

LUP – Sample FAQ Sheets

This document includes three sample FAQ sheets. They are intended as a quick introduction to the subject of Land Use Planning, answering questions that members are likely to have.

These FAQ sheets are provided as examples only of what can be given to members at the outset of the process to inform them about what a Land Use Plan is, about the how the First Nation will be going about the task of developing a Land Use Plan, and finally the specifics of the Land Use Plan for your particular reserve.

Each example is one sheet long, possibly using both sides, but no longer. The samples provided here have some suggested answers. Some are left blank, shown as (A), as they will be best answered specifically for your situation. As well, you may want to add or remove questions to suit your particular needs.

The three FAQ sheets are:

- Frequently Asked Questions about Land Use Plans (LUP)

- Frequently Asked Questions about a Land Use Planning Process

- Frequently Asked Questions about a Land Use Plan on our Reserve

Frequently Asked Questions about Land Use Plans (LUP)

(Q) What is a Land Use Plan (LUP)?

(A) The process of planning an orderly allocation of land, community resources, facilities and services with a view to maintaining and improving the physical environment and the economic and social conditions of the community.

(Q) What are the benefits of an LUP?

(A) The whole community benefits because the LUP can proactively implement positive change, while also protecting the priorities and values of the community for future generations. This change can include such things as economic development, protection of traditional use lands, maintaining a sound environmental program.

(Q) Why is an LUP important?

(A) Land use planning is a tool for moving towards sustainability through long-range planning and through balancing the well-being of the environment with the social and economic well-being of the residents

(Q) Why do we need a LUP?

(A) To better manage resources; to identify areas of opportunity; to identify and resolve any problems with the land as it is currently being used.

(Q) How will it affect me as a land holder?

(A)

(Q) How is an LUP developed?

(A) Once a vision is established for the future of the reserve, input from the community is analyzed along with a mapping and surveying of the land, then goals are defined.

(Q) Is the Community normally involved in the development of an LUP?

(A) Yes, through meetings with members of the community, open houses, information surveys and community meetings.

(Q) What types of information will be collected from the members?

(A)

Frequently Asked Questions about a Land Use Planning Process

(Q) Will the Community be involved in the process?

(A) Yes, through meetings with Elders, open houses, membership surveys and community meetings.

(Q) Who will be involved in planning process?

(A) Chief and Council, the Planning Committee, and the community at large

(Q) Who will be on the Planning Committee?

(A) Representative from Lands, Economic Development, Environment; a planner; a surveyor; an Elder; a youth representative; legal counsel.

(Q) How will the Planning Committee be selected?

(A)

(Q) Who is responsible for LUP / communication strategy / review process?

(A)

(Q) How much will this cost?

(A)

(Q) How is it funded?

(A)

(Q) What is the timeline to develop the plan?

(A) 1 to 3 years (depending on funding)

(Q) Will there be a vote on the final plan?

(A)

(Q) How will the plan be ratified?

(A)

(Q) As a living document, how often is the LUP document reviewed and updated?

(A) The LUP, as a living document, can be adapted to changing needs, opportunities, and problems. The ongoing progress will be reviewed annually and the plan will be updated according to the findings of the review.

Frequently Asked Questions about a Land Use Plan on our Reserve

(Q) Which lands are included in the Land Use Plan?

(A) See attached map of the current areas including: residential, commercial, industrial, environmentally sensitive, and cultural/traditional uses.

(Q) Will the Land Use Plan also include traditional territory?

(A)

(Q) What will our LUP address?

(A) The plan will address allocation of land, community resources, facilities, and services with a view to maintaining and improving the physical environment and the economic and social conditions of the community.

(Q) Will we lose reserve land if it is zoned commercial?

(A) No, the land will still be part of the reserve lands.

(Q) Will it affect current CPs / custom allotments?

(A) No, current CPs and custom allotments will not change.

(Q) Why do we need it now?

(A)

(Q) How will the LUP be implemented?

(A) The document includes an Action Plan that prioritizes projects; as well procedures and policies will be put in place for implementing projects with by-laws to ensure compliance to regulations.

(Q) How will the community be updated?

(A) Information will be provided through our website, our newsletters, and through social media.

(Q) How can the community be engaged so that members can provide input ?

(A) The community's input will be sought through meetings with Elders, open houses, membership surveys; community meetings will be held to discuss progress and answer questions. You can also contact the Lands Office at any time.

(Q) Will we be sharing the LUP with neighbouring communities or others?

(A)