

# Land Use Planning

RC Training, Support & Resources Workshop

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# Introduction

A First Nations organization dedicated to serving and supporting First Nations communities who want to re-establish control over their lands, natural resources, and environment through the historic government-to-government *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management*.

RC was established by the LAB to undertake its technical responsibilities to FNs, through:



*"Supporting First Nations to exercise their Inherent Right to govern their Lands, Environment and Resources."*



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# *What is Land Use Planning under Land Code?*

**A community driven process rooted in the Land Code authority to help a First Nation governing body make decisions and plan for the future of your lands & resources.**



## Land:

- A Land Code authority applies to First Nation Reserve Lands (or “Lands Set Aside” in the Yukon)
- First Nations also plan for other types of land (fee-simple, ATR/TLE, Territorial or Aboriginal Title lands, etc.)
- Lands governance includes environmental issues, political issues, servicing issues and often go beyond reserve boundaries. As such reserve-based LUP’s under a Land Code often look beyond reserve boundaries.

## Use:

- Land-uses typically refers to residential, commercial, industrial, traditional uses, natural areas, etc.
- Different land-uses have unique impacts on the land and different planning considerations.
- Important to understand Community’s current relationship to the land as well as this relationship in the past.
- “Land Use Planning” is largely a recognized term for First Nations operating under Land Code. It is an important and useful term as people typically understand what it means.
- Where possible, we encourage First Nations to use a community-specific approach to lands planning. For example, the RC can provide support towards the use of traditional language and concepts in your Community’s planning processes which support the decolonization of lands governance.

## Planning:

- First Nations using their Land Code authority to prepare for the future and respond to land-management issues.
- Identifying a community Vision and moving forward collectively to achieve that Vision
- Engaging and empowering community members to be part of Lands Governance decision-making
- Using community identified values and principles to guide decision-making by a First Nation

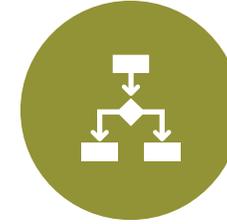
# Why does Land Use Planning matter?



INFORM, INVOLVE &  
EMPOWER  
COMMUNITY VOICES



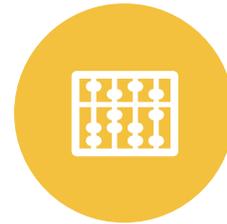
LOOK TO THE FUTURE,  
AND BENEFIT FROM  
SELF-GOVERNMENT



IMPROVE DECISION  
MAKING AND  
INCORPORATE TECHNICAL  
EXPERTISE AND  
COMMUNITY VOICES



ESTABLISH COMMUNITY  
VISION FOR DESIRED  
FUTURE



IDENTIFY ISSUES,  
PREFERENCES AND OPTIONS  
THAT MATTER TO YOUR  
COMMUNITY



PROMOTE UNITY, BUY-IN, AND  
PARTICIPATION IN LAND RELATED  
PLANNING

# Why does Land Use Planning matter?



INTEGRATE PLANNING  
ACROSS DEPARTMENTS  
AND FUNCTIONS



REVITALIZE  
INDIGENOUS  
APPROACHES TO  
PLANNING AND MOVE  
AWAY FROM THE  
INDIAN ACT



IMPROVE PLANNING  
STRUCTURES &  
PROCESSES



MAKE BEST USE OF  
LIMITED RESOURCES  
AND CAPACITIES



PRACTICING GOOD  
GOVERNANCE &  
PLANNING BUILDS  
CONFIDENCE AND  
CAPACITY



PROMOTE  
SUSTAINABILITY,  
CLIMATE RESILIENCE &  
EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT

# Land Use Plan Funding

## **Purpose:**

- Support the creation of Land Use Plans for First Nations operating with a Land Code

## **Funding priorities:**

- Operational First Nations with no Land Use Plan
- Operational First Nations with an old or outdated Land Use Plan
- In rare cases, developmental communities transitioning away from the *Indian Act*

## **Over \$4 million in approved funding for over 40 First Nation Land Use Plans!**

- 2018/19 – 12 projects approved, \$1,090,000 allocated funding
- 2019/20 – 20 projects approved, \$1,784,187 allocated funding
- 2020/21 – 11 projects approved, \$1,240,250 allocated funding
- 2021/22 – call-out for Expressions of Interests will be issued soon!

# SUPPORT

Training,  
Mentorship &  
Professional  
Development  
(TMPD)  
Strategy



LUP WORKSHOPS



LUP ONLINE COURSES



LAND GOVERNANCE  
MANUAL – LUP CHAPTERS



KNOWLEDGE REPOSITORY  
– LUP RESOURCES



DIRECT COMMUNITY LUP  
SUPPORT



## Community Planning Workshops

- Audiences include: Committee, Council, Staff and community members
- Example topics: LUP 101, Planning & Governance under Land Code, Connecting LUP and CCP, Integrating Planning, LUP Implementation, etc.

## LUP-related policy and Law development

- Land Use Designation/Zoning Laws, maps and policies
- Development procedures
- Sustainable development and Climate Resilience

## Planning Advice

- Planning process design & scoping
- Working with consultants (designing and issuing Requests for Proposals)
- Community engagement support (e.g., surveys, questionnaires, mapping)
- Developing, sequencing and integrating plans
- LUP Implementation and work planning



LAND USE  
PLAN



SUPPORT

# Common challenges with LUP and how we can help



COMMON LUP CHALLENGES	HOW THE RC CAN HELP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lack of internal planning capacity</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Webinars, workshops, 1-on-1 support</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Uncertainty regarding the role of a professional planner (RPP), what information or technical studies are needed to inform a LUP</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assistance with creating and issuing Requests for Proposals (RFP), scoping and designing the LUP process</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lack of support from Leadership</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Workshop with Chief &amp; Council on why LUP matters, the role of leadership in planning under Land Code</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Multiple plans and no formal planning structure</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Support in formulating your community's planning structure, how Land Use Plans relate to other plans (e.g. EMP, CCP)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Plan implementation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Support in using your Land Code authority to implement your Land Use Plan including law development</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Financial resources</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>RC Land Use Plan funding opportunities</li></ul>



**The Resource Centre (RC) can provide planning support based on your Community's needs.**

**If you have a specific LUP issue or challenge that has not been identified here, please reach out to your local RC support technician to let us know how we can help!**

# Questions & Discussion



# SUMMARY - How to access support

## First Nation Requests Support



**RC Support  
Technicians  
/ Managers**



## Land Code Governance

GIS &  
Traditional  
Knowledge

Communication  
& Public  
Relations

Environment

Surveys &  
Legacy Issues

Land  
Registry

Land Use  
Planning

Solid Waste  
Management

Law  
Development &  
Enforcement

LGM &  
Knowledge  
Path Tools