Kitsumkalum Land Management Committee

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Welcome to the June 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.

KITSUMKALUM LAND CODE

We are happy to report that we are in the final steps of having a draft Kitsumkalum Land Code. In the next few weeks our Land Code will undertake a legal review process to ensure it is ready to bring to you, the community.

If approved by our community, a Land Code would be a base land law for Kitsumkalum. The sections of the *Indian Act* that deal with land management would no longer apply, and Kitsumkalum would be able to develop our own laws, processes, and procedures for how our lands are managed. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) would no longer be involved in land management decisions on reserve lands.

As part of the Land Code process, we are also finalizing an Individual Agreement. The Individual Agreement is connected to the Land Code but is a different document. The Individual Agreement sets out the specifics of the transfer of jurisdiction for the management of reserve lands from Canada to Kitsumkalum. It covers details such:

- the reserve lands to be managed by Kitsumkalum;
- the specifics of the transfer of the administration of land from Canada to Kitsumkalum; and,
- the funding to be provided by Canada to Kitsumkalum.

A third document we are generating is the Community Ratification Process or CRP. This is a document that outlines the procedures we will follow leading up to, during, and immediately following a Land Code vote. It is an important document describing how to vote, where to find information, as well as the roles and responsibilities of vote officials. We have two vote dates on the table:

- Fall 2018; or
- Spring of 2019

Once the vote date is finalized, watch for an announcement.

As we move into the summer months we will be heading into our engagement phase of the project. The engagement phase will include community events and information sessions, as well as opportunities for community members to review the Kitsumkalum Land Code and provide input. **We look forward to hearing what you have to say!**

Our Land Code webpage has been updated! It provides useful information, updates on project activities, and outlines upcoming events. Visit our website July and August for your chance to win an iPad mini.

www.kitsumkalum.com/kitsumkalum-laxyuup/land-code/

KITSUMKALUM LAND USE PLAN

We have completed our work on the Kitsumkalum Community Land Use Plan. The Plan is an important tool to ensure that growth and development in the community meets our unique needs and values. A Land Use Plan outlines our land use goals and objectives as well as provides guidelines to ensure developments (such as new buildings) in the community, are consistent with our social, environmental and cultural values.

Find our Land Use Plan here: www.kitsumkalum.com/kitsumkalum-laxyuup/community-lup/

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