




# NCN LANDS, ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES



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*As stewards of the land, and based on the lessons learned from our past, traditional practices and our Elders, we work together as a self-sufficient people to ensure respect of the land, of customary laws and principles and of traditional knowledge. Our strong land governance system allows us to balance our material and spiritual needs, understand the interconnectedness of everything, and ensure the sustainability of our land, culture and people.*

*~ NCN Land Use Vision*

# LER 5 Year Strategic Road Map

- Achieve a self-sufficient operation – implement new & outstanding agreement obligations
- Capacity and trained workforce in all program areas of LER
- Protection of Treaty & Inherent Rights and enhance teaching our traditional way of life
- Increase overall land base – maximize economic benefits from reserve lands and resource based development through Assertion
- Strong Governance & Management systems in place for Ketaskinow

# LER Program Areas include:

- Land Code & Environmental management planning and implementation
- Resource management planning (1996 CIA - Article 6)
- Lands administration and information management
- Land additions (TLE, NFA, additions to reserve)
- Resource- based economic development (commercial fishing and trapping)
- Land Guardian and Special projects, research and development



# Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation Lands, Environment and Resources Department Operational Governance Structure



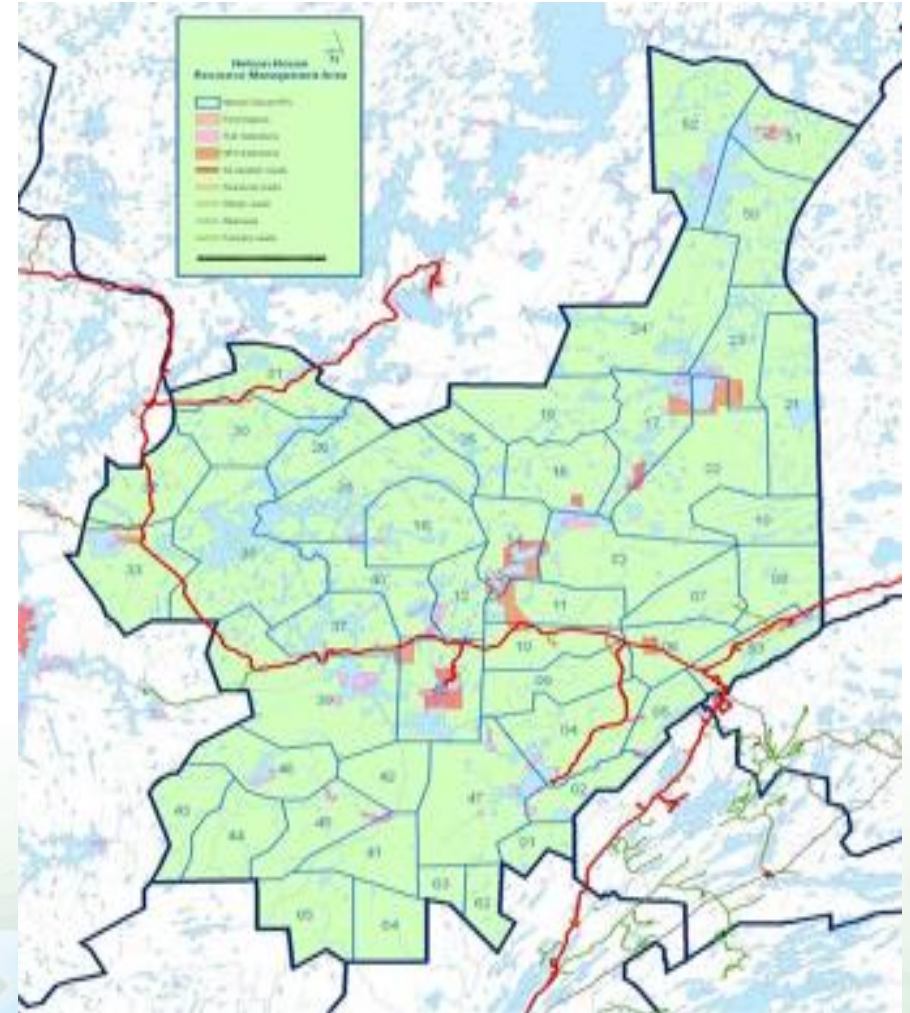
# Goals of the LER Department

- Strengthen lands governance
- Community engagement and input
- Field work and research
- Information systems, including digital mapping (GIS), electronic filing and geo-database
- Strong local administrative and management capacity
- Strong administrative policies and procedures



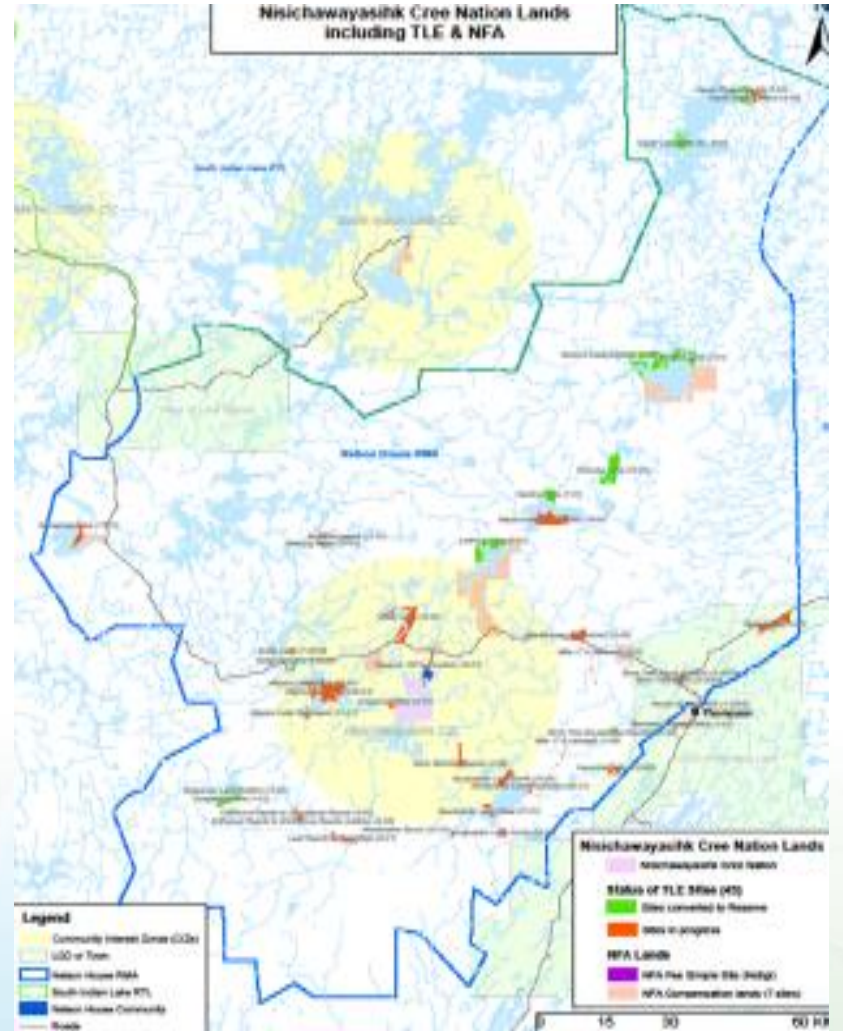
# NCN Resource Management Area

- 48 RTLs
- 5.6 million acres
- 22,000+ Square kilometres
- Traditionally family-based trapping
- RTL boundary defined
- 1996 settlement agreement



# NCN “Reserve Lands” within the RMA

- Existing reserve IR 170: 15,000 acres
- Settlement agreement lands: 65,000 acres
- Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE): 60,000 acres
- Mystery Lake Property: 4.2 acres
- Total: 140,000+ acres





# Land Use Planning Includes:

- Policy Framework & Mapping to Guide Decision Making
- NCN Identity & Assertion - Identifying culturally important sites, assertion of our occupancy, food security, water control
- Where can development occur? what are “no-go areas” no development
- NCN Indigenous Park Area(s) – ex. Leftrook watershed, North RMA
- Collecting both traditional knowledge and computer-generated mapping for future use – Occupancy/Data sovereignty



# LER Priorities/Functions

- Asserting NCN sovereignty, rights and titles to lands and resources
- Ensuring NCN data (such as maps, studies, surveys, interviews) remains NCN data
- Managing and monitoring lands and water
- Teaching the history of NCN people and local lands, waterways, resources
- Preserving our way of life
- Protecting our sacred and ceremonial sites, medicines, plants, species and habitats, waterways



# Funding Sources (2022-23 Estimates)

## • External Funding – 57%

- FN Lands Management Initiative (Land Code) - \$283,313.00 (ISC)
- ISC Waste Management Initiative - \$183,500.00
- Treaty Land Entitlement Committee - \$68,250.00
- Nature United - \$112,000.00 funding approved LUP (to March 31, 2024)
- ECCC - \$175,000.00 approved (2022-23)
- Indigenous Leadership Initiative - \$30,000.00
- Manitoba - \$0 ???

**Total: \$852,063**

**Note: only stable annual funding (primarily proposal term and project based funding)**

## • NCN Internal Funding – 43%

- RMB CAP/CIP - \$50,000.00
- Country Foods CAP/CIP - \$150,000.00
- Fisheries CAP/CIP - \$150,000.00
- Trapping CAP/CIP - \$100,000.00
- Land Guardians CAP/CIP 2022 - \$43,000.00
- CAP/CIP Environmental Management - \$45,000.00
- CAP/CIP Aski Governance - \$91,912
- Own-source revenues \$0 → potential source(s) industry, provincial resource revenue sharing, licenses/fees/permits etc, contract opps

**Total: \$629,912**

**TOTAL: \$1,481,975** (57% external, 43% internal)

# NH Resource Management Board Overview

- Resource Management Board established under Article 6 of March 1996 settlement agreement – “co-management board” of four Manitoba reps and four NCN reps
- Mandate of Board is to develop land use plan and resource management plan(s)
- Review and monitor activities in RMA
- Research and development
- Consult with leadership and community on resource activities



# Nelson House Fisherman's Association (NHFA)

## Overview

- Provides employment opportunities
- Mitigates and subsidizes NCN fishers through 1996 NFA Implementation Agreement compensation
- Helps access Employment Insurance benefits between seasons
- Assists expansion into global markets (FWFMC??)
- Initiate Business Plan?



# Country Foods Program Overview

- Provides food to Elders, low-income Citizens and those facing difficulties
- Supplies equipment, supplies and transportation expenses
- Helps with social, cultural and ceremonial activities
- Offers employment opportunities to high school and post-secondary students
- Maintains Leftrook Lake camping facilities
- Food security



## Trappers Association Overview

- Manages fur subsidies
- Provides materials for cabin repairs for trap line lineage holder
- Offers start-up costs for groceries, equipment and gas (to be paid back)
- Offers loans to help trappers purchase snowmobiles, with terms
- Maintains bush and ice trails
- Teaches workshops for NCN Citizens



# The NCN Land Guardians Program Overview – Stewardship

- Monitors Ketaskinow
- Observes & reports environmental concerns (water, land, species)
- Patrols areas of priority, noting history and current status – data collection/land use & Occupancy
- Promotes responsible management and restoration of lands and waterways
- Implement Plan(s)/Policies – enforcement through education & awareness







# The NCN Land Guardians Program cont'd.

- Revitalizes Cree place names
- Revitalize, Protects sacred & historic sites
- Reclaims culture, traditions & language
- Strengthens governance and nationhood over NCN lands and resources
- Implements NCN Land and Resource Plans, permitting/fees
- Promotes healthy land and water, and positive lifestyles



# Priority Actions/Projects & Initiatives - Next Steps

## • **Ketaskinow (Territorial) – Resource Based**

- Approval & Implementation of territorial LUP
- NCN Mineral management strategy (“Resource Management Plan\*”)
- Indigenous parks initiative – Leftrook Lake Watershed (ex. National park)
- ATR’s and TLE/NFA – add new lands owed
- Establish an NCN consultation unit to develop and implement a consultation process and policies – *“Tawinamakewin”*
- Treaty Land disparity claim – potential \$100-300 million claim for land disparity with Treaty 5 provisions – NCN Received 25% of land all other # treaty(s) received (160 acres per family of 5 vs 640)
- Resource Corp – Entity to facilitate own source revenues

## • **Land Management (Reserve Lands) – Reserve Land Based**

- Community land use planning IR 170 – Land Code
- Environmental management plan
- Waste management planning
- Land Law development, leasing, EMP, etc.
- Legal & administrative framework(s)
- Land Corp – Entity to facilitate own source revenues



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