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2021 Lax Kw'alaams Band Land and Natural Resource Management Plan Updates

What is a Land Use Plan?

Lax Kw'alaams is beginning the process of updating its Land and Resources Plan (the Plan[™]). Lax Kw'alaams Plan was approved in 2004 by leadership, and now 17 years later it is due for an update. This Plan contains management goals for Lax Kw'alaams traditional territory and includes a wealth of traditional knowledge, and communicates Lax Kw'alaams vision for land and resources – please see traditional territory map below.



Figure 1 2004 Land and Natural Resource Management Plan

A "land use plan" fits a community's desires and values together, ensuring that all desires and goals for lands and territorial resources are respected. Land use planning can work at different levels. The Plan works to help Lax Kw'alaams manage the territory in a way that sustains lands and resources for present and future generations. The Plan also sets out cultural, environmental, economic, and natural resource values.



In addition to balancing community values, land use planning allows communities to decide how much land they want to make available for new development, if any at all. When a new development proposal comes in, the land use plan can be used to evaluate the new development against the community's stated values.

The land use plan also provides peace of mind, and a clear long-term plan. A long-term plan will show proponents how to act, and will aim to assure community members that their ancestral lands are managed as respectfully as possible for current and future generations.

As the planning process progresses, there will be opportunities to participate. Please watch this space for more information!

Please share your thoughts on the land use plan update by filling out our survey. You can access the survey at the link below:

https://ca1se.voxco.com/SE/111/LaxKwalaams_LNRMP/

Hard copies of the survey are also available at the band office. The Survey will be open from February 26, 2021 to March 31, 2021.

Website: <http://www.laxkwaams.ca>

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