

Method of Voting

15.3 Community approval shall be obtained by one or more of the following methods:

- (a) establishing polling locations;
- (b) show of hands;
- (c) mail-in ballot;
- (d) alternative voting methods, such as electronic and telephone voting;  
or
- (e) any other method outlined in voting policies.

Quorum

15.4 In order to obtain a quorum for community approval, at least ten percent (10%) of Eligible Voters shall participate.

Approval by Majority

15.5 For community approvals, a matter shall be considered approved if a majority of fifty percent plus one (50%+1) of the Eligible Voters vote to approve the matter.

Second Community Approval Vote

15.6 If a quorum was not obtained at a first community approval, a second community approval vote may be called without any quorum requirement.

Approval by Majority

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15.7 A matter shall be considered approved at a second community approval vote, if a majority of fifty percent plus one (50%+1) of the Eligible Voters vote to approve the matter.

**16. Ratification Votes**

Community Approval  
by Ratification vote

16.1 Community approval by ratification vote shall be obtained for an amendment to this *Land Code*.

Exceptions

16.2 A community approval by ratification vote is not required for:

- (a) an amendment to the description of Land of this *Land Code*;
- (b) revisions to this *Land Code* made pursuant to section 48; and
- (c) an amendment to, or renewal of, the Individual Agreement.

Ratification process

16.3 Any ratification vote required under this *Land Code* may be conducted in a similar manner as the *Miawpukek First Nation Community Ratification Process*, which was used to ratify this *Land Code*.

No verifier

16.4 A verifier is not required in any ratification vote.

Quorum

16.5 In order to obtain a quorum for a community approval by ratification vote under this *Land Code* at least twenty percent (20%) of Eligible Voters shall register to vote.

Approval by majority

16.6 A matter shall be considered approved at a ratification vote if a majority of fifty percent plus one (50%+1) of the registered Eligible Voters vote to approve the matter.

Second Ratification Vote

16.7 If a quorum was not obtained at a first ratification vote, a second ratification vote may be called.

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Second Ratification Vote Quorum

16.8 In order to obtain a quorum for community approval for a second attempt at a ratification vote under this *Land Code* at least ten percent (10%) of Eligible Voters shall register to vote.

Approval by Majority

16.9 A matter shall be considered approved at a second ratification vote if a majority of fifty percent plus one (50%+1) of the registered Eligible Voters vote to approve the matter.

Policies Consultation, Approval and Ratification

16.10 For greater certainty, Council may make Land Laws or policies:

- a) for Meetings of Members;
- b) for community consultations;
- c) for community approvals;
- d) for ratification votes; and
- e) respecting any other matter, that Council, by Resolution, declares to be subject to Part 3 of this *Land Code*.

**PART 4  
PROTECTION OF LAND**

**17. Expropriation**

Acquisition by Mutual Agreement

17.1 The Miawpukek First Nation may expropriate an Interest or Licence in Miawpukek First Nation Land, provided that it has made a good faith effort to acquire, by mutual agreement, the Interest or Licence.

Rights and Interests that may be expropriated

17.2 An Interest or Licence in Miawpukek First Nation Land, or in any building or other structure on that Land, may only be expropriated by Miawpukek First Nation in

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accordance with the *Framework Agreement* and any Land Law enacted for the purpose of establishing the rights and procedures for community expropriations.

Community purposes

17.3 A community expropriation shall only be made for necessary community works or other Miawpukek First Nation purposes, including but not limited to, a fire hall, sewage or water treatment facility, community center, public works, utilities, roads, schools, daycare facility, hospitals, health-care facility, and retirement home.

Expropriation Land Laws

17.4 Before proceeding to make any community expropriations in accordance with this *Land Code* and the *Framework Agreement*, Council shall enact a Land Law respecting the rights and procedures for community expropriations, including provisions respecting:

- (a) the taking of possession of the Interest or Licence;
- (b) transfer of the Interest or Licence;
- (c) notice of expropriation and service of the notice of expropriation;
- (d) entitlement to compensation;
- (e) determination of the amount of compensation; and
- (f) the method of payment of compensation.

Member notification

17.5 In the case of an expropriation of a Member's Interest in Miawpukek First Nation Land, the affected Member or Members shall receive notification of the expropriation within a reasonable time prior to the release of the public report.

Public report

17.6 Before Miawpukek First Nation expropriates an Interest or Licence, it shall make a public report on the reasons justifying the expropriation.

Rights that may not be expropriated

17.7 In accordance with clause 17.6 the *Framework Agreement*, an Interest of Canada or the province of Newfoundland and Labrador in Miawpukek First Nation Land is not subject to expropriation by the Miawpukek First Nation.

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Compensation for rights and Interests

17.8 Miawpukek First Nation shall, in accordance with its Land Laws and the Framework Agreement:

- (a) serve reasonable notice of the expropriation on each affected holder of the Interest or Licence to be expropriated; and
- (b) pay fair and reasonable compensation to the holders of the Interest or Licence being expropriated.

Compensation calculations

17.9 In accordance with clause 17.4 the Framework Agreement, Miawpukek First Nation shall calculate the total value of the compensation under this section based on the heads of the compensation set out in the Expropriation Act (Canada).

Market value

17.10 The "market value" of an expropriated Interest or Licence is equal to the amount that would have been paid for the Interest or Licence if it had been sold by a willing seller to a willing buyer under no duress.

Neutral evaluation to Resolve Disputes

17.11 The resolution of disputes concerning the right of the Miawpukek First Nation to expropriate shall be determined by neutral evaluation, in the same manner as provided in Part IX of the Framework Agreement, and the sixty (60) day period referred to in the Framework Agreement shall be applied, as appropriate in the circumstance, by the neutral evaluator.

Arbitration to resolve Disputes

17.12 The resolution of the following disputes shall be determined by arbitration, in the same manner as provided in Part IX of the Framework Agreement:

- (a) disputes concerning the right of a holder of an expropriated Interest or Licence to compensation; and
- (b) disputes concerning the amount of the compensation.

18. Voluntary Exchange of Miawpukek First Nation Land

Conditions for a land

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exchange

18.1 The Miawpukek First Nation may agree with another party to exchange a parcel of Miawpukek First Nation Land for a parcel of land from that other party in accordance with this *Land Code* and the *Framework Agreement*.

No effect

18.2 A land exchange is of no effect unless it receives community approval in accordance with Part 3 of this *Land Code* and with clause 14.2 of the *Framework Agreement*.

Land to be received

18.3 No land exchange may occur unless the land to be received in the exchange meets the following conditions:

- (a) it shall be equal to or greater than the area of the Miawpukek First Nation Land to be exchanged;
- (b) it shall be at least comparable to the appraised value of the Miawpukek First Nation Land; and
- (c) it shall become a reserve and Miawpukek First Nation Land subject to this *Land Code*.

Negotiators

18.4 The person who will have authority to negotiate a land exchange agreement on behalf of the Miawpukek First Nation shall be designated by Resolution.

Additional land

18.5 The Miawpukek First Nation may negotiate to receive other compensation, such as money or other additional parcels of land, in addition to the parcel which is intended to become a reserve. Such other parcels of land may be held by the Miawpukek First Nation in fee simple or some other manner.

Federal Consent

18.6 Before the Miawpukek First Nation concludes a land exchange agreement, it shall receive a written statement from Canada clearly stating that Canada:

- (a) consents to set apart as a reserve the land to be received in exchange, as of the date of the land exchange or such later date as Council may specify; and

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- (b) consents to the manner and form of the exchange as set out in the exchange agreement.

Community notice

18.7 Once negotiations on the land exchange agreement are concluded, Council shall provide the following information to Eligible Voters before the vote:

- (a) a description of the Miawpukek First Nation Land to be exchanged;
- (b) a description of the land to be received in the exchange;
- (c) a description of any other compensation to be exchanged;
- (d) a report of a certified land appraiser setting out that the conditions for the land to be received in the exchange have been met;
- (e) a copy or summary of the exchange agreement; and
- (f) a copy of Canada’s consent.

Process of land exchange

18.8 The land exchange agreement shall provide that:

- (a) the other party to the exchange must transfer to Canada the title to the land which is to be set apart as a reserve;
- (b) Council must pass a Resolution authorizing Canada to transfer title to the Miawpukek First Nation Land being exchanged, in accordance with the exchange agreement;
- (c) a copy of the instruments transferring title to the relevant parcels of land must be registered in the First Nation Lands Register; and
- (d) the land to be set apart as a reserve has been subject to an environmental audit, and clearance or remediation as necessary, or that Council is satisfied that adequate provisions have been made for such clearance or remediation at no cost to Miawpukek First Nation, and with full indemnification to Miawpukek First Nation.

**PART 5  
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### 19. Conflict of Interest or Appearance of Conflict of Interest

Application of rules

19.1 The conflict of interest rules in this *Land Code* apply to the following persons:

- (a) each member of Council who is dealing with any matter before Council that is related to Miawpukek First Nation Land;
- (b) each person who is an employee of the Miawpukek First Nation dealing with any matter that is related to Miawpukek First Nation Land;
- (c) each member of the Dispute Resolution Panel; and
- (d) each person who is a member of a board, committee or other body of the Miawpukek First Nation dealing with any matter that is related to Miawpukek First Nation Land.

Duty to report and abstain

19.2 If there is any actual or apparent financial, familial or personal conflict of interest in the matter being dealt with, the person:

- (a) shall disclose the interest to Council, or the board, committee or other body as the case may be;
- (b) shall not take part in any deliberations on that matter or vote on that matter; and
- (c) shall remove themselves from the proceedings.

Apparent conflict of interest

19.3 A person to which this Part applies has an apparent conflict of interest if there is a reasonable perception, which a reasonably well informed person could properly have, that the person's ability to deliberate or decide on the matter has been affected by his or her private interest or the private interest of an Immediate Relative.

Inability to act

19.4 If the Board, committee or other body is unable to act due to a conflict of interest, the matter shall be referred to Council.

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19.5 If Council is unable to vote on a matter, a proposed Land Law or Resolution due to a conflict of interest, Council may refer the matter to a community Meeting of Members and, if a quorum of Eligible Voters is present, a majority of the Eligible Voters present at the meeting may approve the matter, Land Law or Resolution.

Specific Conflict situations

19.6 No Immediate Relatives and not more than two (2) members from the same Extended Family shall be concurrent members of an appointed board, committee or other body dealing with any matter that is related to Miawpukek First Nation Land.

Elected Body

19.7 For greater certainty, Council or any other elected board, committee or body is not included under the conflict of interest rules under this Land Code.

Disputes

19.8 The Panel has the jurisdiction to hear and decide on any matter concerning a conflict of interest, as provided in this Land Code.

Other laws

19.9 For greater certainty, Council may develop a policy or enact laws to further implement this section.

20. Financial Management

Application

20.1 This section applies only to financial matters relating to Miawpukek First Nation Land and natural resources.

Financial policies

20.2 Council may, in accordance with this Land Code, develop, adapt or adopt financial management policies, including but not limited to:

- (a) regulating the receipt, management and expenditure of moneys, including transfer payments, all capital and revenue moneys received from Canada, all Land revenue, and moneys received from a grant or disposition of any Interest or Licence in relation to Miawpukek First Nation Land and natural resources;
- (b) managing financial records and accounts;

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- (c) preparing financial statements and audits;
- (d) preparing and implementing Land management budgets and annual presentation of budgets;
- (e) determining the general investment strategy;
- (f) contract notes, loans and other indebtedness;
- (g) establishing fees, fines, charges and levies; and
- (h) establishing and maintaining a recordkeeping system that ensures confidentiality, security of records and document retention.

Administrative structure

20.3 Council shall establish the administrative structure:

- (a) to implement all financial policies and procedures;
- (b) to oversee the day to day operational responsibilities for managing moneys related to Miawpukek First Nation Land and natural resources;
- (c) to ensure the accuracy of the accounting records;
- (d) to reconcile, review and approve bank statements;
- (e) to present the annual budgets to Members;
- (f) to present annually an audit of the financial statements to the Members; and
- (g) to prepare the annual report to Members.

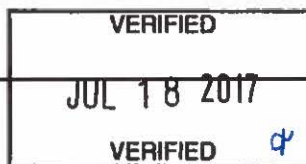
## 21. Annual Report

Publish annual report

21.1 Council, on behalf of the Miawpukek First Nation, shall publish an annual report on Land matters.

Contents

21.2 The annual report shall include:



- (a) an annual review of Miawpukek First Nation Land and natural resources management;
- (b) annual budget;
- (c) a copy and explanation of the audit as it applies to Miawpukek First Nation Land and natural resources; and
- (d) any other matter as determined by Council or Lands Committee.

**22. Access to Information**

Access

- 22.1 Any person may, during normal business hours at the main administrative office of the Miawpukek First Nation, have reasonable access to:
- (a) the register of Land Laws;
  - (b) the auditor’s report; and
  - (c) the annual report on Land and natural resources.

Copies for Members

- 22.2 Any Member may obtain a copy of the auditor’s report or annual report on payment of a reasonable fee set by or under Resolution of Council.

Access to records

- 22.3 Any person authorized by Council may, at any reasonable time, inspect the financial records of Miawpukek First Nation related to Miawpukek First Nation Land.

**PART 6  
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION**

**23. Land Staff**

Administration

- 23.1 Council may delegate administrative authority to staff to carry out functions necessary for day to day administrative operations of Land and natural resources.

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## 24. Lands Committee

Lands Committee established

24.1 The Lands Committee is hereby established for the following purposes:

- (a) assist Council with the development of the Land administration system;
- (b) advise Council and its staff on matters respecting Miawpukek First Nation Land;
- (c) recommend Land Laws, Resolutions, policies and practices respecting Miawpukek First Nation Land to Council;
- (d) consult with Members and non-Members on Miawpukek First Nation Land issues, and to make recommendations on the resolution of those issues to Council;
- (e) oversee community Meetings of Members, community approvals and ratification votes; and
- (f) perform such other duties as may be delegated or assigned by Resolution or Land Law under this *Land Code*.

Process to Implement Land Laws

24.2 The Lands Committee shall, within a reasonable time after this *Land Code* takes effect, recommend to Council a community process to develop and implement Land Laws.

Internal procedures

24.3 The Lands Committee may establish rules for the procedure at its meetings and generally for the conduct of its affairs, not inconsistent with those established by Council.

## 25. Implementation of the Lands Committee

First Lands Committee

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25.1 Immediately upon the coming into effect of this *Land Code*, Council shall select a Lands Committee to serve for a term of up to three (3) years until a policy governing the Lands Committee comes into force.

Policy Governing Successors to the First Lands Committee

25.2 As soon as possible after the coming into force of this *Land Code*, Council, in consultation with the Lands Committee, shall develop a policy providing for Member involvement in the selection, election, or appointment of Eligible Voters to serve on the Lands Committee, and dealing with such matters as number of members, composition, eligibility, Chair and Deputy Chair, functions of the Chair, term of office, remuneration, conditions of service, termination, vacancies arising during term and such other matters as Council deems appropriate to the operation of the Lands Committee.

**PART 7  
INTERESTS AND LICENCES IN LAND**

**26. Revenue from Land and Natural Resources**

Determination of fees and rent

26.1 The Lands Committee shall, subject to the approval of Council, establish the process and recommend any Land Laws, rules and policies for determining:

- (a) the fees and rent for Interests and Licences in Miawpukek First Nation Land;
- (b) the fees for services provided in relation to any Miawpukek First Nation Land; and
- (c) the fees and royalties to be paid for the taking of natural resources from Miawpukek First Nation Land.

**27. Registration of Interests and Licences**

Enforcement of Interest and Licences

27.1 An Interest or Licence in Miawpukek First Nation Land created or granted after this *Land Code* takes effect is not enforceable unless it is registered in the First Nation Lands Register.

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Registration of Consent or approval

27.2 An instrument granting an Interest or Licence in Miawpukek First Nation Land that requires the consent of Council, or community approval, shall include a form of certificate indicating that the applicable consent or approval has been obtained.

Instrument void

27.3 An instrument registered in the First Nation Lands Register which does not include the certificate is void.

Duty to deposit

27.4 A copy of the following instruments shall be deposited in the First Nation Lands Register:

- (a) any grant of an Interest or Licence in Miawpukek First Nation Land;
- (b) any transfer or assignment of an Interest or Licence in Miawpukek First Nation Land;
- (c) every Land use plan, subdivision plan or resource use plan; and
- (d) this *Land Code* and any amendment to this *Land Code*.

28. Limits on Interests and Licences

All dispositions in writing

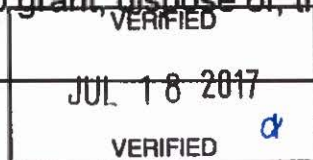
28.1 An Interest or Licence in Miawpukek First Nation Land may only be created, granted, disposed of, assigned or transferred by a written document made in accordance with this *Land Code* and any relevant Land Law.

Standards

28.2 Council may establish mandatory standards, criteria and forms for Interests and Licences in Miawpukek First Nation Land.

Improper Transactions void

28.3 A deed, lease, contract, instrument, document or agreement of any kind, whether written or oral, by which the Miawpukek First Nation, a Member or any other person purports to grant, dispose of, transfer or assign an Interest or Licence in



Miawpukek First Nation Land after the date this *Land Code* takes effect is void if it contravenes this *Land Code*.

**29. Existing Interests**

Continuation of existing Interests and Licences

29.1 Any Interest or Licence in Miawpukek First Nation Land that existed when this *Land Code* takes effect will, subject to this *Land Code*, continue in force in accordance with its terms and conditions.

Voluntary replacement of existing Interests and Licences

29.2 For greater certainty, Interests or Licences previously issued under the *Indian Act* shall continue in effect after the coming into force of this *Land Code* unless the Member or non-Member voluntarily agrees to have the Interest or Licence replaced by a new Interest or Licence.

Replacing the role of the Minister

29.3 Immediately upon the coming into force of this *Land Code*, Canada transfers to Miawpukek First Nation all the rights and obligations of Canada as grantor in respect of existing Interests and Licences in or in relation to Miawpukek First Nation Land.

Unregistered Interests

29.4 A policy shall be established as soon as practical after the coming into force of the *Land Code* to accommodate unregistered Interests.

**30. New Interests and Licences**

Authority to make Dispositions

30.1 Subject to clause 15.1, Council may, on behalf of Miawpukek First Nation, grant:

- (a) Interests and Licences in Miawpukek First Nation Land, including certificates of possession, member allocations, leases, permits, easements and rights-of-ways; and
- (b) Licences to take natural resources from Miawpukek First Nation Land, including cutting timber or removing minerals, stone, sand, gravel, clay, soil or other substances.

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Conditional grant

30.2 The grant of an Interest or Licence may be made subject to the satisfaction of written conditions.

Role of the Lands Committee

30.3 The Lands Committee shall advise Council on the granting of Interests or Licences and may be authorized to act as a delegate of Council under this section.

31. Interests of Non-Members

Grants to non-Members

31.1 A transfer or other disposition of all or any part of an Interest or Licence in Miawpukek First Nation Land to a person who is not a Member shall not be effective unless and until it is confirmed by a Resolution of Council.

32. Certificates of Possession or Member Interests

Application

32.1 For greater certainty, certificates of possession or Member Interests previously issued under the Indian Act shall continue to exist after the coming into force of this Land Code.

33. Allocation of Land to Members

Policies and procedures for allocation of Land

33.1 Subject to the provisions of this Land Code, Council in consultation with the Lands Committee shall establish Land Laws, policies and procedures for the allocation of Land to Members.

Allocation

33.2 Council may, in accordance with this Land Code:

- (a) allocate Land to Members; or
- (b) issue a certificate for an interest to a Member for Land allocated to that Member.

No allocation of Land to non-Members

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33.3 A person who is not a Member is not entitled to be allocated Land or to hold a permanent interest in Miawpukek First Nation Land.

**34. Transfer and Assignment of Interests**

Transfer of Member Interest

34.1 A Member may transfer or assign an Interest in Miawpukek First Nation Land to another Member without community approval or the consent of Council.

Consent of Council

34.2 There shall be no transfer or assignment of an Interest in Miawpukek First Nation Land without the written consent of Council, except for:

- (a) transfers between Members;
- (b) transfers that occur by operation of law, including transfers of estate by testamentary disposition; and
- (c) transfers in accordance with the matrimonial real property on reserve law.

**35. Limits on Mortgages and Seizures**

Protections

35.1 In accordance with the *Framework Agreement*, the following provisions of the *Indian Act*, as amended from time to time, continue to apply to the Miawpukek First Nation Land:

- (a) section 29;
- (b) section 87;
- (c) Sub-section 89(1); and
- (d) Sub-section 89(2).

Mortgage of Allocated Land

35.2 The Interest of a Member in First Nation Land may be subject to a mortgage or charge, but only to a Member or, the Miawpukek First Nation with the express written consent of Council.

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leasehold Interests with consent

35.3 A leasehold Interest may be subject to charge or mortgage, but only with the express written consent of Council.

Time limit

35.4 The term of any charge or mortgage of a leasehold Interest shall not exceed the term of the lease.

Default in mortgage

35.5 In the event of default in the terms of a charge or mortgage of a leasehold Interest, the leasehold Interest is not subject to possession by the chargee or mortgagee, foreclosure, power of sale or any other form of execution or seizure, unless:

- (a) the charge or mortgage received the written consent of Council;
- (b) the charge or mortgage was registered in the First Nation Lands Register; and
- (c) a reasonable opportunity to redeem the charge or mortgage is given to Council on behalf of Miawpukek First Nation.

Power of redemption

35.6 Subject to prior redemption by the lessee or Member, Council may redeem the charge or mortgage from the charger or mortgagor in possession and shall thereupon acquire all the rights and Interests of the charger or mortgagor and of the lessee or Member for all purposes after the date of the redemption.

Waiver of redemption

35.7 Council may, by Resolution, waive its right to redemption under this Land Code for any charge or mortgage of a leasehold Interest or Licence.

36. Residency and Access Rights

Right of residence

36.1 The following persons have a right to reside on Miawpukek First Nation Land:

- (a) Members and their Spouses and children;
- (b) Members with a registered Interest in Miawpukek First Nation Land;

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- (c) any invitee of a Member referred to in clause (a) or (b);
- (d) lessees and permittees, in accordance with the provisions of the granting instrument; and
- (e) a person authorized in writing by Council, Lands Committee or by a Miawpukek First Nation Land Law.

Right of Access

36.2 The following persons have a right of access to Miawpukek First Nation Land:

- (a) a lessee and his or her invitees;
- (b) a person granted a right of access under a permit;
- (c) Miawpukek First Nation Members and their Spouses and children;
- (d) a member's invitees;
- (e) a person who is authorized by a government body or any other public body, established by or under an enactment of the Miawpukek First Nation, Parliament or the province to establish, operate or administer a public service, to construct or operate a public institution or to conduct a technical survey provided that the person received written authorization from Council; or
- (f) a person authorized in writing by Council or Lands Committee or by a Miawpukek First Nation Land Law.

Public access

36.3 Any person may have access to Miawpukek First Nation Land for any social or business purposes, if:

- (a) the person does not trespass on occupied Land and does not interfere with any Interest in Land;
- (b) the person complies with all applicable laws; and
- (c) no Resolution has been enacted barring that person.

Use of Roads

36.4 Any person having a right of access to Miawpukek First Nation Land may have the right of access to Miawpukek First Nation public roads, subject to this Land Code and Land Laws.

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Trespass

36.5 Any person, who resides on, enters or remains on Miawpukek First Nation Land, other than in accordance with a residence or access right under this *Land Code*, is guilty of an offence.

Civil remedies

36.6 All civil remedies for trespass are preserved.

**37. Transfers on Death**

*Indian Act* application

37.1 Until Miawpukek First Nation exercises jurisdiction in relation to wills and estates, the provision of the *Indian Act* dealing with wills and estates shall continue to apply with respect to Interests in Miawpukek First Nation Land.

Registered of transfer

37.2 A person who receives an Interest in Miawpukek First Nation Land by testamentary disposition or succession in accordance with a written decision of the Minister, or his or her designate, pursuant to the *Indian Act*, is entitled to have that Interest registered in the First Nation Lands Register.

Disposition of Interest

- 37.3 If no provision has been made by the deceased Member of the disposition of the Interest to another Member, the following rules apply:
- (a) the Minister or his or her delegate may make application to Council requesting that an instrument evidencing lawful possession or occupation of Miawpukek First Nation Land be issued; or
  - (b) a certificate for an Interest or other instrument may be issued in accordance with procedures established by Council, or application of the Minister or his or her delegate, if the beneficiary or purchaser is a Member of the Miawpukek First Nation.

**38. Matrimonial Real Property on Reserve Law**

Development of rules and procedures

38.1 Council shall enact a matrimonial real property on reserve law providing rules and procedures applicable on the breakdown of a marriage, to:

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- (a) the use, occupancy and possession of Miawpukek First Nation Land;
- (b) the division of Interests in that Land; and
- (c) the division of the value of improvements in that Land.

Enactment of rules and procedures

38.2 The rules and procedures contained in the matrimonial real property on reserve law shall be developed by the Lands Committee in consultation with the Members.

Enactment deadline

38.3 The matrimonial real property on reserve law shall be enacted within twelve (12) months from the date this *Land Code* takes effect.

General principles

38.4 For greater certainty, the rules and procedures developed by the Lands Committee under this section shall respect the following general principles:

- (a) each Spouse should have an equal right to possession of their matrimonial home;
- (b) each Spouse should be entitled to an undivided half Interest in their matrimonial home, as a tenant in common;
- (c) the rules and procedures shall not discriminate on the basis of sex; and
- (d) only Members are entitled to hold a permanent Interest in Miawpukek First Nation Land or a charge against a permanent Interest in Miawpukek First Nation Land.

Immediate rules

38.5 In order that Members benefit immediately from the legislative authority of Council to address the issue of matrimonial real property under this *Land Code*, Council may enact an interim matrimonial real property on reserve law as soon as this *Land Code* comes into force without the preliminary steps ordinarily required.

Expiration

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38.6 As this law would be enacted before the work of the Lands Committee and the community consultation is complete, the law will expire at the end of the twelve (12) month period after the coming into force of this *Land Code*, unless re-enacted, replaced or amended.

**PART 8  
DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

**39. Purpose**

Intent

39.1 The intent of this part is to ensure that all persons entitled to possess, reside upon, use or otherwise occupy Miawpukek First Nation Land do so harmoniously with due respect to the rights of others and of Miawpukek First Nation and with access to Miawpukek First Nation procedures to resolve disputes.

Purpose

39.2 The purpose of these rules is to enable the parties to a dispute to achieve a just, speedy and inexpensive determination of matter in dispute, taking into account the values which distinguish dispute resolution from litigation.

**40. Disputes**

Dispute Prevention

40.1 The parties shall use best efforts to prevent disputes from arising and shall consider the use of dispute resolution processes at the earliest possible stage of any conflict.

Disputes Prior to Land Code

40.2 Disputes that arose before the *Land Code* takes effect could also be referred to this Part.

Decision of Council or Lands Committee

40.3 If a Member, or a non-Member with an Interest in Miawpukek First Nation Land, has a dispute with respect to a decision of Council or the Lands Committee, the person shall first attempt to resolve that dispute with Council or the Lands Committee, before referring the dispute to the Panel.

Settle a Dispute

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40.4 Nothing in this Part shall be construed to limit the ability of any person to reach agreement to settle a dispute without recourse to this Part.

Settlement Agreement

40.5 Any settlement reached through dispute resolution shall not be legally binding until it has been reduced to writing and properly executed by, or on behalf of, the parties.

Contractual Agreement

40.6 A contractual agreement made under this Land Code may establish that the dispute resolution outlined in this Land Code and its Land Laws may be mandatory or may to some degree prescribe for alternate dispute resolution processes if there is consensual agreement by the parties involved in that agreement. The dispute resolution clause which forms part of a contract shall be treated as an agreement independent of the other terms of the contract.

Variation of Rules

40.7 The parties to a dispute to which these rules apply may to some degree, modify, vary or amend these rules by consensual agreement in writing, and notify the Panel in writing.

Civil Remedies

40.8 For greater certainty, nothing in this Part shall be construed to prevent a party to a dispute from, at any stage of dispute resolution, applying to have the dispute resolved in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Challenge to Validity of Law

40.9 For greater certainty, nothing in this Part shall be construed to prevent a party to a dispute from challenging the validity of a Land Law, but such a challenge may be heard only in a court of competent jurisdiction.

41. Processes

Staged Processes

41.1 Miawpukek First Nation intends that a dispute in relation to Miawpukek First Nation Land, except as otherwise provided, may progress through the following stages provided for in this Part:

- (a) facilitated discussions;
- (b) negotiation;

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- (c) mediation; and
- (d) final arbitration by the Dispute Resolution Panel.

Procedure to File a Dispute

41.2 A person who wishes to resolve a dispute with another person or Miawpukek First Nation in relation to the use or occupation of Miawpukek First Nation Land may file a written notice of dispute setting out:

- (a) the nature of the dispute;
- (b) a statement outlining the facts and supporting arguments of the dispute claim; and
- (c) the relief that is sought.

Termination of Processes

41.3 Facilitated discussions, negotiations and mediations may be suspended upon any of the following occurrences:

- (a) the parties reach an agreement;
- (b) one of the parties refuses to continue with facilitated discussions, negotiations or mediation;
- (c) the mediator assesses that nothing meaningful is to be gained in continuing the process; or
- (d) upon the request of both parties.

Notice of Termination

41.4 A notice of termination is required when further facilitated discussions, negotiations or mediation shall not resolve the dispute. The dispute may progress to the next stage of the dispute resolution process or to final arbitration.

Dispute resolution not available

41.5 Dispute resolution is not available under this Part for disputes in relation to:

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- (a) administration or distribution of an estate;
- (b) decisions relating to housing allocations;
- (c) decisions of Council to grant or refuse to grant an Interest or Licence in Miawpukek First Nation Land to a non-Member;
- (d) decisions on expropriation under this *Land Code*: and
- (e) prosecution or conviction of an offence under a Land Law or under criminal law.

Duty of Fairness

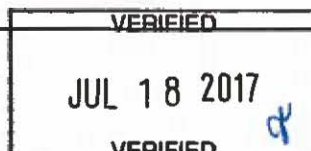
41.6 All persons involved in a dispute under this Part shall be:

- (a) treated fairly;
- (b) given a full opportunity to present their case; and
- (c) given reasons for a decision made under this Part.

Rules and Procedures

41.7 Council may prescribe such laws, Resolutions, rules, policies, procedures, forms and reasonable fees not inconsistent with this *Land Code*, as may be necessary to give effect to this part including but not limited to:

- (a) facilitated discussions, negotiations, mediations and arbitrations;
- (b) terms of office for panelists;
- (c) remuneration of facilitators, mediators, arbitrators, expert advisors, professionals or other persons retained to assist in the resolution of disputes under this Part;
- (d) code of conduct for facilitators, mediators, arbitrators, panelists, expert advisors, professionals or other persons retained to assist in the resolution of disputes under this Part;
- (e) disclosure and confidentiality;
- (f) imposition of time limitations for submitting a notice of dispute and referring a matter or dispute to the Panel;



- (g) implementing recommendations of the Dispute Resolution Panel 43.45.2; and
- (h) any other matter necessary to give effect to this Part.

Waiver of Liability

41.8 By participating in this dispute resolution process, the parties agree that the facilitators, mediators, arbitrators and panelists shall not be liable to the parties for any act or omission in connection with the services provided by them in, or in relation to, the dispute resolution processes, unless the act or omission is fraudulent or involves willful misconduct.

**42. Roster Panel Established**

Appointment to Roster Panel

42.1 The Roster Panel shall be composed of a maximum of twenty (20) panelists.

Ineligible

42.2 Notwithstanding the general rules of conflict of interest in the *Land Code*, no Council member, or employee of Miawpukek First Nation or person already serving on another board, body, or committee related to Miawpukek First Nation Land shall sit on the Roster Panel.

Representation

42.3 Council shall appoint the Roster panelists, and shall ensure that, where possible, the Roster panelists represent the various elements of the community.

Rules of Roster Panel

42.4 The Roster Panel may establish rules for the procedure at its hearings and generally for the conduct of its affairs.

**43. Impartiality of the Dispute Resolution Panel**

Duty to Act Impartially

43.1 The Panel shall act impartially and without bias or favour to any party in a dispute.

Offence

43.2 It is an offence for a person to act, or attempt to act, in a way to improperly influence a decision of the Panel.

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Rejection of Application

43.3 In addition to any other sanction, the Panel may reject an application without hearing it if the Panel believes that the applicant acted, or attempted to act, in a way to improperly influence its decision.

Rules of Conduct for Parties to a Dispute

43.4 The Roster Panel shall establish rules of conduct for the parties to a dispute.

**44. Arbitration by the Dispute Resolution Panel**

Disputes

44.1 Applications for resolution by the Panel shall be submitted to the Lands Department.

Panel of Three Chosen From Roster Panel

44.2 Disputes referred to the Roster Panel are to be heard by three (3) panelists chosen as follows:

- (a) one (1) panelist is to be chosen by each of the two (2) parties to the dispute;
- (b) one (1) panelist, who is to be the chairperson, shall be chosen by the rest of the Panel; and
- (c) in the case of situations not adequately covered by clause (a) or (b), all three (3) panelists shall to be chosen by the Roster Panel as a whole.

Panel Established

44.3 The Panel is hereby established with jurisdiction to resolve disputes in relation to Miawpukek First Nation Land.

Dispute resolution not available

44.4 For greater certainty, the Panel shall not hear disputes in respect of matters that are not subject to dispute resolution under this *Land Code*.

**45. Powers of the Dispute Resolution Panel**

Power of the Panel

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**45.1 The Panel may, after hearing a dispute:**

- (a) confirm or reverse the decision, in whole or in part;
- (b) substitute its own decision for the decision in dispute;
- (c) direct that an action be taken or ceased;
- (d) refer the matter or dispute back for a new decision; or
- (e) make an order to give effect to its decision, including any necessary order for the survey of an Interest in Miawpukek First Nation Land, the registration of an Interest in Miawpukek First Nation Land, and the allocation of the costs of any incidental measures to be taken to give effect to such an order.

**Recommendations by Panel**

**45.2 In addition to making a determination in respect to a particular dispute, the Panel may recommend to Council:**

- (a) the suspension of any Land Law or decision made by Council for such period as is necessary for Council to reconsider, amend or repeal such Land Law or decision, provided that any amendment or repeal of a Land Law is made in a manner consistent with this *Land Code*; or
- (b) any other recommendation that it deems reasonable and necessary in the circumstances.

**Interim Decisions**

**45.3 The Panel may, in relation to a dispute over which it has jurisdiction under this Part, make any interim order it considers to be necessary as a matter of urgency to preserve the rights of the parties to the dispute or to preserve or protect an Interest in Miawpukek First Nation Land.**

**Professional Services**

**45.4 The Panel may obtain the service of professionals to assist it in fulfilling its functions, in which case it shall make best efforts to use professional services available in the community.**

**Written Decisions**

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45.5 Decisions of the Panel shall be in writing, signed by the person chairing the Panel or by an officer designated by the Panel to do so. Where requested, the written decision shall be provided to a party to the proceeding within fourteen (14) days after the date of the decision.

Appeal of Decision

45.6 A decision of the Panel is binding but, subject to review by the Federal Court (Trial Division).

**PART 9  
OTHER MATTERS**

**46. Liability**

Liability Coverage

46.1 Council shall arrange, maintain and pay insurance coverage for its officers and employees engaged in carrying out any matter related to Miawpukek First Nation Land to indemnify them against personal liability arising from the performance of those duties.

Extent of coverage

46.2 The extent of the insurance coverage shall be determined by Council.

**47. Offences**

Application of the Criminal Code

47.1 Unless some other procedure is provided for by a Miawpukek First Nation Land Law, the summary conviction procedures of Part XXVII of the Criminal Code, as amended from time to time, apply to offences under this *Land Code* or under a First Nation Land Law.

Fines & Imprisonment

47.2 Unless some other procedure is provided for by a Miawpukek First Nation Land Law, any person who commits an offence under this *Land Code* or a Miawpukek First Nation Land Law is liable to a fine not to exceed \$5,000 and to a term of imprisonment not to exceed six months or to both fine and imprisonment, provided however, that offences related to Miawpukek First Nation environmental protection laws may carry penalties consistent with similar environmental protection laws in force in Canada.

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**48. Revisions to Land Code**

Revisions

48.1 A ratification vote is not required for revisions made to this *Land Code* that do not change the substance of this *Land Code*. Council may, from time to time, arrange and revise this *Land Code*. Revisions may be made as a result of, but are not limited to:

- (a) an amendment of the description of Miawpukek First Nation Land subject to this *Land Code* and Individual Agreement;
- (b) a reference in this *Land Code* to a clause in another act or document that was amended and resulted in clause renumbering;
- (c) a reference in this *Land Code* to an Act or parts thereof that have expired, have been repealed or suspended;
- (d) changes in this *Land Code* as are required to reconcile seeming inconsistencies with other acts;
- (e) minor improvements in the language as may be required to bring out more clearly the intention of the Miawpukek First Nation without changing the substance of this *Land Code*; and
- (f) correct editing, grammatical or typographical errors.

**49. Commencement**

Preconditions

49.1 This *Land Code* shall take effect if the community approves this *Land Code* and the Individual Agreement with Canada and this *Land Code* has been certified by the verifier pursuant to the *Framework Agreement*.

Commencement date

49.2 This *Land Code* shall take effect on the first day of the month following the certification of this *Land Code* by the verifier.

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Any portions of Samiajij Miawpukek Indian Reserve No. 1 within two areas of EXCLUSION shown on Plan 104003 CLSR as having an area of about 536 square metres (about 0.13 acres) and an area of about 1.10 hectares (about 2.72 acres) respectively.

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