

What is Land Use Planning?

Land use planning sets the strategic direction to guide sustainable resource stewardship and management of land and waters to meet economic, environmental, social, and cultural objectives and achieve a desired future condition.

Land use planning supports preservation of cultural values, healthy ecosystems, and opportunities for economic activities by setting broad strategic direction for plan areas — providing clarity for ‘what’ can occur ‘where’ on land and water.

Collaboration and engagement with local governments, stakeholders, industry, communities, and the public is a core principle of land use planning to assist in building healthy, thriving communities.

Land use planning is an ongoing process. However, the outcome of a good planning process is the establishment of an **ongoing conversation in community to share information and track progress towards realizing a broad land use vision and goals.**

This is why we are here.



What is Modernized Land Use Planning in BC?

The B.C. government is modernizing land use planning (LUP) to ensure responsible stewardship and management of land and resources that includes the unique values, perspectives, and knowledge of First Nations.

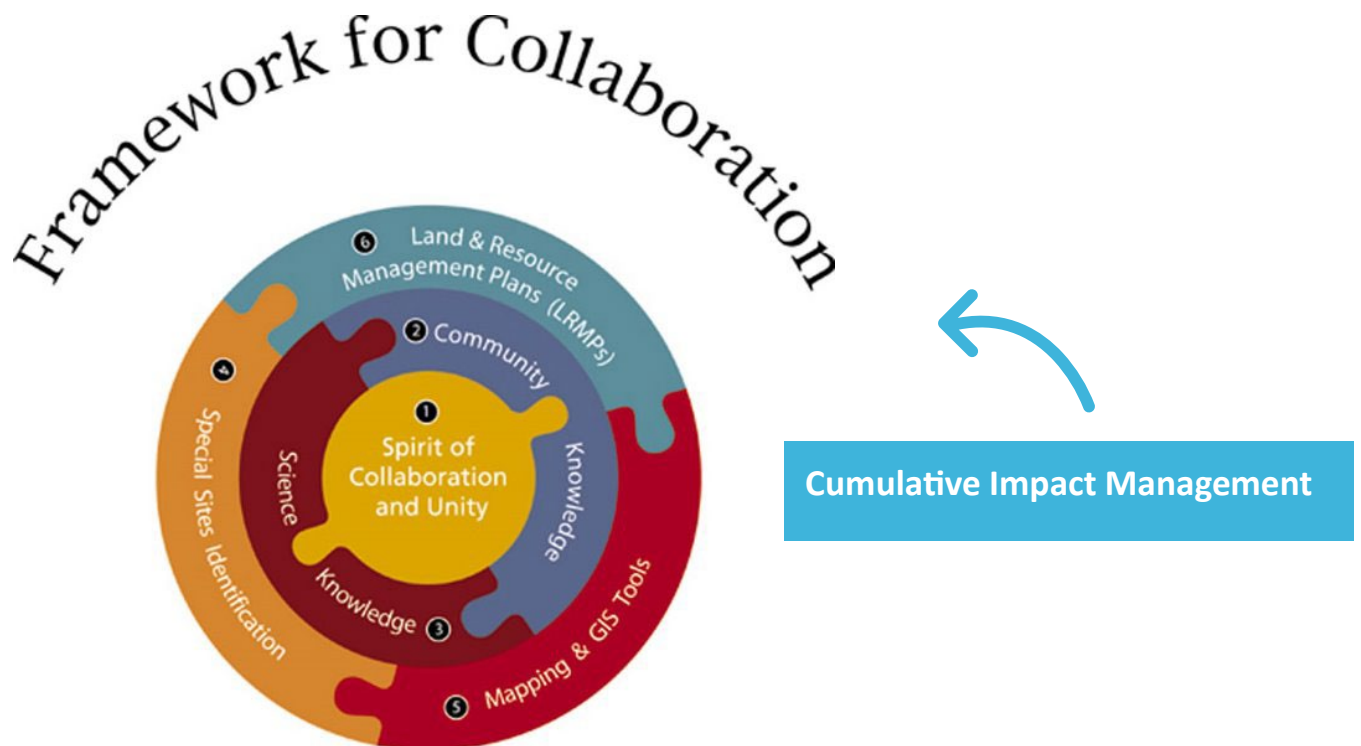
Indigenous Land Use Planning

Historically, First Nations actively managed their lands according to their own laws, practices and governance structures. With the ever-increasing development pressures, First Nations are setting out to create documented land use plans to shape development on their lands, and to ensure the needs of the Nation are met now and into the future.

communities actively participate in determining the future of their traditional territories by identifying areas for protection, and resource management, incorporating their cultural knowledge and values into land use decisions and documenting a different vision of the future than that of government and industry.

This process involves formalizing and integrating information and knowledge that has been held by First Nations over generations. Capturing this information and knowledge in the form of a land use plan allows First Nations to communicate, as stewards of their lands, with others interested in their territory, while at the same time publicly presenting their cultural values and asserting jurisdiction.

DRFN has undertaken development of a self-directed plan with self-defined goals that will lead to a future vision that supports what is important to them. This will prepare us for modernized Land Use Planning with the Province. The Doig River First Nation Land Use Plan will be implemented by the DRFN Lands Department via consultation processes.



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