

**From the desk of:
Tom Bob ~ Lands Coordinator
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Memo

To: To All Nanoose First Nation Community Members
From: Tom Bob
Katie Bob
Date: April 28, 2008
Re: Land Management Committee Code

SUMMARY

The Nanoose First Nation Chief and Council will establish the Land Code Development Committee to develop and pass a Land Code Policy by a ratification vote by the Nanoose First Nation members that would replace the existing sections of the Indian Act as they pertain to Land Management.

MANDATE

To review and develop a Land Code that is in keeping with the best interest of the Nanoose First Nation membership. To review all relevant information and to develop a structured Land Code that will best represent the community's interest and needs.

Whereas the First Nations Land Management Act (FNLMA) is the formal legislation, which ratifies and brings into effect the Framework Agreement. The FNLMA, which was introduced as Bill C-49 in June 1998, received royal assent on June 17, 1999.

Whereas, the option to regain control over all of the Nanoose First Nations reserve lands and resources under the Land Management Initiative can only be accomplished with the consent of Nanoose First Nation's membership.

Whereas, the Nanoose First Nation can regain control over reserve lands and resources by:

- Creating a draft land code for review and approval by the Nanoose First Nation membership
- Negotiating an Individual Agreement between Nanoose First Nation and Canada to transfer control of reserve lands and resources.
- Implementing a community ratification process to adopt Nanoose First Nations Land Code and endorse the signing of a Nanoose First Nation Individual Agreement with Canada, and
- Signing an Individual Agreement between Nanoose First Nation and Canada that includes a FNLMA Operational Work Plan.