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Through leadership,
Lytton First Nation will
enhance quality of life
and strive for self-
governance utilizing the
wisdom and value of its
people

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Lytton First Nation Land Code

**TemEEwuh na Ta hheeymOt
("Land Code")**



What is Land Code?

A Land Code will be the basic land law of the First Nation and will replace the land management provisions of the Indian Act. The Land Code will be drafted by the First Nation and will make provisions for the following matters:

- Identifying the reserve lands to be managed by the First Nation (called “First Nation Land),
- The general rules and procedures for the use and occupation of these lands by First Nation members and others,
- Financial accountability for revenues from the lands
- The making and publishing of First Nation land laws,
- The conflict of interest rules
- A community process to develop rules and procedures applicable to land on the break-down of a marriage,
- A dispute resolution process,
- Procedures by which the First Nation can grant interests in land or acquire lands for community purposes,
- The delegation of land management responsibilities, and
- The procedure for amending the Land Code.

Benefits & Challenges of a Land Code

Benefits of Land Code

- Work happens at the speed of business
- Reserve land cannot be taken (expropriated) by the province or municipal governments.
- Reserve land can be taken (expropriated) by the federal government when the expropriation is justified and necessary for a federal public purpose that serves the national interest. Compensation must include provision for equivalent lands so that the land base of the First Nation is not diminished.
- A First Nation will have the power to acquire interests in lands for community works or other First Nation community purposes. It must pay fair compensation to members or non-members whose interests are affected.
- FN has legislative powers to enact Laws not Bylaws.

Challenges of Land Code

- Every Land Code is different;
- Some FNs do not enforce or utilize their Land Codes;
- Insufficient operational funding;
- Trained lands staff – capacity;
- Environmental Risk if the FN does not conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment on new projects and the project causes contamination to the lands;
- Accountability to membership;
- Enforcement of Laws

What does a Yes vote mean?

- Positive growth for Lytton First Nation
- Lytton will have the final say on how we govern and manage the lands and natural resources without government approval
- Lytton will be able to protect the land and natural resources for future generations
- increased opportunities in business development and job creation
- **We** will move away from the land provisions of the Indian Act— it will be a step towards self-governance

