



**Tahltan**  
Band Council

# LAND CODE

*Dena nenn Sogga neh 'ine*

Working with a committee of members, Tahltan Band is working to develop our Land Code

## POSITIVE CHANGE UNDER LAND CODE

As of March 2017, 71 First Nations have voted YES to adopting a Land Code. As we draft our own Land Code with the aim of voting later this year, we want members to have as much information as possible on the current studies and resources about Land Code.

In 2009 and 2014 KPMG – a leading global company in audit and tax services - conducted studies for the First Nations Land Advisory Board on the benefits that 32 First Nations with Land Code experienced. They found that:

- None of the First Nations surveyed reported a desire to revert to the Indian Act
- Approximately 4000 jobs were created across the 32 First Nations surveyed
- First Nations saw an increase in new businesses on reserve, with most businesses being member-owned
- First Nations with Land Code are expanding their businesses into new industries and sectors
- The majority of reserve land being developed is land held in common by band members for the benefit of all members
- Through Land Code, there is increased flexibility in the terms and conditions for land transactions
- First Nations can register transactions at a much lower cost than INAC, with costs ranging between approximately \$370 to \$1,500 per transaction, whereas INAC costs were approximately \$2,410 per transaction.
- First Nations are better positioned under Land Code to protect community legal interests and community values regarding development
- First Nations with Land Code are implementing more efficient land governance land decision-making processes compared to what was possible under the Indian Act system.
- Communities with Land Code experience enhanced industry relations and reputation with investors
- Governing under a Land Code helps First Nations to achieve the overall vision for their communities

*“Under the Framework Agreement, we are keeping our culture strong while at the same time maximizing opportunities. This is an investment in the future. First Nations, and Canada, have a tremendous opportunity sitting right here and as a whole we’re not looking at it enough.”*

*—Chief Gordon Planes, Director of the Lands Advisory Board, T'sou-ke First Nation*



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