

Kitsumkalum Land Management Committee

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Welcome to the July issue of the Land Management Committee Newsletter. As part of our mission we are looking for ways to communicate more effectively with our community members. We hope you'll take a minute to read our updates and let us know what you think.

ABOUT US

Our Committee was established in April 2017 to represent members interests in First Nations Land Management initiatives. We have eight members: Jeanette Spalding, Charlene Webb, Troy Sam, Lisa Wesley, Wayne Bolton, Allan Bolton, Charlotte Guno and Yvonne Wesley.

We have a coordinator/planner Mag de Grace and First Nations Land Management Resource Centre personnel Patti Wight working alongside us.

COMMITTEE PROGRESS

In an effort to guide our work and describe our committee's values and beliefs, we have developed a series of guiding principles. These guiding principles are a "work in progress", and will change over time with community feedback and committee progress.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Land and Resource management on Kitsumkalum reserve lands will:

- be driven by Kitsumkalum First Nation as leaders, stewards, and decision makers on the land.
- foster and nourish Kitsumkalum culture, identity, and tradition today and into the future.
- ensure healthy and functioning ecosystems-providing for a productive natural environment that supports an abundance of fish, animals and plants for the Kitsumkalum way of life.
- promote economic activity, providing employment opportunities and contributing to a prosperous self-sufficient community.
- evolve and adapt to changing environmental conditions and environmental hazards.
- emphasize our people as stewards of the land conserving and protecting sensitive environmental and cultural places.
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- be guided by a framework providing greater certainty across the land base and upholding the values and considerations of membership.
- pursue ways to increase our land base and further provide for our membership.
- seek ways to develop recreational infrastructure (trail, parks, etc.) in the community.



We've also developed a *Communication and Engagement Strategy* to establish our approach to keeping the community engaged and informed. This will include hosting open houses and community events, distributing monthly newsletters, having an interactive website, etc. We look forward to understanding what you know about a Kitsumkalum Land Code, and what you want to know!

PROJECT UPDATE

LAND CODE

Using our guiding principles as a framework, the drafting of a Kitsumkalum Land Code will soon be underway! The Land Code will outline how land management on reserve will be structured. Don't forget that the Land Code requires community approval - our vote date is tentatively scheduled for the Spring of 2018.

We've created a timeline that describes what we'll be doing during each phase of this project. Take a look and feel free to contact us if you want to learn more.



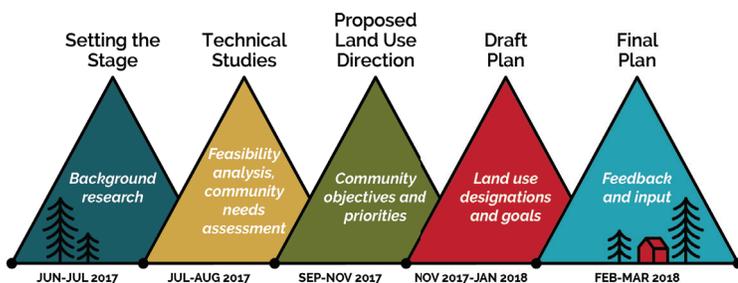
Did You Know

A Land Code is not a Treaty or comprehensive self-government agreement.

COMMUNITY LAND USE PLAN

Our Community Land Use Plan project is now underway. We've hired a community planning firm, EcoPlan, to support our work. John Ingram and Holly Andrews, both from EcoPlan, came out for a visit on July 20th. They met with our Land Management Committee, connected with leadership and staff, and spent some time getting to know our community. Over the summer, we're going to be working with them to carry out background studies and get ready for the next stage of the project: community engagement. We'll be hosting a few community events and meetings in September and October, so stay tuned through the summer!

We also want to acknowledge the previous land use planning work undertaken by the Treaty office and through our Comprehensive Community Planning process. This work required extensive community engagement which will guide our Land Use Plan project moving forward.



CONTACT US

Follow our progress and watch for your opportunity to provide feedback and review our draft documents on the Kitsumkalum webpage!

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Land Committee Member Profile: Troy Sam

Troy joined the Land Management Committee to help the community transition towards a self-sustaining and self-governing role in land and resource management. He hopes to see Kitsumkalum align with other communities that are successfully operating under their own Land Code. Troy is an advocate for sustainable and responsible land and resource management, especially when it comes to the forests!

