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Land Governance Office Strategic Workplan 2021- 2024

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INTRODUCTION

The <FN> Land Governance Office Strategic Plan was developed by staff and guided by the vision and direction of the Lands Management Committee (LMC), Chief & Council and most importantly the Community members.

There are key focus areas that stem from identified responsibilities under the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management* and the <FN> Land Code. The priorities are identified through several activities and documents. These activities and documents include: The <FN> Land Code, LMC Terms of Reference, LMC visioning sessions and the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management*.

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The strategic plan will be reviewed and updated annually by department staff. The plan will support the <FN> Land Code responsibilities by identifying any activities and deliverables which will be presented to the LMC for review, comments and recommendations to Chief and Council for final approval and implementation. The plan will support the <FN> Land Code responsibilities by identifying any activities and deliverables which will be presented to the LMC for review, comments and recommendations to Chief and Council for final approval and implementation.

RC Knowledge Sharing Services

The Resource Centre (RC) is committed to assist operational communities in identifying their priorities, needs, and work planning for successful implementation of their Land Code. Under the Training, Mentorship and Professional Development (TMPD) strategy, the RC continues to develop and deliver fundamental and technical Lands Governance training under the Framework Agreement.

The RC staff are available to assist communities directly in identifying their priorities, needs, and work planning. If you are interested in this service, we encourage you to contact us and we can set a time to discuss your needs and work to design specific workshops to provide capacity training for your community.

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LAND GOVENANCE OFFICE STRATEGIC PLANNING GUIDE

The following are samples, they should be reviewed against your land code and community needs

1. LANDS GOVERNANC	CE AUTHORITIES		
Priorities	Activities	Deliverables	Roles & Responsibilities
Year 1 – 2021/2022			Review LC
Land Code Authorities	Review the Land Code for authorities and responsibilities - Land Governance Chart	 Identify and confirm any delegations of Council authority and the Land Governance Director Identify the financial authorities and confirm accounting requirements Identify and confirm how the organizational chart supports the Land Governance Office Discuss and identify priorities for Land Code and Land Governance Office 	Land Governance Director (LGD) Council LMC
Year 2 – 2022/2023			
Land Code Authorities	Annual Review	Identify any updates	LGD, Council, LMC
Year 3 – 2023/2024			
Land Code Authorities	Annual Review	Identify any updates	LGD, Council, LMC
2. LANDS ADMINISTRA	ATION		
Priorities	Activities	Deliverables	Roles & Responsibilities
Year 1 – 2021/2022			Review LC
Land Registry System	 Identification of organizational and infrastructure requirements Prepare policy & procedure and template documents Revision and approval 	 Policy & Procedures document Land registry forms Encumbrance check & land status forms 	Land Governance Director (LGD) Council LMC
Interests & Licences	 Monitoring & Compliance - Identify actions by Minister under leases (rent review, insurance, etc.) Monitor active interests Create electronic inventory Develop schedule & forms for council review & approval Identify actions by Minister under leases (rent review, insurance, etc.) 	 Identify actions by Minister under leases (rent review, insurance, etc.) Implementation of electronic inventory Post approved land registry forms to website 	LGD Council

Surveys	 Budget & tools required Develop process and forms Add into policy or create law 	Metal detector	LGD
Year 2 – 2022/2023			
Land Registry System	Continued implementationMonitoring & maintenance	 Up-to-date & searchable registry system Documented issues as they arise 	Council LGD
Interests & Licences	Monitoring and compliance of electronic inventory	Monitor active interests	LGD
Year 3 – 2023/2024			
Land Registry System	Continue implementation Monitoring & maintenance	 Up-to-date & searchable registry system Documented issues as they arise 	Council LGD
Interests & Licences	Monitoring and compliance of electronic inventory	Monitor active interests	LGD

Priorities	Activities	Deliverables	Roles &
			Responsibilities
Year 1 – 2021/2022			Review LC
LMC Selection & Orientation	 Elections Distribution and review of orientation binders & LMC Terms of Reference (TOR) Oath of Office Update list of LMC members and bios 	 Participation in orientation session by all members Increased knowledge in area of land, resource and environmental governance/management 	Council LGD LMC
Roles & Responsibilities	 Clear understanding of LMC's roles & responsibilities under Land Code 	 update LC Authority Chart to better understand LMC's roles and responsibilities under Land Code 	
Community Information creating process	 Communicate to membership through website, flyers, mail outs & posters Community information session 	 Quarterly updates via newsletter Minimum of 1 community information session is held annually 	Council LGD LMC
Annual review creating process	 Creation of annual planning and review process Complete evaluation Revise strategic plan 	 Cohesive sense of direction Evaluation report Strategic Plan Easily accessible accountability structures 	Council LGD LMC
LMC training & professional development	 Identify training needs and training priorities Increase knowledge and skill base in a specific area Identify various topics of interest Identify budget Identify at least 1 workshop or course annually 	 Complete TMPD Individual Training Plan (contact RC) Record of completed course/activity (Knowledge Paths Tool) 	Council LGD LMC
Year 2 – 2022/2023			
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LMC training & professional development	 Identify various topics of interest Identify workshops or courses Identify budget Identify training needs & priorities Coordinate at least 1 workshop or course annually 	 Increased knowledge and skill base in a specific area Record of completed course/activity 	Council LGD LMC
Year 3 – 2023/2024			
LMC training & professional development	 Identify various topics of interest Identify workshops or courses Identify budget Identify training needs & priorities Coordinate at least 1 workshop or course annually 	 Increased knowledge and skill base in a specific area Record of completed course/activity 	Council LGD LMC

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Year 1 – 2021/2022			Review LC
Information Management	 Filing System Outline requirements i.e., space, equipment, legal for entire office Remedial measures to deal with current documentation Mapping out filing system Identify future needs: electronic file & mapping system, etc. 	 Needs assessment report Implementation of the filing system Archiving structure – indexing requirements 	Council LGD
Request for Files	Letter to ISC Workplan	Receive and record ISC files into LGO file system	
LMC	Orientation binder	Produce list of reserves and maps for LMC orientation binders	LGD
Needs Assessment	 Conduct needs assessment / gap analysis Infrastructure review (staffing, training, equipment etc.) Identify filing / archival requirements Explore opportunities for partnership and skill development 	Needs assessment completed with recommendations	Council LGD
Year 2 – 2022/2023			
Implementation	Begin implementing recommendations Seek additional funds for training and equipment	Established processes of infrastructure development - ready for annual review	Council LGD
Information Management	Development of policy & procedure for filing and data access/storage	Finalized policy & procedures for filing and archival system	Council LGD
Electronic Filing System – TBD	 Charting of electronic system layout and secured storage system Identification of infrastructure needs (software – search, tracking renewal dates, rent reviews, mortgages, insurance etc.) Equipment purchase Staff training & development 	 System map Storage & access policies 	Council LGD

Year 3 – 2023/2024			
Review & Evaluation	 Evaluation and revision of Needs Assessment (year 1) Development of expansion plan and mentorship program 	•	Council LGD
Information Management	Assessment of policy & proceduresMonitor information needs	•	Council LGD
Archival System	To Be Determined	Implementation of filing and archive system	Council LGD

5. ORGANIZATION ST	UDY / HUMAN RESOURCES MANA	AGEMENT	
Priorities	Activities	Deliverables	Roles & Responsibilities
Year 1 – 2021/2022			Review LC
Organizational Strategic Plan	 Assess current capacity Development and expansion plan Create organizational flow chart Identification of priorities, actions & deliverables for each area in the Lands Office 	List of identified priorities, actions & deliverables for each area in the Lands Office	Council LGD
	 Departmental Planning Capacity building proposal (xRef: education) Succession Planning and promotion Establish Mandate Creation of annualized work plans and operating budgets Develop skills and tools to engage in annual planning 	Projected organizational chart	Council LGD
Staff Training & Performance	 Review and update job descriptions Conduct annual performance reviews Staff Training and Development Plan Capture baseline data for each employee Updated job descriptions and compensation Trackable capacity 	 List of updated job descriptions Complete Individual Training Plans 	LGD
Year 2 – 2022/2023			
Organizational Strategic Plan	 Implementation of planned activities Begin collaborative interdepartmental planning 	 Annual planning situated within larger 5 year plan Established learning and development plans for staff 	Council LGD
Year 3 – 2023/2024			
Inter-office Policy development (fits with Administrative Policy development)	 Continued implementation and review (To Be Determined) Creation of desktop manual for each position 	Knowledge transferSuccession planning	Council LGD

6. FINANCIAL MANAG			
Priorities	Activities	Deliverables	Roles & Responsibilities
Year 1 - 2021/2022			Review LC
Administration create process	 Create departmental working group Structural mapping process – how it all fits together Identification of manual contents 	 Terms of reference for departmental working group Draft an outline of content manual/law Report to Council, LMC, Membership 	Council LGD
Fee Schedule	 Review if needed Billing and receipting process Policy to waive fees for members Identifying processing time Online requests 	•	
Operational Funding	 Ensure Tier funding and revenues been received Ask INAC for a breakdown of how Tier level was determined 	 Establish revenue account according to Land Code Determine potential to move categories in new OFF contributions 	Council / LGD Finance
Financial Management Processes & Procedures create process	 Review LC/FAL for legal requirements Departments to develop implementation plan/schedule Development of policy & procedures for Lands finances 	 Implementation plan/schedule completed Annualized budget templates Implementation of policy & procedures for Lands finances 	Council LGD LMC
Annual Audit	 review audit process and develop separate LC presentation(s) 		Finance
Rent Reviews	 xRef: Lands Administration collection system coordinate how to track receipts Lands, Lot/PIN Finance, Owner Taxation, Folio # 	system to track late fees, penalties and collection of outstanding accounts	Lands Finance Taxation
Relationships	 Property Taxation Assessment Authority		
Year 2 - 2022/2023			
Administration review process	Draft the content Revision	Creation of draft manual/law	Council LGD

Financial Management Processes & Procedures	Implementation	Implementing policy & procedures accordingly	Council LGD LMC
Year 3 - 2023/2024			
Administration - implementation	Revision	Manual introduction to all staff Implementation	Council LGD
Financial Management Processes & Procedures	Evaluation and review	Revision as required	Council LGD LMC

Priorities	Activities	Deliverables	Roles & Responsibilities
Year 1 – 2021/2022			Review LC
Successful Ratification Vote	CelebrationNewsletters, etc.		
Website, Branding & Brochures	Review and prepare materials	•	LGD Communications
3 rd Party Open House	Discuss need for a Lands Forum/Open House for professional community	Target date after guideline document is complete	LGD Property Tax Administrator Lawyer (TBD)
Newsletter	 Produce newsletter updating membership on issues and topics of lands, resources & environment 	Quarterly newsletter distributed to membership via internet, mail out	Council LGD LMC
Annual Open House	 Choose date, theme Confirm details Produce communication materials 	Host the Open House	Council LGD LMC
Annual Report to membership	Prepare an annual report to membership on all the lands, resources & environment activities for the year	Present report at Annual Open House	Council LGD LMC
Education (systems)	 Interactive tools Connectivity of membership and the land Document developmental and implementation process/progress 		
Evaluation of Community understanding of Lands, resources, environmental topics and issues	 Develop questionnaire or survey that gauges the level of lands, resources & environment issues, topics, governance etc. Distribute questionnaire or survey via mail out, email, put on website Host community information session Compile data Draft report 	Report outlining the results of the questionnaires/surveys and includes a list of recommendations for areas of focus for future communication initiatives	Council LGD LMC

Communication Strategy	Develop overall communication strategy based upon results of the previous report	Overall communication strategy completed	Council LGD LMC
Newsletter	Produce newsletter updating membership on issues and topics of lands, resources & environment	Quarterly newsletter distributed to membership via internet, mail out	Council LGD LMC
Annual Open House	 Choose date, theme Confirm details Produce communication materials 	Host the Open House	Council LGD LMC
Annual Report to membership	Prepare an annual report to membership on all the lands, resources & environment activities for the year	Present report at Annual Open House	Council LGD LMC
Year 3 -2019/2020			
Communication Strategy	Revise & update annually	Up-to-date communication strategy	Council LGD LMC
Newsletter	Produce newsletter updating membership on issues and topics of lands, resources & environment	Quarterly newsletter distributed to membership via internet, mail out	Council LGD LMC
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8. LAW-MAKING & EN	IFORCEMENT		
Priorities	Activities	Measurables	Roles & Responsibilities
Year 1 – 2017/2018			Review LC
Law-Making Process - create process	 Develop a work plan & budget Seek out funding sources Prepare funding proposals Establish working group Develop communication strategy Information gathering Develop checklist Draft law & appendices, maps Develop policy & procedures Develop templates Review approval process 	 Complete work plan & budget for review and approval Initiate law draft process documents Community meeting to introduce the final draft of the Law & Development Process Internal department orientation and introduction to draft law 	
Law Research	 Information gathering Review of existing <fn> laws</fn> Community engagement Draft law Review processes 	 Surveys/questionnaires completed & distributed Information session held Draft of law completed 	Council LGD LMC
Identify Laws Priorities	 Law Development Workshop (LABRC) Identify & Prioritize Laws Survey community (elders/youth mtgs, culture nights, community mtgs) 	 Hold workshop to assist with Identifying priorities (RC) Process to include cultural principles and language Development of policy and procedure 	LGD LMC Council RC
Enforcement	 Needs assessment for current enforcement needs Articulating processes based upon required structures under each law Exploration of partnership options 	Report outlining enforcement needs and recommendations	Council LGD LMC
Year 2 – 2018/2019			
Law Implementation - create process	Enact lawComplete implementation planPromote & education law	 Hold community information sessions Update website Distribute communication materials 	Council LGD LMC
Law Review - create process	 Formal review & enacting Prepare implementation, compliance & enforcement plan 	Law is enactedImplementation, compliance & enforcement plan completed	Council LGD LMC
Enforcement	Building capacity for enforcement		Council LGD

	Coordinating pieces under each law (budgets, staffing, resources, equipment, training etc.)		LMC
Year 3 – 2019/2020			
Law review - create process	 Conduct a comprehensive review of the short, med & long-term priorities of the law Assess, evaluate & revise as necessary Ongoing communication Preliminary expansion planning 	 Evaluation report outlining recommendations for areas to be updated Report back to Community 	Council LGD LMC

9. DISPUTE RESOLUTION			
Priorities	Activities	Measurables	Roles & Responsibilities
Year 1 – 2017/2018			Review LC
Dispute resolution panel - design	 Explore promising practices Identify possible partnerships for policy sharing Outline community participation Creation of policy and protocol Establish evaluation and oversight processes Skill development for panel members through workshops & courses 	 Draft policy including protocol and accountability structures Community information sharing which results in members being more informed about dispute resolution Increased knowledge & skill development in area of dispute resolution 	Council LGD LMC
Year 2 – 2018/2019			
Dispute Resolution Panel - Implementation	 Skill building and mentorship for panel members Community education 	 Fully functioning dispute resolution panel Increased community member understanding of dispute resolution Membership utilizing dispute resolution panel to resolve conflicts 	Council LGD LMC
Year 3 - 2019/2020			
Dispute Resolution Panel - Maintenance	 Ongoing skill development for panel members through workshops & courses Review & evaluate panel activities 	 Increased knowledge & skill development in area of dispute resolution Evaluation report with recommended areas for improvement & further development 	Council LGD LMC

10. NATURAL RESOURCE			
Priorities	Activities	Measurables	Roles & Responsibilities
Year 1 – 2017/2018			Review LC
Natural Resource Topics	 Environment Fishing/Water Timber Minerals Others Identify Needs 	 Identify Needs (Needs are identified) Research completed OR Research acquired 	Council LGD LMC
Timber Permit Regulations	 Information gathering Review existing permit processes – <fn>s, government</fn> Draft policy & procedures, templates 	 Final draft policy & procedures, templates Approvals obtained 	Council LGD LMC
Cemetery / burial sites	Ground water study	•	
Year 2 – 2018/2019			
Natural Resources Law	Implementation Communication	•	Council LGD LMC
Year 3 - 2019/2020			
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11. MAPPING			
Priorities	Activities	Measurables	Roles & Responsibilities
Year 1 – 2017/2018			Review LC
LMC	Reserve mapsProduce maps for LMC binders	Maps in the LMC binders	LGD
Needs Assessment	 Conduct needs assessment / gap analysis Infrastructure review (staffing, training, equipment etc.) Identify filing / archival requirements Explore opportunities for partnership and skill development 	Needs assessment completed with recommendations	Council LGD
Year 2 – 2018/2019			
Implementation	 Begin implementing recommendations Seek additional funds for training and equipment Establish processes for annualized review of infrastructure development 	Established processes for annualized review of infrastructure development	Council LGD
Year 3 – 2019/2020			
Review & Evaluation	Evaluation and revisionDevelopment expansion plan and mentorship program	•	Council LGD

12. TRADITIONAL TERRITORY			
Priorities	Activities	Measurables	
Trespass	•	•	Council
Natural Resources	•	•	Council
ATR / TLE	•	•	Council
Specific Claims	•	•	Council
Other	•	•	Council
13. OTHER ISSUES RAISED			
Issue	Activities	Measurables	
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