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Land Use Planning Overview

Outline

- Introduction to Land Use Planning
- Land Use Planning Examples
- NALMA Land Use Planning and Survey Units



Part 1: Introduction to Land Use Planning



Land Use Planning

What is Land Use Planning?

The process of planning a scientific and orderly allocation of land, community resources, facilities, and services with a view to maintaining and improving the physical environment and the economic and social conditions of the community.

- NALMA Land Use Planning Toolkit, 2017



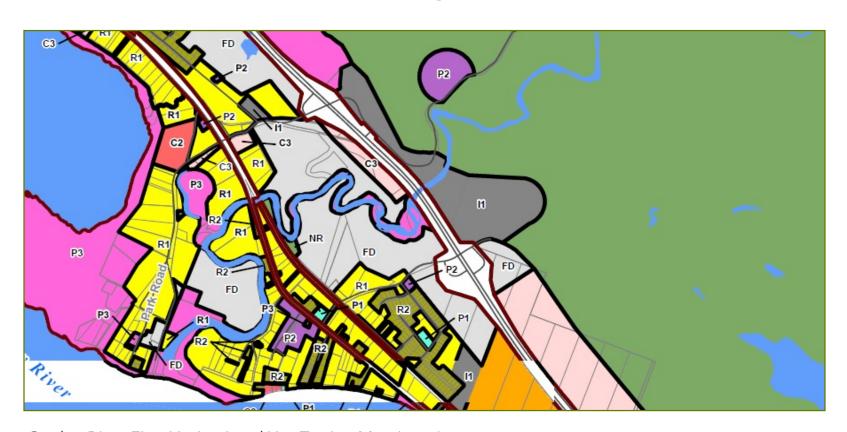
Why is Land Use Planning important?

Land Use Planning is important to enable First Nations to reach their unique goals for their lands. Each First Nation must articulate a vision for their future, develop an appropriate plan, and then work towards making that plan a reality.

This will allow a First Nation to:

- ensure sustainable development
- affirm rights
- establish community values on the development of their lands
- determine the future use of natural resources

Where should Land Use Planning apply?



Ideally all the lands of the community or beyond.

Garden River First Nation Land Use Zoning Map (2015)

When is Land Use Planning required?

.... all of the time!

It is not mandatory, however it is best practice for a First Nation to implement a Land Use Plan

- Particularly when planning and projects are being developed
- A LUP should be ongoing and evolve as required

Who develops a Land Use Plan?

... the whole community participates.

However there must be leadership:

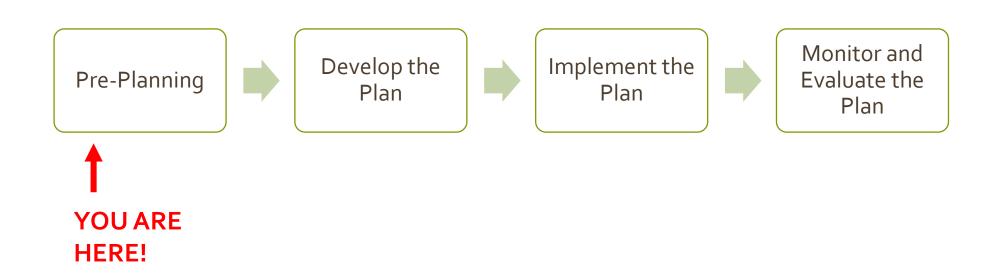
- A designated person, such as the Lands Manager, and (or),
- A committee made up of representatives from the major departments of the FN administration, council representation, and community members

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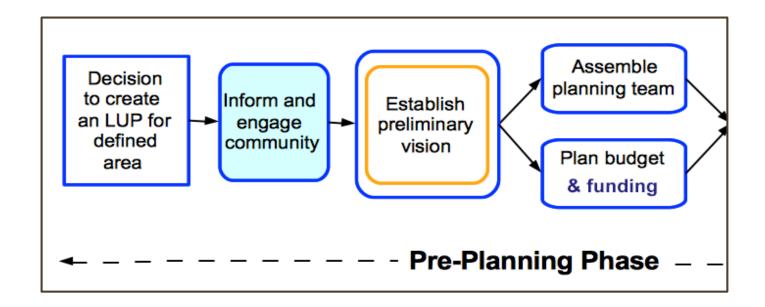
How do you develop a Land Use Plan?

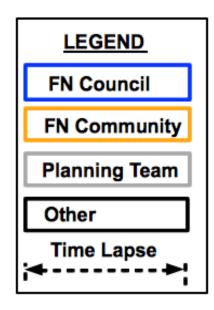
- Base it on long-range goals with multi-generational points of view
- Link it to other community initiatives such as:
 - Economic Development
 - Environmental Concerns
 - Infrastructure Improvements
 - Community Growth
 - Community Social and Cultural needs
- Make it transparent and easily understood
- Involve the membership at each step

Basic Structure of a Land Use Plan:



Pre-Planning Phase





A LUP will describe a community's vision and policies on how lands and resources should be used to meet the immediate and long-term needs of the community. Engaging the members in a variety of ways will not only encourage support and acceptance, but will be a source of solid suggestions.

Land Use Planning compliments other aspects of land management, such as:

Environmental Management

• Planning the use of the land in a way that does not damage the land, water, or air, and conforms to environmental legislation.

Land Surveys

- Planning the use of lands or parcels requires that the land is surveyed.
- A survey is strongly recommended before subdividing or building on the land.

Traditional Territory Mapping

- Identify lands that hold traditional significance
- Outline the extent of your community's traditional territory
- Can apply to past, present, or future land uses

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Traditional Territory Mapping

Land Use Planning may also apply to **Traditional Territory**, and can help the community to assert rights and values on the development of that territory.

Land use planning and mapping can help to...

- Document elders' oral history before more knowledge is lost.
- Determine shared use areas and reconciling boundary conflicts between neighbouring aboriginal communities.
- Provide evidence for court cases involving aboriginal rights and title.
- Negotiate co-management agreements.
- Negotiate protective measures and benefits from industrial development.
- Determine probable impacts of development.
- Provide baseline data for long-term community planning and resource management.
- Support administrative programs such as land use permitting.
- Develop education curricula

Tobias, T.N. 2000. Chief Kerry's Moose. Union of BC Indian Chiefs and Ecotrust Canada

Things to think about...



- Where are there traditionaluse lands?
- Where are there forests?
- Where is there water?
- Where are infrastructure improvements needed?
- Is tourism an option?

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Part 2: Land Use Planning Examples



Land Use Planning Examples

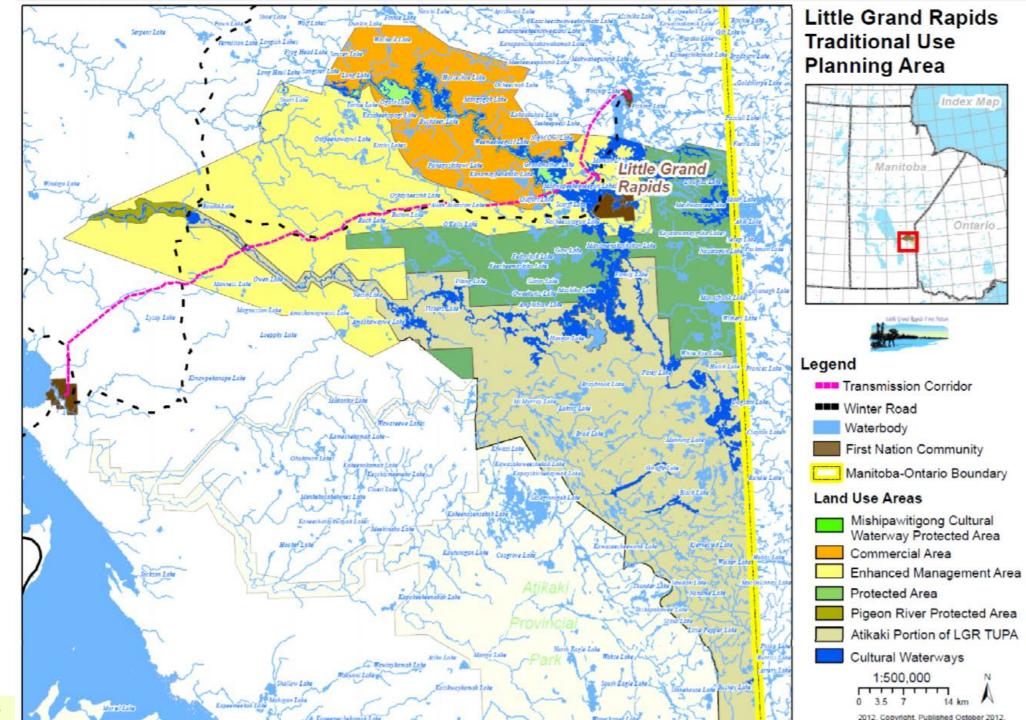
Little Grand Rapids First Nation



Lands Management Plan, October 2012

http://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/lands_branch/pdf/nikes/lgr_fn_final_lands_mgmt_plan_nov2012.pdf

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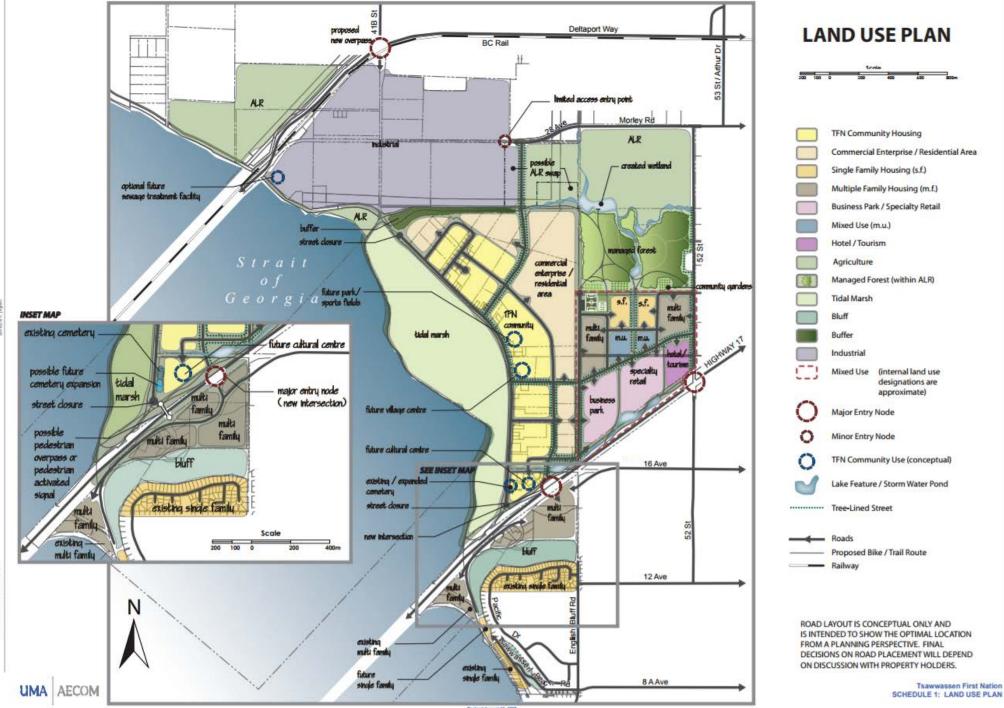
Tsawwassen First Nation



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January 2009 Land Use Plan

http://www.tsawwassenfirstnation.com/pdfs/TFN-About/Information-Centre/Strategic-Planning/TFN_Land_Use_Plan.pdf



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Wahnapitae First Nation

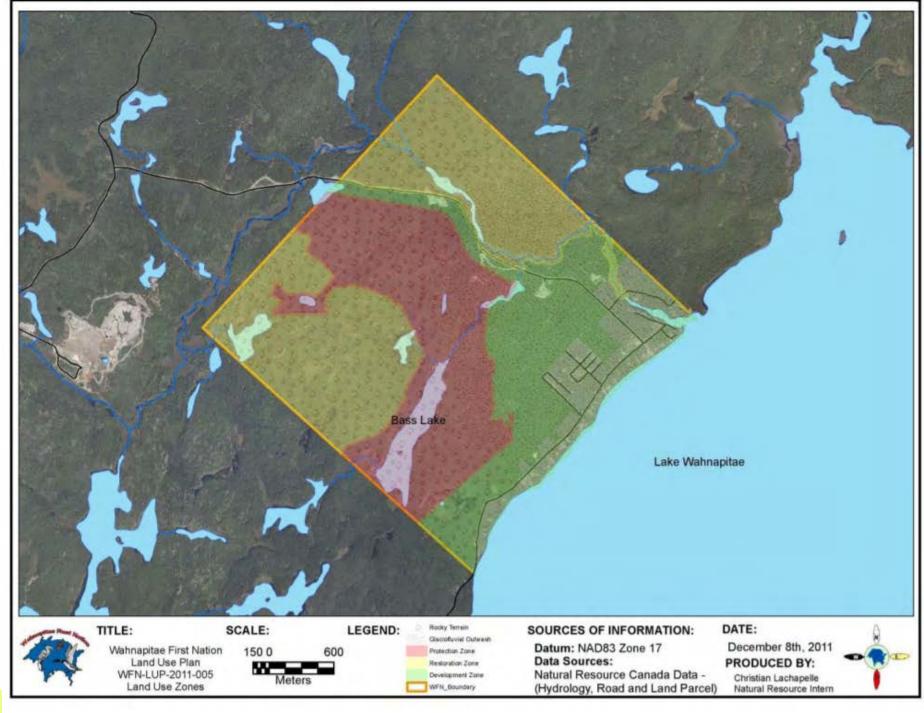


November 2014 Ecosystem Based Land Use Plan

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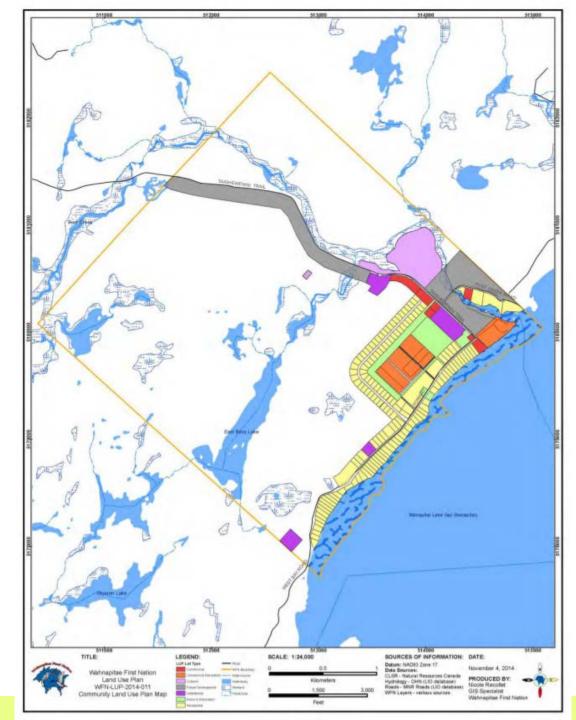
Wahnapitae First Nation Land Use Zones:

Protection Zone
Restoration Zone
Development Zone



Wahnapitae First Nation Land Use Plan:

Commercial
Commercial Recreation
Cultural
Future Development
Institutional
Parks and Recreation
Residential





Part 3: NALMA Land Use Planning and Survey Units



NALMA

Bringing Lands Managers Together



Mission

A national organization of First Nations Lands Managers which will actively network towards the enhancement of professional development and technical expertise in the functions of Lands Management and which will also incorporate First Nation values and beliefs in Lands Management always keeping in mind the grass-root practices when dealing with Lands Management.

NALMA Objectives

DEVELOP

 Systems of lands management mechanisms and models which can be used by all First Nations

PROMOTE

 The incorporation of First Nation values, culture, and beliefs into Lands Management systems and processes

PROVIDE

Technical expertise and guidance to First Nations regarding lands management issues

• PARTICIPATE

• In the development and implementation of First Nations policies and procedures

NALMA Members

NALMA's 8 **Regional Lands Associations:**



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NALMA Land Use Planning and Survey Units

The NALMA Land Use Planning (LUP) Unit was launched in 2017 to address the need for LUP support. This unit conducts outreach activities, provides direct technical training, support services and capacity building opportunities to assist First Nations in the development of Land Use Planning.

In addition, the LUP Unit collaborates with the **NALMA Survey Unit** to administer contracts for survey projects identified from the land use planning process.



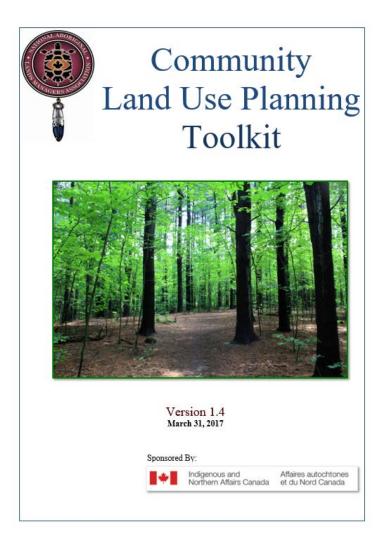


The LUP Unit provides the following services:

- Training workshops
- Community site visits
- Advisory services
- Referrals
- Providing information and tools
- Identifying funding support
- and more!

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Community Land Use Planning Toolkit

- The toolkit has been developed by NALMA as a practical aid for First Nations' use in developing a Land Use Plan for their community.
- Culture, tradition, type of regime, experience, available resources, and the wishes of the community are all factors that must be considered to help determine the type and extent of the Land Use Plan.

2017 LUP Toolkit Training Sessions:

Toronto, ON

August 15-17, 2017

Winnipeg, MB

September 19-21, 2017

Calgary, AB

October 3-5, 2017

Quebec, QC (Bilingual)

November 28-30, 2017

2018 locations will be announced soon. For more information visit www.nalma.ca

INAC Land Use Planning Initiative Funding Application

- Accepts applications throughout the year
- The NALMA Land Use Planning Unit can offer support for application completion



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