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without
community
approval!

Please update
your contact
information to
receive
UPDATES and to
VOTE!

Woodstock First Nation became a signatory to the Framework Agreement on First Nations Land Management on August 8 2018. This means we agree to develop a Land Code, Community Ratification Process, and negotiate an Individual Agreement. Woodstock First Nation Members will ratify the Framework Agreement by voting on the Land Code and Individual Agreement. It is important that Members over 18+ years of age submit their contact information including current mailing and email address for voting day



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Woodstock First Nation Land Code Development

What is a Land Code?

The Woodstock Land Code will become the basic land law of WFN and will replace the 44 land management related sections of the Indian Act. Land has spiritual, economic and political significance for First Nations peoples. With the WFN Land Code, we will finally resume and exercise control over our reserve lands and resources for the use and benefit of the WFN members.

What are the two main reasons for developing our own Land Code?

Two main reasons:

- To be able to govern our own lands and resources.
- To respond to economic development opportunities for our community at the speed of business.

How does a First Nation take control of its lands?

A First Nation signatory to the Framework Agreement may exercise its land management option by:

- Creating its own Land Code
- Entering into a further Individual Transfer Agreement with Canada;
- Drafting a community ratification process; and
- Conducting a community vote.

During this time the First Nation continues to operate under the Indian Act.

Are we getting money to assist us in our transition to our own Land Code?

Yes! Canada provides two phases of funding:

- Right now we are in the Developmental Phase. This assists with the community approval process, development of the Land Code and negotiations of the Individual Agreement.
- Next is the Operational Phase. These monies assist with land management activities. The

level of funding is set out in the Individual Agreement. This is based on our operational funding formula and goes to staff necessary to perform core FN Lands Management functions.

What is an Individual Agreement?

An Individual Agreement between each community and Canada will be negotiated to deal with such matters as:

- The reserve lands to be managed by the First Nation, the specifics of the transfer of the administration of land from Canada to the First Nation, e.g. the interests in land held by Canada that are to be transferred to the First Nation,
- The transfer of revenues and interim environmental assessment process, and the funding to be provided by Canada to the First Nation for land management