



Fisher River
LANDS & RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY PASSES LAND CODE

Fisher River Cree Nation has signed an agreement with Canada called the Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management.

This agreement results in the recognition of our inherent rights to govern our own reserve lands and natural resources.

The agreement was originally signed by the Government of Canada and 13 First Nations in 1996.

By signing the agreement, we agreed to develop our own Land Code (or Land Laws). Now approved by membership through a community vote, the Federal Government will no longer be involved in the management of Fisher River Cree Nation reserve lands.

The Council and Land Governance Director along with membership will work together when making land and

resource management decisions, while recognizing the current hereditary river lot system.

Fisher River Cree Nation recognizes that environmental and stewardship support is necessary and there needs to be a hands-on approach in order to protect our waters and our land from any kind of contamination and environmental hazards. This support is not restricted to Fisher River Cree Nation lands but to all the shared traditional territory of the Fisher River Cree people.

The Land Code is the tool to create land laws specific to Fisher River and will replace the 44 land management provisions of the Indian Act.

LANDFILL REMEDICATION PROJECT UPDATE

JR Cousin Consultants Ltd. (JRCC) has completed a Landfill Remediation Project for the Fisher River Cree Nation, in accordance with the proposed community development plan. Abandoned landfill sites on Lot 77/78 and Lot 22/23 will be remediated and waste hauled to the active landfill site expansion on Lot 3. JRCC conducted site investigations to identify the extents of the buried waste at each of these abandoned sites and prepared the Remediation Plan and the Landfill Expansion Design. The sites will conform to residential/parkland use once the remediation works are completed.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

JR Cousin Consultants Ltd. (JRCC) has prepared an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the Fisher River Cree Nation which branches off of the recently adopted Land Code. The EMP establishes long-term goals for environmental sustainability on the reserve, by incorporating the community's concerns on environmental issues and providing practical response plans. JRCC conducted a community survey and organized a community meeting to discuss concerns among band members that were incorporated in the plan.

MEMBERS TAKE PART IN ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING

Message from AAE Tech Services

Thank you to members who participated in the environmental training. The course was very well received and provides the members with the certifications necessary to apply for environmental monitoring jobs.

The training covered topics such as:

- Aquatic Ecology
- Water Quality
- Sediment & Erosion Control
- Aquatic Invertebrates
- Fish & Fish Communities
- Vegetation
- Invasive Species
- Wetlands
- Safety

The course provided an understanding of general principles of ecology in both flowing and non-flowing aquatic ecosystems.



HOUSE NUMBERING AND WAYFINDING PROJECT

September 2022 Update

Together, Fisher River Cree Nation and HTFC Planning & Design are working to establish a house numbering and road naming system for our Community. When complete, the house numbering and road naming system will:

- Help Community Members, visitors and delivery services navigate on-Reserve,
- Aid emergency services, and move us towards establishing enhanced 9-1-1 service,
- Reinforce Fisher River Cree Nation's sense of place and promote an image of our Community as a destination.

With HTFC, we are confirming the names of existing named roads and developing new road names where needed. Homes and other buildings will each receive a unique address. We will also inventory existing road signs and identify new sign locations in our Community.

A draft house numbering system has been developed for our Community that gives all current homes a street address, and provides policies to address future development. Requirements to put an enhanced 9-1-1 service in place have been identified. HTFC continues to work with Chief and Council and the Lands Department on the next steps towards completing this important project.

OPPORTUNITIES

Lands and Resources Assistant

The Fisher River Cree Nation Lands and Resources Department requires the services of a long term and committed Full-Time Assistant to assist with core functions and responsibilities undertaken by the Lands and Resources Department under the Fisher River Cree Nation Land Code.

Call for Board Members

Fisher River Cree Nation (FRCN) members interested in being part of the Lands & Resources Department Board are to submit a letter of interest. F.R.C.N. is seeking Five (5) Members to fill the position. This will be a (2) two-year Term.

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