



McLeod Lake Indian Band

NOTICE: to MLIB Membership

SUBJECT: MLIB Land Code, 2002 Amendment

The McLeod Lake Indian Band developed a Land Code and presented to the membership of the McLeod Lake Indian Band for ratification on November 27th, 2002 in accordance with the *First Nations Land Management Act*. This Land Code came into force on May 20th, 2003 with the Government of Canada. We are the second operational First Nation in BC to come under the First Nations Land Management regime.

Our Land Code is a living, working document and over time there have been discrepancies detected. When put into practice, there have been found a number of errors and omissions that need to be fixed. These flaws of course, have led to quite a few misunderstandings over the years with enforcement issues that arise.

Types of changes that can potentially be made:

- Land Management Committee (LMC) appointment vs election, which could have cost savings and it would ensure that our Land Code is in line with most other First Nations
- Change length of LMC term to three years rather than the current six-years, to be the same as all other Band committees and boards as the six-year terms have been a deterrent to our members.
- Clarity for what happens in the event that our Land Code is not followed
- Enhancement of our agreements and policies by having clauses included in Land Code, to strengthen various department programs
- Streamline development permit applications and process for promoting sustainable development on our Nation's reserve lands, with a new policy and procedures manual to help roll out the new processes of an updated Land Code

*This will involve **you**, our Band membership by engaging at community meetings and either a community approval at a meeting of members or a ratification vote to pass. With full community involvement, we can ensure that the necessary updates to the Land Code are brought to fruition. Please come out to our Band's future meetings to have your say on what changes our Land Code should incorporate.*

Want to be on the Land Code Committee?

Send your letter to Tania Solonas, Land Management Officer; stating what you can bring to the committee, and ideas for moving ahead.

These letters will be brought to Chief and Council for selection.

