

Community Panel Discussion

Innovation in Land Use Planning



Overview of Panel Discussions

Land use planning within First Nation communities is not just about determining where buildings or roads should go—it's about reshaping the way we interact with the land, embracing Indigenous knowledge, and decolonizing traditional planning processes.

In these panel discussion, we'll explore the critical intersection of land use planning, focusing on strategies to center First Nation perspectives, challenge colonial frameworks, and empower communities to reclaim governance authority over First Nation lands.

Community Decision-Making Processes

First Nation Jurisdictional Authority

Technology Integration

Climate Resilience & Adaptive Planning

Innovation in Land Use Planning: Community Decision-Making Processes



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- Do traditional land use practices, cultural values, and teachings influence modern-day land use planning? Has land use planning contributed to the preservation of cultural heritage within First Nation lands?
- 2. How are community members actively involved in the planning process, are there any examples of unique or new engagement approaches you have used?
- 3. Can you share examples of successful collaborations or partnerships between First Nations and external stakeholders in land use planning initiatives?
- 4. Have you been able to use planning to promote sustainable development on First Nation lands? Any examples you would like to share?

Innovation in Land Use Planning: First Nation Jurisdictional Authority



Malahat Nation

 Melissa Tokarek Director of Lands



Leq'a:mel First Nation

•Stephen McGlenn Director, Lands & Natural Resources Governance

- 1. What opportunities exist for First Nations to lead and influence regional land use planning decisions that affect First Nation lands?
- 2. How do First Nations collaborate with neighboring jurisdictions in regional land use planning initiatives, and what are the benefits and challenges of such partnerships?
- 3. What role do agreements with other governments (First Nation, federal, provincial, municipal) play in facilitating cooperation and coordination between your First Nation and adjacent jurisdictions in regional land use planning?
- 4. How do First Nations ensure their governance authority and self-determination are respected and upheld in 'collaborative' planning processes?



Health Break

Innovation in Land Use Planning: Technology Integration



Kwantlen First Nation

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Ditidaht First Nation

 Monty Horton Lands Administration Consultant



Dokis First Nation

 Randy Restoule Lands Administrator 1. How can emerging technologies, such as GIS mapping and remote sensing, enhance traditional planning practices on First Nation lands?

2. What are some successful examples of utilizing technology to facilitate community engagement and decision-making processes in land use planning?

3. In what ways can Indigenous knowledge systems be integrated with modern technological tools to create more holistic and culturally appropriate land use plans?

4. What are the key considerations and potential challenges associated with incorporating technology into planning efforts, and how can these be addressed?

Innovation in Land Use Planning: Climate Resilience & Adaptive Planning



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- 1. How does climate change impact your First Nation? Have traditional land practices been affected, have you been able to use land use planning processes to address these challenges?
- 2. Can you share examples of innovative strategies used by First Nations to integrate climate resilience and adaptive planning into proposed development projects or planning documents?
- 3. How do First Nations navigate balancing economic development with climate resilience goals? Is your LUP an effective tool to regulate development through a climate change lens? If not, what has been the most effective tool?
- 4. What role does traditional ecological knowledge play in developing climate-resilient land use plans?
- 5. How can partnerships between First Nations, governments, and other stakeholders enhance climate resilience efforts in land use planning?