Iskut Band Council

Iskut On-Reserve Land Code

Virtual Town Hall #2

February 4, 2026

Questions & Answers

This document summarizes the questions raised during the February 4th Virtual Town Hall session. To view the full recording of the session, click here.

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1. Who is on the Land Code Committee?

Mikaela Nole, Michael Bourgoin, Paul Louie, John Nole, Nichole Dennis, Carlee Quock, Jodi Payne, and Chris Snoeys.

2. When was the Land Code Committee formed and will Chief and Council consider inviting new members?

The committee was established in spring 2025 and accepted all members who expressed interest. The committee is open to new members, and those who are interested in joining are encouraged to express their interest by emailing louie.feddie@gmail.com.

3. Do we set our reserve boundaries?

Iskut's reserve boundaries were set when the reserves were created. Any changes or expansions to reserve lands since then have occurred through the Additions to Reserve (ATR) process.

4. Can we expand our reserve lands?

Yes, we are planning to expand our reserve lands and are currently in an ATR process. The ATR process allows our Band to apply for additional reserve lands.

5. How many reserves does Iskut Band Council have? Will the Land Code apply to all reserve lands?

Iskut has three reserves: Kluachon Lake Indian Reserve No. 1, Iskut Indian Reserve No. 6, and Stikine River Indian Reserve No. 7. The Land Code will apply to all current reserve lands. It will also apply to lands that are added to reserve in the future, including lands added through a land exchange.

6. Will people be able to own the land that their homes are currently on?

This will depend on the laws that Iskut chooses to create after the Land Code is voted on. The Land Code gives us the authority to make these decisions about our land, but these rules have not been developed yet.

7. Will Iskut be able to sell reserve land to members or sell to people outside of the band membership?

That will to be determined by the laws created in the Land Code. There are existing processes, such as Certificates of Possession, that allow reserve land to be held by members, but decisions about selling or transferring land have not been made yet. The Land Code would give Iskut the authority to decide these rules, and community input will be part of that discussion.

8. How does the Land Code affect existing Certificate of Possession (CP) lands on our reserve?

The Land Code will not affect existing CP lands. CP lands are privately owned and will remain that way under the Land Code.

9. Will there be a Lands Department created? If so, can you list the jobs that the Land Code will create?

Yes, a Lands Department will be established. The jobs that will be created have not been determined yet.

10. Will all members be invited to the in-person Land Code meetings?

Yes, the in-person meetings on Land Code will be open to all members. See the project webpage for information on when and where the meetings will be held.

11. Can the reserve lands include the lakes and other fresh water resources?

No, water cannot be included.

12. Will making a Land Code make it easier to add the motel lands to reserve?

Yes, it will make it easier to add these lands. The current process for adding lands to reserve is to submit our Title to Ottawa and request an ATR.

13. Is the Land Code Committee consulting with other Bands who have transferred to the Land Code model to learn about their successes and challenges?

Yes, we have reviewed other Band's Land Code models as part of this process. If there is an interest, we can bring in land advisory directors to attend the in-person meetings to share information about the challenges and successes they have experienced with their Land Code.

14. Would the Land Code protect minerals under Iskut Land?

At this time, it is unknown whether there are minerals under Iskut's reserve lands. However, Iskut has authority over subsurface resources on reserve, so any materials located beneath reserve lands are protected.