Iskut On-Reserve Land Code

Virtual Town Hall #6

Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment

April 1, 2026

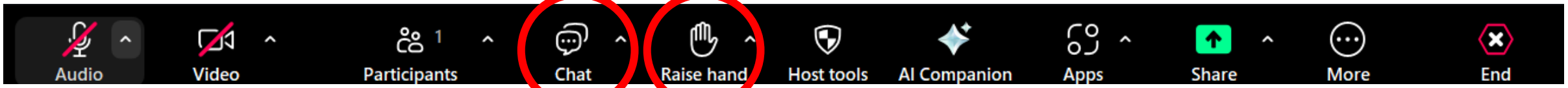
Welcome and Opening Remarks

Agenda

01	Zoom Housekeeping
02	Project Team Introductions
03	On-Reserve Land Code Overview and Recap of Previous Town Halls
04	Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment
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

On-Reserve Land Code Overview and Recap of Town Hall #5

On-Reserve Land Code Overview

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 On-Reserve Land Code applies to all **current** and **future Iskut reserve lands**.
- With a Land Code in place:
  - Our Band will make our own **land-related decisions**, not the federal government.
  - Our members will help **guide how on-reserve lands are used and protected**.
  - Our **cultural values** will shape the rules that govern our on-reserve lands.

Virtual Town Hall #5 Recap

Protection of Land and Resources

- Iskut can only expropriate land interests if proper laws and procedures are followed.
- Land exchanges must be equal or greater in value.
- Environmental protection is required.
- All natural resources on or under Iskut's Lands belong to Iskut (including minerals, stone, sand, gravel, soil, trees, water, and any similar type materials).
- Members can gather renewable resources (like berries and medicines) for personal use.

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 12 & 13, 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

Community Ratification Vote

Members will be asked to vote on whether to approve the On-Reserve Land Code:

May 13 and **14**, 2026 from **8am – 8pm**

Voting methods:

- in-person; or
- electronic (online or telephone)

Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment

Next Virtual Town Hall: Voting and What Happens After the Vote

Wednesday, April 15
from 7 – 8PM

Stay up to date:

- **Bi-weekly Virtual Town Halls**
- **In-person Community Meetings** (dates and locations TBD)
- **Land Code webpage:** iskut.org/on-reserve-land-code-2025-2026
- **Facebook**
- **Email updates**

Questions?

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