



COMMUNITY LAND USE PLAN RENEWAL Project Newsletter

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Welcome to the First Edition of the Community Land Use Plan Renewal Project Newsletter!

We will be publishing this newsletter regularly over the coming months to keep Lilwat members informed about a new Lands and Resources Department project that is kicking off this month: the Community Land Use Plan Renewal Project.



LÍLWAT NATION
Community Land Use Plan Renewal

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY LAND USE PLAN?

A Community Land Use Plan (CLUP) is a guiding document that provides information about community priorities for managing reserve lands and other Nation-owned land parcels. A CLUP typically has an overarching vision, along with more specific goals, objectives, and strategies. It is used by staff to manage community lands and guide decision making with respect to what can be done where on different parcels of land.

WHAT IS THE LÍLWAT NATION COMMUNITY LAND USE PLAN RENEWAL PROJECT?

Our current CLUP was completed in 2015 and it is now out of date. For the CLUP Renewal Project, we will be working with staff, leadership, and members to ensure that the new plan addresses community concerns and reflects current priorities. Additionally, we will be updating the 2015 CLUP to include Lilwat owned fee simple parcels.

WHY ARE WE UPDATING THE CLUP AND WHAT WILL THE UPDATE INCLUDE?

Our Lands and Resources Department is committed to ensuring that our CLUP remains relevant. To fulfill this commitment, the CLUP was designed to be updated every 5 years as circumstances change. Our



new CLUP will guide the use of Lilwat reserve and fee simple lands until 2026.

The update will include the following:

- Community engagement – We will be organizing community engagement activities to ask community members about their thoughts, ideas, priorities for, and concerns about the use of Lilwat community lands.
- Updates to land use zones and policies – We will review the zones and policies in the 2015 plan and make recommendations about potential updates and changes that reflect current needs, based on what we hear from community members and staff.
- Plan revisions – We will use the information gathered over the course of the project to update the old CLUP and

present a new, updated CLUP to Chiefs and Council for ratification.

HOW WILL THE WORK BE DONE?

The Lands and Resources Department is responsible for the CLUP Renewal Project, and we have also hired The Firelight Group to provide technical support. The Firelight Group is an Indigenous-owned consulting firm that is based in Vancouver. Firelight staff will be working closely with a community-led Steering Committee and Lilwat Nation staff and council members to complete the CLUP Renewal Project.

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PROJECT TIMELINE

The CLUP Renewal Project is getting underway in August 2020 and will end by July 2021. The project will be undertaken in three phases.

Phase	Description	Timeframe	What to Expect
Phase 1: Setting the Stage	Phase 1 is all about laying the groundwork that will guide all aspects of the project. We will form a Steering Committee consisting of community members to help guide the entire project. We will also review background documents to ensure that we know what information already exists, and meet with staff to begin the update.	August – November 2020	Call-out for community members to sit on the Steering Committee (complete) Interviews and meetings with staff CLUP Newsletters #1 and #2 Regular project updates on Lilwat's website and Facebook page
Phase 2: Identifying Priorities	Phase 2 will focus on community engagement, and specifically, on creating opportunities for community members to share their thoughts, ideas and concerns about the use of Lilwat community lands. We will be asking questions like, what are your priorities for community lands? What issues are you worried about?	November – March 2021	Community engagement activities (interviews, focus groups, etc.) Community survey Briefings to Chiefs and Council CLUP Newsletter #3 More updates on our website and Facebook page
Phase 3: Revising the CLUP	Phase 3 is all about taking the information gathered during Phases 1 and 2 and updating the CLUP. Of course, we will verify the plan with the community and seek input and approval from Chiefs and Council before finalizing the plan.	March – July 2021	2020 Community Land Use Plan draft development Presentation to Chiefs and Council Presentation to the community Newsletter #4

HOW CAN I BE INVOLVED?

You can participate in the CLUP Renewal Project by sitting on the CLUP Steering Committee or by taking part in our upcoming community engagement activities. Community engagement will begin in November. Look for postings on the Lilwat website, our Facebook page, and on public notice boards.

A NOTE ON COVID-19

To ensure the safety of all members, for the time being, all project communications and community engagement will be organized

through Facebook, email, telephone, and other online platforms. We hope to harness the power of technology to connect with you in the comfort of your own home until it is once again safe to gather as a community.

CONTACT US!

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