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DID YOU KNOW WE WILL BE VOTING ON A KITSUMKALUM LAND CODE AND INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENT?

Welcome to the August Issue of the Land Management Committee Newsletter. This issue is dedicated to providing you with what you need to know about voting on a Kitsumkalum Land Code. Discover why we are voting, what we are voting on, and how we vote. We hope you will take a minute to read this newsletter and get back to us with any questions or comments.

ABOUT US

Our Committee was established in April 2017 to represent member's 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

Over the past year our committee has been working on a draft Kitsumkalum Land Code. Our Land Code provides an overall framework for land management in the community, and an alternative to land management under the *Indian Act*. In the coming months, the draft Land Code will undergo a legal review, then be brought to the community for your review and input. Once we feel that the Kitsumkalum Land Code is acceptable to the community, we will hold a community vote.

**Ways to Vote
when it's time!**



In person



Electronically



By Mail



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✦ Why are we voting?

Framework Agreement on First Nations Land Management establishes a process for communities to opt out of the land management sections of the *Indian Act* by replacing it with their own land management system – designed and approved by their own community members.

Basically, Kitsumkalum members will be voting to indicate whether they support moving out from the *Indian Act* and transitioning to First Nations Land Management.

✦ What we are voting on?

Members will be voting on two documents – the Kitsumkalum Land Code and Individual Agreement. Here is a brief description of both documents:

Land Code – a base land law for Kitsumkalum that replaces the sections of the Indian Act that deal with land management on reserve.

Individual Agreement – sets out the specifics of the transfer of jurisdiction for land management from Canada to Kitsumkalum such as the funding to be provided by Canada.

When our community votes on a Land Code and Individual Agreement we are voting on whether we want land management control and jurisdiction over reserve lands or we want to remain under the land management sections of the Indian Act.

✦ When Is the Vote?

The vote could be the fall of 2018 or the spring of 2019, depending on when the community feels ready and how work progresses over the summer. Watch for an announcement when the vote date is finalized!

✦ Who can Vote?

The Kitsumkalum Land Code and Individual Agreement will be approved if the majority of Kitsumkalum members who cast a ballot, vote to approve the documents and that this is at least 25%+1 of the total number of eligible voting members.

✦ How do we vote?

We are in the process of developing a Community Ratification Process (CRP) to guide our voting process. Once in place, the CRP will outline voting processes and procedures leading up to and following the vote. Our CRP currently outlines three ways to vote:

- **In Person**
- **Electronically**
- **By Mail**

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If you are interested in learning more about the Land Code project, please contact us!

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