



Promoting First Nation Community Economic Development through Land Use Planning

Research at Lunch Discussion Event

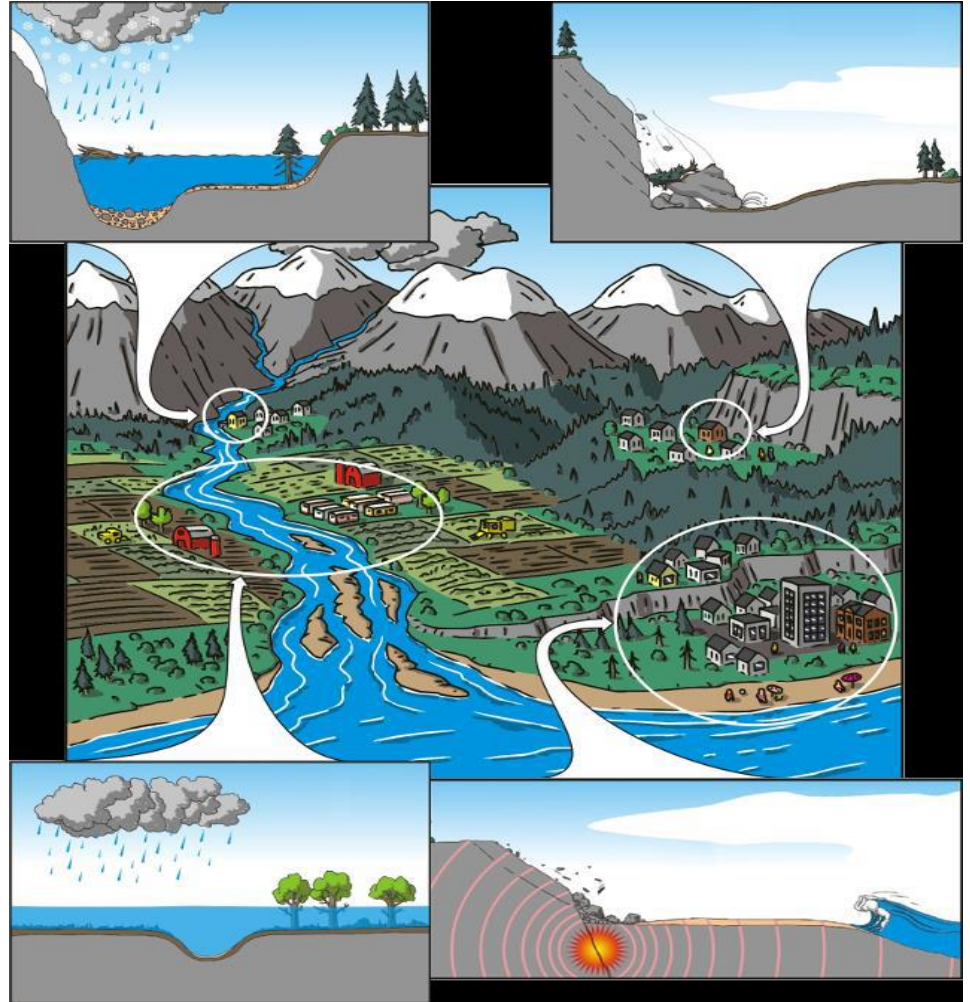
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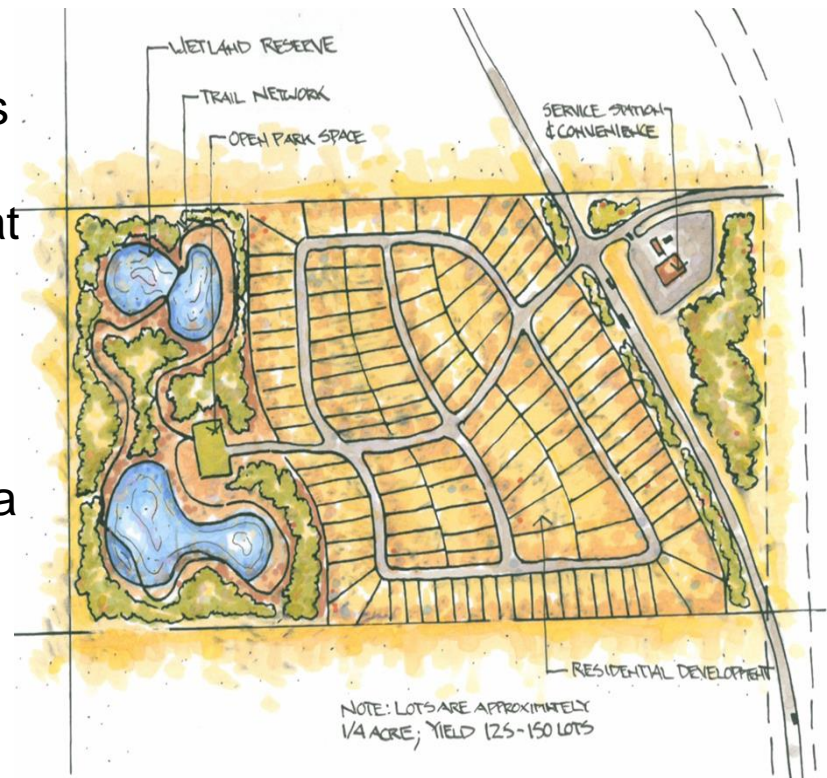
Objectives

- To provide an overview of the Lands and Economic Development Sector's approach to community planning to guide economic development, environmental controls, infrastructure and emergency management
- To provide an update on current planning initiatives underway.



What is Land Use Planning?

- Begins with **extensive community consultation** and results in a map of reserve lands with areas designated for specific uses (e.g. residential, commercial, conservation) to guide future development.
- Allows communities to assess current land uses and identify areas for potential development to unlock new economic opportunities while at the same time, preserve culturally and historically significant land
- Helps formalize information about community resources by providing a detailed inventory of lands, existing infrastructure, resources and environmental considerations



Community Planning Initiatives at AANDC

- AANDC has undertaken pilot initiatives in an effort to strengthen strategic economic development and associated land use planning:
 - Phase I of the Land Use Planning Pilot Project is coming to an end. This pilot project has allowed us to refine the map-based approach to land use planning.
 - In Phase II, the Lands and Economic Development Sector will integrate the planning process to include infrastructure investments and emergency preparedness.
 - At the same time, Lands and Economic Development has sought to expand joint First Nations and municipal land use planning. The Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) enhances the capacity of participating First Nations and adjacent municipalities to develop and implement joint economic development plans and initiatives.

Land Use Planning Pilot Project

- In 2012/13, a 3-year land use planning pilot project was launched with seven participating First Nations:

Lil'wat (BC)

Okanagan First Nation (BC)

Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (ON)

Shubenacadie (NS)

Penticton Indian Band (BC)

Brokenhead Ojibway Nation (MB)

Uashat (QC)

- The objective was twofold: to develop a shared vision for using lands and assets, while respecting the social, economic, geographic and political realities of the community; and to assist communities in building the foundation for land-based economic development.
- This AANDC pilot project was completed on March 31, 2015. The Department is in the process of launching a Phase II of the Pilot Project, working in collaboration with Regional Operations Sector (Infrastructure and Emergency Management)

Land Use Planning Pilot Project: A Success

- On March 3-4, 2015, First Nation participants of the Pilot Project gathered in Gatineau to present their finalized plans. The lessons learned will shape the Departmental approach in going forward with community planning, which includes lands, economic development, environment, emergency management and infrastructure.



First Nation – Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative

- The First Nation – Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) is a 3 year joint pilot initiative of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers (CANDO), which will end in 2015/16.
- The overall aim is to enhance the capacity of participating First Nations and adjacent municipalities to develop and implement joint economic development plans and initiatives.
- In 2013, the following six partnerships were approved:
 - Seabird Island first Nation and District of Kent, BC
 - Sawridge First Nation and the Town of Slave Lake, AB
 - Opaskwayak Cree Nation and the Town of the Pas, MB
 - Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, Lac Seul First Nation and the Municipality of Sioux Lookout, ON
 - Eagle Village First Nation and the Ville de Témiscaming, QC
 - Madawaska Maliseet First Nation and the Ville d'Edmundston, NB

Although the Community Economic Development Initiative is not specifically a land use planning initiative, joint planning processes between First Nations and municipalities are taking place.

CEDI: Accomplishments



In August 2014, Opaskwayak Cree Nation, Town of The Pas, and Rural Municipality of Kelsey (MB) signed a Friendship Accord outlining a commitment to work together for the greater benefit of the region. The stability created through this accord, along with other local factors, has resulted in **Canada Goose** to consider opening their new production plant there.

FN_Muni_CEDI @FNMuniCEDI · May 1

NW Ont First Nations gathered in Sioux Lkt this week to give input on reg'l food distr. ctr. @FCM_online @FCM_Helen



Lac Seul First Nation, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug and Municipality of Sioux Lookout, ON are focusing on a **cooperative food distribution warehouse** to serve northern communities from a centre at the Sioux Lookout airport.



Helen Patterson @FCM_Helen · Jun 22

Congrats EagleVillageFirstNation, Municipalities of Temiscaming & Kipawa on Friendship Accord signing on Nat'l Aboriginal Day!

Eagle Village First Nation, Ville de Témiscaming and Municipality of Kipawa, QC are focusing on a **joint regional tourism strategy** in preparation for the opening of Opémican National Park (Quebec) in the region.



Land Use Planning and Economic Development Programs

- Land use planning is one of many building blocks for the Community Opportunity Readiness Program (CORP)
- A land use plan is beneficial to communities as a tool to help identify and designate parcels of land for economic development.
- It also identifies issues such as road access, water, sewage, electrification or contamination that could hinder or delay development.
- A strategic economic development plan builds on the land use plan, and identifies specific economic development opportunities the community wants to pursue on the lands and the requirements for those proposed developments.
- Developed in coordination, the land use plan and strategic economic development plan can be used by communities to develop strong proposals to the CORP for their economic development projects.

Improving Federal Coordination in Land Use Planning

- Ideally, map-based land use planning will maximize effectiveness of land, environment, economic development, infrastructure and emergency management.
- There are clear benefits to coordinated planning:
 - Decreased infrastructure costs by avoiding costly mistakes regarding the scale and location of infrastructure so it will serve future needs for economic development and emergency management
 - Faster land transactions as opposed to a series of disconnected land designations
 - Identify contaminated sites and reduce the risk of constructing infrastructure or development projects on contaminated or environmentally sensitive lands
 - Decreased impact of disasters by designing communities that are better able to manage disasters
 - Potential to improve federal coordination as well with Departments such as Health, NRCan, Public Safety or DND
- Without effective planning, opportunities are lost and infrastructure costs may rise. For example, the Okanagan Indian Band attempted to develop prime lakefront property, but had to replace recently constructed infrastructure like service pipes, because the pipes could not accommodate the extra development

QUESTIONS?