

Land Use Planning is Underway on IR#2

Sk'atsin Resources LLP (Sk'atsin) has started a Land Use Planning project for the Neskonlith Indian Reserve #2 Highway Expansion Project.

Why?

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) is investigating the 4-laning needs of the Trans Canada highway. A well-developed Land Use Plan (LUP) will enable Band members and decision makers to influence the design and take advantage of the opportunities this expansion can provide, while minimizing the potential for negative impacts.

A Land Use Plan IS

- A systematic analysis of existing infrastructure and possible future development.
- A tool that band members can use to guide development within their community.
- A tool that band members can use to negotiate with government.
- An opportunity for the community as a whole to provide their input on the proposed highway expansion project.
- An opportunity for Band Members, CP Holders, Community Members and Employees to ensure that the proposed project allows for safe and effective access to our homes, offices, businesses and recreation opportunities upon completion.

A Land Use Plan ISN'T

- A Land Code.
- A compensation agreement with the Province.
- An agreement with the Province to proceed with the Project.

The Process

Sk'atsin will be holding meetings with family heads, community, membership, Neskonlith Administration and Council to gather information that is important to you and your families.

Sk'atsin will use this information to create a Land Use Plan and Road Network Plan that will reflect the community's input. The draft LUP and Road Network Plan will be presented at a community dinner for discussion and further revision if necessary.

For More Information

For more information check out Sk'atsin's website (skatsinllp.com) or our Facebook page. Also feel free to call (250 679 3296) or drop by the Sk'atsin office or ask any member of the Sk'atsin team for more information.

Information will be added to the NIB Facebook page, the NIB Newsletter, NIB bulletin Boards and the NIB Hall information sign as soon as possible. Please check back regularly and often as new information will be added frequently.

Sk'atsin will be hosting at least two community dinners to communicate about the project, watch for dates and please plan to join us!