





# First Nations National Land Registry Project Workshop – Progress Update

# PROPOSED CHANGES TO PRODUCTS & SERVICES HANDOUT

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This handout is intended to provide an overview of the current state analysis for the First Nations National Land Registry Project and reference material to the workshop noted above.

#### **SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO PRODUCTS & SERVICES**

National Land Registry for First Nations:

- 1. User Experience
- 2. Search & Retrieval Services
- 3. Registration Services
- 4. Land Register: a Register of Interests
- 5. Land
- 6. Land Laws

- 7. Information Products
- 8. Land-Related Record Services
- Data Services
- 10. Customer Support Services
- 11. Technology Services

#### 1. User Experience

- a. Web browser access: no Citrix.
- b. <u>One</u> unified user interface for external users: Citrix vs Public Web Site distinction will be erased. Permissions based on role will determine what capabilities users can access.
- c. **Streamlined, intuitive user interface**: only presenting features and data relevant to user role and task.
- d. **Accurate terminology**: reflecting real world concepts and using terms specific to First Nation where appropriate, e.g., aligning presentation of Register instrument types / interests with First Nation Land Code.

#### 2. Search & Retrieval Services

- a. **New searches**: by name of interest holder, by keyword, by civic address where available.
- b. **Register search integrated with map**: register lookup and information products accessible from map, location of register search results displayable on map.
- c. Unsurveyed parcels (CardEx Holdings) and interests: displayed with boundaries on map.
- d. **Survey Plans directly accessible**: within register system (not so today).

#### 3. Registration Services

- a. Standardized and published registration policies, practices, semantics
- b. **Online submission of applications by accredited professionals** in addition to online submission by First Nation Land Office staff.
- c. Parcel Map enabled: particularly helpful for subdivisions, new parcels, easements.
- d. **Paper submissions:** eliminated.

# 4. Land Register: a Register of Interests, not just a register of instruments

- a. **Interests** added, modified, transferred, relinquished/cancelled, expired through instruments. Historical interests not reconstructed, but full history of registered instruments retained.
- b. **Hierarchy of interests** explicitly tracked.
- c. **Priority of interests** explicitly tracked.
- d. **Self-aware register:** tracks parcels and reserves that have achieved 'state of interest' level.
- e. Real property explicitly identified for sub-PINs, e.g., building unit, parking lot

#### 5. Land - what is represented, and how

- a. **Single-PIN scheme:** for all First Nations parcels, including implied parcels in unsurveyed instruments, e.g., for short-term permits. NRCan SGB is open to idea of supporting parcel mapping and issuing PINs if mandate is properly established, processes re-engineered, and sufficiently resourced. ISC Registry PIN would be deprecated over time.
- b. Sub-PINs assigned NRCan SGB PIN: NRCan SGB is open to idea, as per qualifications above.
- c. **Accept graphical map representation for unsurveyed interests:** provided by grantors, vetted by First Nation, displayed in Parcel Map.
- d. **Comprehensive First Nation Parcel Map:** including parcels from various origins (surveyed, unsurveyed), states (registered, unregistered), and administration regimes, e.g., Excluded Lands that remain under the Indian Act.
- e. Excluded Lands reverted back to ILRS: they do not belong in Land Code Land Register.
- f. **Community Land vs Individual Held Land:** clearly distinguished in the Land Register.
- g. **Shared Reserves:** supported as a unique concept, administered under a Land Code, belonging to a group of First Nations.
- h. Yukon 'land set aside' supported: as a land concept that is distinct from a reserve.
- i. Remainder parcels: change subdivision survey practice to require new lot designation instead.

#### 6. Land Laws

- a. Land Code, law and bylaws registered at First Nation level: instead of against each reserve.
- b. Land Register configurable to align with land law terminology

# 7. Information Products

- a. **New Products:** 'state of' products and map-based products that show only the active interests.
- b. **Re-designed:** to highlight First Nation authority, precedence of Land Code and laws, present summary before details.
- c. **Layer-aware:** providing integrated view of interests (to extent they are defined) across layers: reserves, surface parcels, sub-PINs, easements.
- d. **Consolidated Products:** combine near-identical products, e.g, Band-Reserve Report and Reserve Details.

#### 8. Land-Related Record Services

- a. Direct access to external information sources: e.g., Canada Land Survey Records.
- b. **Extendable records:** capability to store land records provided by and significant to a First Nation that relate to registered interests, property and parcels.
- c. **Extendable maps:** capability to store land features provided by and significant to a First Nation.

#### 9. Data Services

- a. Register data export: to enable data feed to First Nation tools and systems.
- b. Map data export: that includes summary register data with links to full register data.

### 10. Customer Support Services

- a. **Published phone number:** to reach customer service agent.
- b. **Published customer support resources:** continually improved based on actively solicited customer feedback.

# 11. Technology Services

- a. **Secure APIs:** for authorized external systems to access register data, and for registry system to access external data provider systems.
- b. **Evergreen:** ongoing investment in services and technology to keep it up-to-date and to advance capabilities.