

Mistawasis Land Code Vote

- Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management is a Government to Government agreement with Canada. It allows a First Nation to exercise control and management over their lands by developing a Land Code
- This is not a Treaty and does not affect Treaty Rights or other constitutional rights of a First Nation
- The Land Code can only be approved by the eligible voting Members
- The Land Code does not allow for land to be sold or surrendered
- Certificate of Possessions issued under the Indian Act cannot be cancelled by the Mistawais Land Code. They will be subject to the Land Code.
- The Land Code will not authorized laws relating to taxation of real property on-reserve. These taxation laws will continue to be made pursuant to section 83 of the *Indian Act*.

By managing our reserve lands under a Membership approved Land Code, we will be able to complete economic development planning at the speed of business. Years of delay and non-action under the Indian Act are replaced now by decision making in days and weeks from Chief and Council and Community under their Land Code

Example of other First Nations who operate under a Land Code are: White Cap, Muskeg Lake, Yellow Quill, One Arrow, Kinistin, Muskoday. These First Nations are able to make business decisions with Investors, Banks and Government Agencies in a timely manner.

In **2002** - Mistawasis Specific Claims purchased the Lucier Lands (103A). The Band was planning economic development on these lands because a provincial paved highway ran through it. The Band was required to go through the process under the Indian Act land management to develop these lands.

In **2016** – Mistawasis finally opened up Misty Petroleum gas bar on these lands.

This is just one example of how the Indian Act slows down economic development on First Nation lands across Canada.

The other STC First Nations are able to do business development in a timely manner.

Frequently Asked Question are on the Mistawasis Web page under Mistawasis Land Code.

The date for voting has been extended by the Ratification Officer to **October 19, 2016 at the Mistawasis Family Center from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**. We encourage eligible voting members to take part in this process. Only those who have not voted can vote on Oct. 19th. **Mail-in ballots will still be accepted by mail or can be hand delivered.**

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