



Kitsumkalum Land Management Committee

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Welcome to the October 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 values and interests in our community's land management initiatives. We have seven members: Jeanette Spalding, Charlene Webb, Troy Sam, Lisa Wesley, Wayne Bolton, Allan Bolton and Yvonne Wesley. We have been working tirelessly on a *Community Land Use Plan* and *Kitsumkalum Land Code* to bring to you, the community, for your review and input!

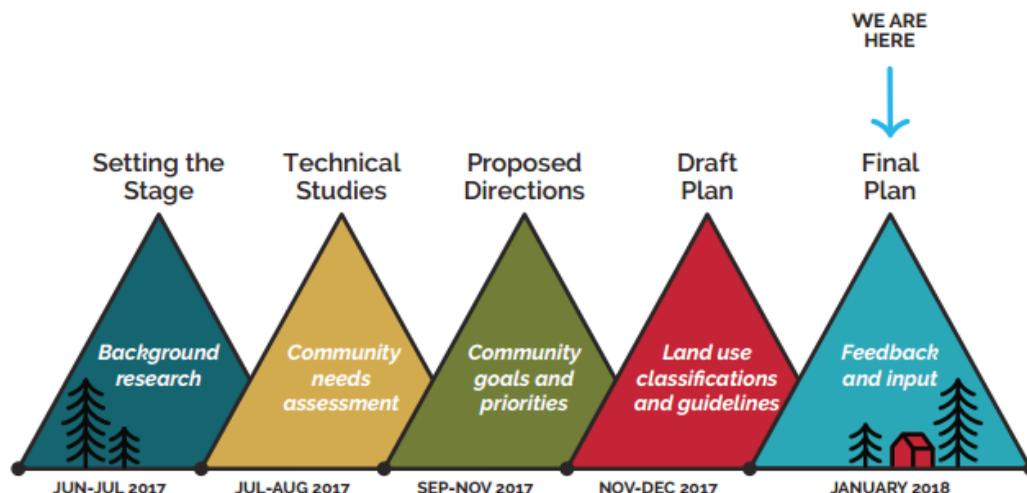
PROJECT UPDATE

Community Land Use Plan

We started working on this project last June, and are currently in **Phase 5: Feedback and Input**. We have a draft Land Use Plan in place (check it out on the website) and we're aiming for community review and approval by March 2018.

Our Community Land Use Plan provides overall direction and guidance for land use and development in the community. It achieves this by:

- Outlining where what kinds of development (e.g., housing, community facilities, economic development) will be permitted where on our reserves.
- Identifying important cultural and environmental sites to be protected (e.g., streams and creeks, archeological sites) from development.
- Outlining a clear and transparent review process for new development on Kitsumkalum reserves.





With the plan in place, we'll be able to make more coordinated decisions about land development, which will help us to move forward more quickly with important community projects.

Kitsumkalum Land Code

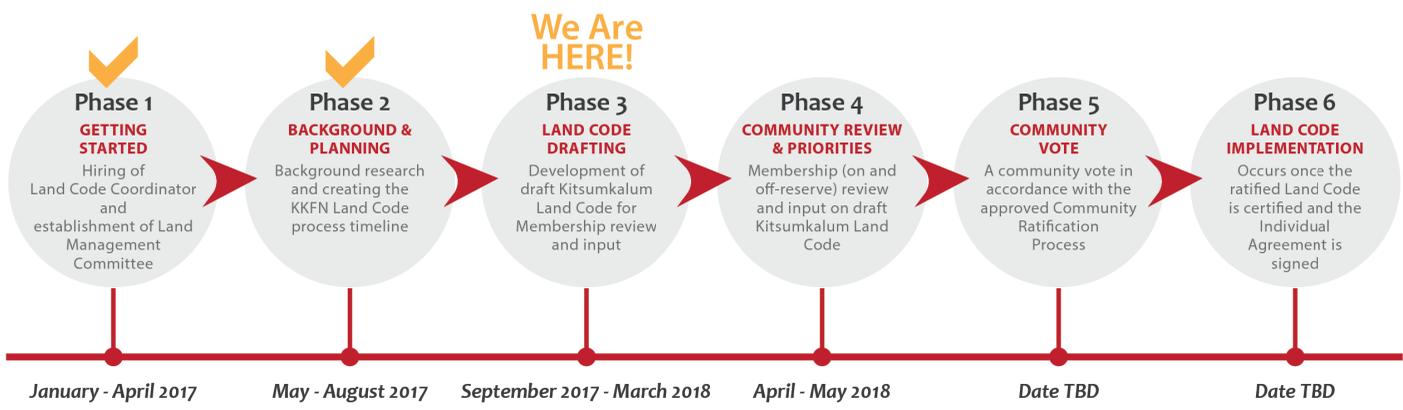
We started working on this project last May, and are currently in **Phase 3: Land Code Drafting**. Once we have a draft Land Code we will provide several opportunities for community review and feedback.

If approved, our Land Code will replace the 32 sections of the Indian Act that deal with land management and the granting of interests and licences such as leases, permits, CPs. This means that Kitsumkalum will be responsible for the day-to-day management of Kitsumkalum reserve lands according to the rules and processes that our members set-out in the Kitsumkalum Land Code. Right now, under the Indian Act, it is the Minister of Indian Affairs who has the ultimate authority to approve activities on Kitsumkalum reserve lands.

A little on the Framework Agreement on First Nations Land Management...

As a signatory to the Framework Agreement we have the option to govern our reserve lands outside the Indian Act under our own Kitsumkalum Land Code.

This option to regain control of our lands and resources can only be undertaken with the consent of our community.



The Land Code project and Community Land Use Plan project are separate, but connected. Basically, our Land Code will provide us with the responsibility and authority to manage our lands out from under the Indian Act, while the Community Land Use Plan will provide direction on how lands can be used and where.

CONTACT US

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

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