Iskut On-Reserve Land Code

Virtual Town Hall #3

How Land Will Be Managed and Administered

February 18, 2026

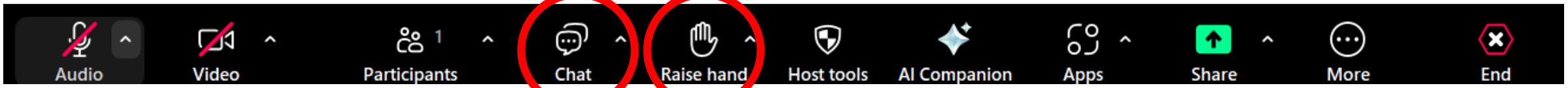
Welcome and Opening Remarks

Agenda

01	Zoom Housekeeping
02	Project Team Introductions
03	Recap of Previous Town Halls
04	Part IV: Land and Natural Resources Administration
05	Q&A
06	Closing Remarks

Zoom Housekeeping

Use the **Raise hand** function to unmute / ask a question out loud



Use the **Chat** function to ask questions during the presentation

Project Team Introductions

Recap of Town Hall #2

Purpose of the Town Halls

- Share **bi-weekly updates** with members about the On-Reserve Land Code process
- Present **sections of the Land Code** to help members better understand the document
- Provide members with an **opportunity to ask questions** to the project team
- Ensure members feel confident and **well-informed on voting day**

Communications to Date

- Website views: 116
- Virtual Town Hall #1: Introduction to Land Code
  - 19 attendees
- Virtual Town Hall #2: Introduction to Land Code – Continued
  - 21 attendees

Virtual Town Hall #2 Recap

- A Land Code enables a First Nation to opt out of the **44 land management sections of the *Indian Act***, gaining greater control over how reserve lands are managed.
- The Land Code applies to:
  - All current Iskut reserve lands
    - Kluachon Lake Indian Reserve No. 1
    - Iskut Indian Reserve No. 6
    - Stikine River Indian Reserve No. 7
  - Future Iskut reserve lands
    - Lands that become reserve lands after the Land Code comes into effect
    - Lands added through a land exchange

Visit Iskut's Land Code webpage for more information about which *Indian Act* sections the Land Code will replace

Overview of Land Code Process

Establish Land Code Development Coordinator
Spring 2025

Draft Land Code Available for Community Review
January 2026

In-person Community Meetings
Spring 2026

Community Vote
May 2026

Project Kickoff

Drafting the Land Code

Community Engagement on Draft Land Code

Ratification Vote

Establish Land Code Committee
Spring 2025

Review and Update 2017 Land Code
Summer/Fall 2025

Virtual Town Hall Meetings
January – April 2026

Legal Review of Land Code
Spring 2026

What is included in the Draft On-Reserve Land Code?

Iskut's Draft On-Reserve Land Code has been reviewed and updated since 2017. The Draft Land Code has 13 sections.

- Part I Fundamental Rights
- Part II Definitions and Interpretations
- Part III Lands
- **Part IV Land and Natural Resources Administration**
- Part V Iskut Legislation
- Part VI Lands Meetings and Votes
- Part VII Protection of Lands
- Part VIII Conflicts of Interest
- Part IX Financial Management
- Part X Interests and Licences in Land
- Part XI Residency and Access
- Part XII Dispute Resolution
- Part XIII Other Matters

What today's session will cover

Draft On-Reserve Land Code

Part IV: Land and Natural Resources Administration

Which Administration Model?

- Iskut must decide which administration model we want to proceed with:
  - **One body:** One committee responsible for all administration
  - **Two bodies:** A Lands office and a Lands Committee

- This decision will need to be made based on several factors, such as:
  - Community interest/capacity in being a part of the lands committee and forecasted workload for the committee
  - Administrative capacity to maintain a lands office and lands committee
  - Possible support from TCG lands office to assist with administration

Options for Land Administration

Option 1: One Combined Body

- One group does administration and governance

- **Pros**
  - Simpler structure
  - Fewer people involved
- **Challenges**
  - Heavy workload
  - Significant time commitment

Option 2: Two Bodies

- **Lands Office** (administration) + **Lands Committee** (governance and advice support)

- **Pros:**
  - Work is shared
  - Clear roles
- **Challenges**
  - Requires capacity and coordination

Lands Office

- The Lands Office is the **day-to-day administrative hub** for land management
- **Responsibilities include:**
  - Advising Council and the Lands Committee on laws and policies
  - Organizing Lands Meetings and Votes
  - Managing records, data, and forms
  - Proposing annual lands workplans and budgets
  - Helping prepare annual reports
  - Managing systems for land administration

Lands Committee

- **The Lands Committee is a group appointed by Council to:**
  - Provide guidance, advice and recommendations
  - Represent community perspectives on land issues
  - Assist with administration of reserve lands
- **The Committee may advise Council and the Lands Office on:**
  - Land use plans
  - Granting Interests and Licences
  - Land Laws and policies
  - Environmental and land concerns
  - Community priorities and recommendations

Discussion

Do we want <u>one body</u> or <u>two bodies</u> managing lands?

- *Which model would best suit our community's capacity and needs?*
- *What kind of support would the Lands office need?*
- *How do we want members' voices reflected in land decisions?*

Questions?

Next Virtual Town Hall:

Wednesday, March 4 from 7 – 8PM

Land Laws, Meetings and Votes

Stay up to date:

- **Bi-weekly Virtual Town Halls**
- **In-person Community Meetings** (dates TBD)
  - Terrace/Kitimat
  - Fort Nelson
  - Prince George
  - Whitehorse
  - Fort St. John
  - Dease Lake
  - Iskut
- **Land Code webpage:** iskut.org/on-reserve-land-code-2025-2026
- **Facebook**
- **Email updates**

Questions?

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