



INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENT SUMMARY

Doig River First Nation wants control of the governance, management, and administration of its reserve lands. As a part of the process to get control, Doig River First Nation worked with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) to develop the *Individual Agreement on First Nation Land Management (Individual Agreement)*. The Individual Agreement explains how the transfer of management of reserve lands from Canada to Doig River First Nation will happen.

The Individual Agreement is made up of 12 sections and 7 annexes. The sections deal with topics such as funding, information sharing, and the transfer of authority, and the annexes have additional information. Below is a summary of each section and annex.

1. INTERPRETATION

- This section gives meanings for words and phrases used in the Individual Agreement.
- Guides the reader on how to understand the Individual Agreement.
- The Doig River First Nation reserve lands that the Land Code will apply to are listed in ANNEX “G”:
 - Beaton River number 204
 - Doig River Indian Reserve number 206
 - Gat Tah Kwa

2. INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CANADA

- Canada will provide information to Doig River First Nation about any leases, permits, or other interests given under the *Indian Act*. Found in ANNEX “C”.
- Information about the condition of the reserve land environment is found in ANNEX “D”

3. TRANSFER OF LAND ADMINISTRATION

- Describes the transfer of power from Canada to Doig River First Nation for the management and control of the reserve lands and natural resources.
- Doig River First Nation will manage its reserve lands according to the Land Code.
- The *Individual Oil and Gas Act* still applies.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF TRANSFER OF LAND ADMINISTRATION

- The Land Code becomes of the land law for Doig River First Nation reserve lands.
- The 44 land management provisions of the *Indian Act* will no longer apply.
- Canada remains responsible for issues that occurred before the Land Code comes into force.
- Doig River First Nation is responsible for land related decisions and activities when the Land Code comes into force.

5. OPERATIONAL FUNDING

- Canada will provide Doig River First Nation with annual Land Code funding according to the chart found in ANNEX “A”.
- Canada will also provide Doig River First Nation with \$150k in funding to support the transferring of lands administration.
- The funding is periodically reviewed by all Land Code First Nations.

6. TRANSFER OF MONEYS

- Canada agrees to provide Doig River First Nation with all the capital and revenue monies that Canada holds on behalf of Doig River First Nation. The amounts are listed in ANNEX “B”.

7. NOTICE TO THIRD PARTIES OF TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATION

- Doig River First Nation will provide notification of the Land Code coming into force to Companies doing business on reserve lands.
- The companies that must be notified are listed in ANNEX “C”.

8. INTERIM ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

- Projects on the reserve lands will follow an interim environmental assessment process until Doig River First Nation has developed their own process or law.
- The interim environmental assessment process is in ANNEX “F”.

9. ADMENDMENTS

- The Individual Agreement can only be changed if Doig River First Nation and Canada agree in writing to make the changes.

10. NOTICES BETWEEN PARTIES

- When communicating with each other, Canada and Doig River First Nation agree to do it in writing and follow the terms of the Individual Agreement.

11. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Disputes related to the Individual Agreement can be dealt with using the process described in the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management*.
- The options include negotiation, mediation, neutral evaluation, and arbitration.

12. DATE OF COMING INTO FORCE

- The Individual Agreement can only apply to the reserve lands if it is approved by Doig River First Nation Members and signed by Canada and Doig River First Nation Council.
- The Individual Agreement will come into force at the same time as the Land Code.