

Striking a Balance:

Harmonizing Economic Development
and Lands Protection



FIRST NATIONS
LAND MANAGEMENT
RESOURCE CENTRE

Overview

These discussion points aim to foster a comprehensive exploration of the challenges and opportunities in integrating economic development and land protection within Land Use Planning under the Land Code.

Land Use Planning & Economic Development

- Land use planning is an integral part of a community's economic development.
- Proper land use planning can help your local economy develop by:
 - Protecting important community assets that are needed for economic development.
 - Offering a way forward that is clear, predictable and coordinated for everyone involved.
 - Improving the physical characteristics of a community as a place to live, work and do business.

Good land use planning can optimize the use of a community's land and natural resources, which can lead to community growth, efficient provision of infrastructure and services, community well-being and economic development.

Community Discussion Panel



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- 1) Integration of Economic Goals** - How can Land Use Planning under Land Code authority help to integrate economic development goals while maintaining environmental sustainability?
- 2) Community Involvement** - Did the Land Use Plan or other planning processes / documents help to align community values and environmental protection goals with economic development initiatives?
- 3) Identifying Priority Areas** - How did your First Nation identify priority areas for economic development within the context of land protection goals? Opportunity based, or FN-led? How can potential conflicts be mitigated?
- 4) Sustainable Resource Management** - Discuss approaches to sustainable resource management. Is there potential to use the proceeds of economic development to support sustainable community growth? and to protect against the community impacts of boom or bust economics?