



Tseil-Waututh Nation

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Introduction

On June 6, 2007, the Tseil-Waututh Nation ratified their Land Code under the First Nations Land Management Act. This effectively transferred land management responsibilities under the *Indian Act* (25% of the *Act*) and the Minister of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs (INAC) to the Tseil-Waututh Nation. As a result, the Tseil-Waututh Lands Office was established by the Council to assist in the management and administration of Tseil-Waututh Lands.

The Lands Office is part of the Department of Administration & Public Works and has 4 full-time staff members: Lands Manager, Lands Officer and two Lands Clerks.

Our Services

Our mandate and responsibilities are set out in the Tseil-Waututh Nation Land Code and our main role is to ensure that the Land Code is fully implemented and operational. Under the Land Code, we have five main areas of responsibility:

1. Tseil-Waututh Lands Registry:

- All registration and recording of interests or licenses (e.g. assignments of subleases, mortgages and mortgage discharges) in Tseil-Waututh Reserve lands must be approved by the Lands Office to be registered in the First Nation Land Register System (FNLRS).
- We also provide title searches (Parcel Abstract Reports), survey plans and copies of registered documents as requested.

2. Planning & Land Development:

- Development Planning: Review and approval of land development proposals in accordance with Tseil-Waututh by-laws and legislation.
- Long-Range Planning: Comprehensive Community Planning Visioning, Land Use Plan and Zoning By-laws.
- Administration of community, leasehold, and individual allotment lands.

3. Environmental Management:

- Tseil-Waututh Nation is responsible for monitoring, managing natural resource extraction and enforcing environmental protection and assessments on Tseil-Waututh reserve lands.
- Development of an "Environmental Management Agreement (EMA)" under the *First Nations Land Management Framework Agreement* will plan how the Nation will enact environmental protection laws, including identifying timing, resource, and inspection and enforcement requirements.

- As a first step towards a full EMA, environmental site assessments and development of environmental management and natural resource extraction policies are currently underway.

4. Policy, By-laws and Legislation Development:

- Land, environmental and resource-related policies, by-laws and legislation.
- Matrimonial Real Property Law – meeting the legislative gap for dividing matrimonial real property on reserve lands in a culturally appropriate manner.
- Development of mechanisms to enforce Tsleil-Waututh by-laws and legislation.

5. Community Engagement & Capacity Development:

- Consultation with Tsleil-Waututh members, youth and elders on land management through workshops, meetings, communications and committees.
- Develop capacity of committee members & staff to become facilitators and leaders to involve the community in an innovative and engaging manner.
- Provide and seek out opportunities for Council, staff, committee members, youth and general membership to gain knowledge and understanding of land and resource management on Tsleil-Waututh reserve lands.

Lands Advisory Committee

- Purpose is to advise Lands Office staff and make recommendations to Council on laws, policies, resolutions and procedures on Tsleil-Waututh land and resource management.
- The Committee consists of 6 elected community members and 1 appointed Council representative.

Comprehensive Community Planning Steering Committee

- The Committee consists of 10 community volunteers who are leading the development of a long-term comprehensive vision for the future of the community on Tsleil-Waututh reserve lands.
- Staff has been working with the Committee on capacity and team building, leadership development, and expanding their planning toolkits to enable the committee to engage the membership in the visioning process.

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