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LAND GOVERNANCE COMMUNITY PROFILE FORM

The [Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management](#) (Framework Agreement) is a government-to-government agreement for signatory First Nations to opt out of the 33 lands related sections of the *Indian Act* and to replace those sections with their own legal framework, referred to as a land code. First Nations who become operational under their own land code take on full law-making authority and administration of their reserve lands, environment, and natural resources. The Framework Agreement recognizes First Nations' inherent right to govern their lands. Funding is available to support First Nations who are signatories to the Framework Agreement and are engaged in the activities of the developmental or operational phases of implementation.

This form has been jointly prepared by the Lands Advisory Board (LAB), First Nation Land Management Resource Centre (Resource Centre) and the Government of Canada as a tool to assist:

1. First Nations in reflecting on community drivers and other important considerations in developing and implementing a land code;
2. the Resource Centre in assisting with land code development and implementation support; and
3. Canada in allocating pre-capacity, capacity, and developmental funding.

The responses provided in this form will promote greater understanding of each First Nations' unique situation, planning in the developmental phase and will help utilize capacity investments to maximize benefit.

Additionally, funding for related support programs may be available from time to time through [Indigenous Services Canada](#) or [Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada](#) (CIRNAC). Contact your regional office for more information.

First Nations interested in learning more about the Framework Agreement can contact the [Lands Advisory Board](#) or [First Nations Land Management Resource](#) at:

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This form is divided into 6 parts:

- Part 1: Community Priorities
- Part 2: Land and Environmental Governance
- Part 3: Land Management and Administration
- Part 4: Environmental Management
- Part 5: Economic Development
- Part 6: Other



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This form has been completed by _____ First Nation and submitted to
_____ on _____ (YYYY/MM/DD).

This form was approved by: _____

The individual to contact for additional information is:

Name, Title: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email Address: _____

Part 1: Community Priorities

1. First Nations adhere to the Framework Agreement for various reasons. Please identify some of your community's priorities, such as moving away from *Indian Act*, moving toward self-government, increased community participation, quicker decision-making, economic development, environmental protection, etc.

Part 2: Lands and Environment Governance

Your answers to the questions below will assist in understanding your community's communications and engagement strategies.

1. a) How does your community engage on-reserve members? Check all that apply:

- Community meetings
- Webcast/livestream meetings
- Social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
- Website
- Radio
- TV channels
- Newsletters
- Emails
- Mail
- Posters
- Other (please specify): _____
- None of the above



b) How does your community engage off-reserve members? Check all that apply:

- Community meetings
- Webcast/livestream meetings
- Social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
- Website
- Radio
- TV channels
- Newsletters
- Emails
- Mail
- Posters
- Other (please specify): _____
- None of the above

2. a) Have there been any recent discussions at council or community meetings about becoming a signatory to the Framework Agreement?

- Yes
- No

b) Are there any further meetings planned to discuss self-government?

- Yes
- No

c) Are there any indications of community support? If yes, please specify.

3. Have your Chief and Council had a presentation from the Lands Advisory Board, the Resource Centre and/or Indigenous and Northern Affairs Regional staff?

- Yes
- No

If not, would you like to schedule one?

- Yes
- No



4. Does your council have a portfolio system for the following? Check all that apply:

- Lands
- Environment
- Economic development
- Self-government
- Other (please specify): _____

5. Does your council have any advisory committees for the following? Check all that apply:

- Lands
- Environment
- Economic development
- Self-government
- Other (please specify): _____

Part 3: Land Management and Administration

Your answers to the questions below will assist us in better understanding your community's experience with land administration, any known land-related matters that may facilitate or hinder land code development/implementation and identify additional program supports for which you may be eligible.

1. Does your community have a land office? Check all that apply:

- Physical land office
- Referrals Office
- Tribal Council Services
- Maintain lands files
- Other (please specify): _____
- None of the above

2. Does your community have a land manager and/or other staff responsible or involved in land management? Check all that apply:

- Land manager
- Land committee
- Councilor responsible for land management
- Other (please specify): _____
- Not applicable/none

3. Have any of your current staff members involved in land management participated in land governance/management training, workshops and/or hold degrees in relevant post-secondary or professional designations? Check all that apply:

- Lands Advisory Board's Resource Centre
- National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
- Post-secondary (please specify): _____
- Professional designation (please specify): _____
- Other (please specify): _____
- None of the above



4. Please describe your community's current approaches, priorities and goals for land administration. This may include: land use planning, surveys, emergency planning, leasing, commercial, industrial and residential development, among other things.

5. Does your community regularly utilize or currently adhere to a plan that could support land administration? Check all that apply:

- Land Use Plan, Year completed _____
- Comprehensive Community Plan, Year completed _____
- Economic Development Plan, Year completed _____
- Other (please specify): _____
- None of the above

6. Outstanding land issues (e.g. external reserve boundaries, land/road ownership uncertainty, utility issues, etc.) do not impact a First Nation's eligibility to be a signatory to the Framework Agreement. However, depending on their complexity, they may contribute to delays for First Nations in finalizing the developmental phase and implementing the operational phase. Please provide the status of all known outstanding land issues on your reserve.



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7. The Framework Agreement does not affect Treaty or Aboriginal Rights, Additions to Reserve, Treaty Land Entitlements or Specific Claims processes. As these separate initiatives could increase your community's land base, please describe the status of all applicable processes listed above as well as any full self-government or treaty negotiations.

Part 4: Environmental Management

Your answers to the questions below will assist us in better understanding your community's experience with environmental management, any known environment-related issues that may impact land code implementation and identify additional program supports for which you may be eligible for.

1. Please describe your community's current approaches, priorities and goals for the environment. This may include: environmental management plan, species at risk inventory, contaminated site management, 3rd party activity monitoring/compliance, dumping prevention, among other things.

2. Does your community have an environmental plan? If so, how current is it and when was it completed? Is it being adhered to/utilized?



3. Does your community have an environment officer and/or other staff responsible or involved in land management? Check all that apply:

- Environment officer
- Environment office
- Environment committee
- Councilor responsible for the environment portfolio
- Other (please specify): _____
- None of the above

4. Environmental matters (e.g. contamination, environmental damage, erosion, etc.) do not impact a First Nation's eligibility to become a signatory to the Framework Agreement. However, depending on their complexity may contribute to delays for First Nations in finalizing the developmental phase and implementing the operational phase. Please provide the status of all known outstanding environment issues on your reserve.

5. Has your community completed any environmental site assessments within the last 5 years? If so, describe the outcome of these assessments and status of their management.

Part 5: Economic Development

Your answers to the questions below will help us better understand your short-term and long-term economic development goals, and identify additional program supports for which you may be eligible for.

1. Please describe your community's current and planned economic development activities. This may include: private partnerships, municipal and provincial partnerships, existing businesses, business arrangements, planned projects, among other activities.



2. a) Does your community have an economic development officer and/or corporation?

- Economic development officer
- Economic development corporation (if applicable, describe structure below)
- Other (please specify): _____
- None of the above

b) If so, what is the governance structure (e.g. board of directors)?

Part 6: Other

1. Does your community have any municipal service agreements in place? If so, please select from below:

- Water
- Fire
- Sanitation
- Enforcement
- Other (please specify): _____
- None of the above (please specify): _____

2. Aggregation is available to First Nations as a way to pool resources, create economies of scale, and increase service delivery efficiencies. Has your community discussed the possibility of either joining an existing aggregate or creating one with other interested communities? If so, please provide the details of these discussions.

3. Are there any additional comments or information you would like to provide?