Iskut On-Reserve Land Code

Virtual Town Hall #9

April 29, 2026

Welcome and Opening Remarks

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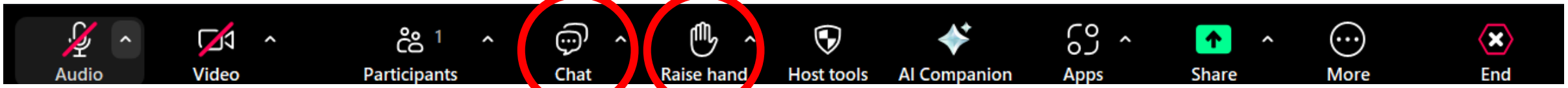
Zoom Housekeeping

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

Purpose of Tonight's Session

- Provide a summary of the Individual Agreement
- Answer your questions

Individual Agreement

Summary of the document

What is the Individual Agreement?

- The Individual Agreement is the legal agreement between Iskut First Nation and Canada that **enables the transfer of land management authority from Canada to Iskut**.

- The Individual Agreement:
  - Sets out the terms, responsibilities, and funding for Iskut to take over management of its reserve lands.
  - Works alongside the Land Code (the law) and the CRP (the voting process).

Why is the Individual Agreement important?

- It transfers land control from Canada to Iskut.
- It provides the funding needed to manage lands locally and financial transfers.
- It ensures there is a clear and smooth transition.
- It confirms legal responsibilities and protections.
- It supports greater self-determination and decision-making.

End of Indian Act Control

- Land-related sections of the Indian Act no longer apply.
- Canada no longer manages reserve lands.
- Iskut governs lands under its own Land Code.

How is it different from the Land Code?

Land Code = Law

The On-Reserve Land Code is the law that:

- Gives Iskut the legal authority and structure to manage, protect, develop and govern its reserve lands
- Governs the day-to-day land management

Individual Agreement = Transfer agreement with Canada

The Individual Agreement is the "implementation agreement" that:

- Transfers control of lands from Canada to Iskut
- Provides funding and financial transfers
- Confirms legal responsibilities and protections

What does the Individual Agreement include?

The Individual Agreement outlines:

- Funding for land management administration and operations
- Transfer of money from Canada to Iskut
- Environmental management responsibilities
- Existing interests and third parties

Transfer of Land Management

- **Once the Land Code comes into force:**
  - Iskut takes full control of land administration and decision-making.
  - Canada transfers its roles and responsibilities (except underlying title) to Iskut.
- **Iskut becomes responsible for:**
  - Managing land and resources
  - Collecting rents and revenues
  - Administering leases, permits, and interests

Funding From Canada

Operational Funding	
2026-2027 Fiscal Year	**~$362,833** (prorated) + **$100,000** (one time transitional)
2027-2028 Fiscal Year	**~$370,089** + **$100,000** (one time transitional)
Subsequent Fiscal Years	Ongoing funding based on federal funding formula

- Funding supports:
  - Land governance
  - Law-making and enforcement
  - Environmental management systems

Transfer of Money

- **Initial Transfer:** Within 30 days of the On-Reserve Land Code coming into effect, Canada must transfer Iskut all revenue and capital funds.
  - Canada is currently holding ~$239k of revenue and a small capital balance of $16.11 (as of March 2026)

- **Ongoing**: Semi-annual transfers of new revenues collected will be transferred to Iskut.

Existing Interests and Third Parties

- All existing leases, permits and interests continue to exist and are transferred from Canada to Iskut to manage

Environmental Responsibilities

- Canada provides environmental reports and known risks.
  - For example, any findings identified in the Environmental Site Assessment.

- Interim process:
  - Iskut must conduct environmental assessments for projects until we have our own process established.

Dispute Resolution

- Any disputes are handled under the Framework Agreement dispute process.
- This process is developed by Iskut in the On-Reserve Land Code.

When does the Individual Agreement take effect?

The Individual Agreement becomes legally effective when:

1. The community approves it through the Community Ratification Vote
2. Iskut and Canada both sign it

But: The Land Code must come into force before Iskut becomes fully operational under land management.

Community Ratification Vote

Community Ratification Vote

- To bring the On-Reserve Land Code into effect, **members must vote "Yes" or "No" on whether to approve it**.
- Everyone who is 18 or older and a registered member can vote.
- The **majority of voters must vote "Yes**" for it to be adopted.

What will Members be voting on?

- Iskut Members will vote on the adoption of the On-Reserve Land Code.
- The ballot question asks:

Do you approve:

- *The **Iskut First Nation Land Code**; and*
- *The **Individual Agreement**?*

Voting Day Details

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

Voting methods:

- electronic (online, telephone or in-person at the polls)
- Polls will be held at Iskut Community Hall where the Electoral Officer will be available to assist voters

Next Virtual Town Hall: Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment and Voting Details

Wednesday, May 6
from 7 – 8PM

In-person Community Meetings

- **Terrace** – **Sunday, May 3** from 5 to 8 PM (Sunshine Inn) *with dinner and door prizes!*
- **Iskut – Monday, May 11** from 5 to 8 PM (Iskut Community Hall)

Land Code webpage:
iskut.org/on-reserve-land-code-2025-2026

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