



Kitsumkalum Land Management Committee

MAY 2018

Welcome to the May 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!

Our Projects

Community Land Use Plan

We started working on a Community Land Use Plan last June and are pleased to announce that we are in the final stage of this project. In April we provided an overview of our draft Plan to Council and are now interested in what you have to say. Find our Draft Community Land Use Plan and your opportunity to feedback on our website here:

<http://www.kitsumkalum.com/kitsumkalum-community-land-use-plan/>

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, archeological sites, important habitat) from development.
- ✓ Outlining a clear and transparent review process for new development on Kitsumkalum reserves.

With our Land Use 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 the development of a Kitsumkalum Land Code in May 2017 and are currently in **Phase 3** (see diagram below). Once we have a draft Land Code we will provide several opportunities for community review and feedback, before bringing it to the community for a vote.

Land Code Process Chart





We would like to thank all of those who attended our April 17th Land Code Community Information Session where our guest speaker Jason Campbell spoke to the experiences of Seabird Island First Nation and their Land Code. Community engagement is a cornerstone to the development of our Land Code, so stay tuned for upcoming events.

Our involvement with the Framework Agreement on First Nations Land Management represents an important step in self-sufficiency and self-determination. Communities that join the Framework Agreement and approve a Land Code take on responsibility for the day-to-day management of their reserve lands. This provides us the opportunity to develop our own rules and processes according to our own values and traditions.

Our Committee looks forward to developing a Land Code which would be an alternative to land and resource management under the Indian Act and remove the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada as the ultimate authority to approve activities on Kitsumkalum reserve lands.

Find out more about the Framework Agreement or our Kitsumkalum Land Code on our website here:

<http://www.kitsumkalum.com/kitsumkalum-laxyuup/land-code/>

Land Management Committee Member Profile – Charlene Webb

Hello, my name is Charlene Webb. As a band member I signed up to be part of the Land Code Committee. I wanted to be part of the “Change” and the first step starts with each of us.

I wanted to be part of the land code, because I can see the benefit of the Land Code for



Kitsumkalum, I feel this is a step in the right direction.

At the end of the day we all want to protect the Land, Air, Water and Animals. This can happen with our own land code.

You ask yourself “What is a Land Code”? Short answer; Having our own land code will empower Kitsumkalum Band Members to have a say in how we govern the Reserve land.

I am looking forward to hearing from you the membership on what you would like to see in our Kitsumkalum Land Code.

Thank you.

Get Involved

If you want to learn more about our projects or get involved, here are the ways to connect with us!

- ▶ Attend a Land Management Committee Meeting, or talk to a Committee Member
- ▶ Visit Mag, our Land Code Coordinator, at the Economic Development Office email her at land.planner@Kitsumkalum.bc.ca, or phone her at 250 635-5000 ext. 107.
- ▶ Visit our website at www.kitsumkalum.com
- ▶ read this monthly newsletter

CONTACT US

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

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