

BASELINE INVENTORY PROJECT

The Governance Department will be conducting a Baseline Inventory of the Tsuu T'ina Nation. A Baseline Inventory is similar to a census but is designed to meet the administrative needs of the Tsuu T'ina Nation and is necessary for good governance.

The inventory is divided into socio-economic profiling for every individual living in a particular Tsuu T'ina residence.

After the Baseline Inventory has been filled out, it will be entered into the Tsuu T'ina Governance Database for planning and administrative purposes. All Tsuu T'ina citizens are invited to participate in this Governance Endeavor.

Canadian Legislation Impacting Tsuu T'ina

Reduction Deficit Recovery Action Plan

Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Canada announced the Federal Government's gradual "Reduction Deficit Recovery Action Plan".

- By 2015 the Federal Government will reduce the national deficit by 4 billion.
- Each federal Ministry is to submit a reduction plan at 5%, 8% or 10%.
- All federal programs can expect a 10% cutback in funding.
- **Aboriginal and Northern Affairs assured First Nations that cutbacks will occur first in staffing and programming last.**

Public Lands Administration Regulation (PLAR)

This Alberta Government announced the "Public Lands Administration Regulation" (PLAR) and it came into effect on September 12th, 2011.

- This regulation restricts access to and activities taking place on public lands, particularly parks.
- The provisions in the regulation infringe on Treaty and Inherent Rights, specifically, hunting, gathering, medicinal gathering and spiritual ceremonies.
- There has been no consultation with First Nations on this regulation.
- **Treaty Eight has launched a legal challenge and Tsuu T'ina has joined the legal challenge.**

Bill C-27 An Act to Enhance the Financial Accountability and Transparency of First Nations

This act will force First Nations to publicly disclose the salaries and expenses of Chief and Councilors along with band's audited statements within 120 days from the end of the fiscal year.

- The act is in first reading stage in the House of Commons November 23rd, 2011.
- Tsuu T'ina is still under the Indian Act and is only accountable only to the Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs. It is expected this act will pass therefore Tsuu T'ina legislation will be required.

Bill S-2 An Act Respecting Family Homes Situated on First Nation Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights in or to Structures and Lands situated on those Reserves

This act is to address matrimonial interests such as homes, real property and lands, if there is a marital breakdown or death.

- This act is in Second Reading and was referred to Standing Committee on Human Rights on November 1st, 2011. The Standing Committee on Human Rights met on November 24th, 2011 to debate this act, debates have not been publicly posted.
- There are provisions for First Nations to develop their own legislation to address matrimonial interests or rights.
- **Tsuu T'ina Governance have developed a first draft and will be engaging all related lands departments in which matrimonial interests and rights will be addressed.**



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WINTER NEWSLETTER

Wishing you happiness and joy throughout the holiday season and in the upcoming year. May the Creator watch over and bless your home fires.

Tsuu T'ina Governance Staff

INTRODUCTION

For good governance, citizens of the Nation must be included in the development of our community legislation. Transparency, process and inclusion have been the guiding principals for all work undertaken by this department. Research, training, and planning for delivery of legislation to the community has been a priority.

Please review dates and process for your opportunity to shape this legislation. Legislation is living and can be amended. Your cooperation and support is needed!

CURRENT LEGISLATION REPORT

1. Please accept this as notice that the Tsuu T'ina Residency Bylaw is available for review and is in the first stage of the Tsuu T'ina Legislation Process.
 - The Residency Bylaw development began in 1986 through a series of community meetings. This draft has input from Tsuu T'ina Citizens and Elders. All research taken from the community is valuable. The Governance Department staff began redrafting this document to deliver the current Residency document to the Tsuu T'ina Citizens for current review and input.
 - The next step is review and ratification through the Tsuu T'ina Legislation Process.
2. The Elections Code is also ready for the legislation process and is in draft form.
 - On June 30, 2011 a survey was given to community citizens with the results used to complete the existing draft.

A brief overview utilizing focus groups prior to community debate and amendment is to occur for both legislation documents.

LEGISLATION UNDER DEVELOPMENT

Tsuu T'ina Lands Code Tsuu T'ina Housing Policy
Matrimonial Real Property

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TSUU T'INA COMMUNITY LEGISLATION DEVELOPMENT

ELECTIONS

BACKGROUND

Currently, Tsuu T'ina Nation conducts its Elections under the provisions of the Indian Act. In June 2010, the Governance Department was given the mandate to develop a Tsuu T'ina Electoral Code, which will allow the Nation to opt out of the Indian Act and adopt an electoral code based on the customs and traditions of Tsuu T'ina.

Dates 2011

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December 7 Elders Meeting
December 14 Proposed Managers Meeting
December 15 Nation Media Outlets/Newsletter
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SECOND READING - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

January ***Please note* due to budget constraints the Citizenship Engagement Process will be limited to Focus Group Sessions. To ensure fair representation the sampling will include a Cross Section of all Tsuu T'ina Families.**

January 24 20 Tsuu T'ina Youth Citizens
January 25 20 Tsuu Tina Citizens comprised of Elders, Staff and Mgmt

February 2012 Redraft with Amendments

March 1, 2012 **REPORT STAGE** – Community Citizen Vote

March 2012 **FINAL READING** - Send to Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Canada per Indian Act

April 2012 **TSUU T'INA NATION
DECLARATION of Law - Coming into
force**

LANDS

BACKGROUND

For the protection, and use of un surrendered land of the Tsuu T'ina Nation a code is being developed and is now in the drafting phase of the Legislative Process. Please see proposed activities.

Dates **PROPOSED LAND LEGISLATION- Drafting Phase**

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December 14 **Managers Meeting - Invite Land Technicians**
Lands, Infrastructure, Police Services, Land Claims, Traditional Use Survey, Housing, Technical Services, Energy Corporation, Economic Development, Treaty, Special Projects, Governance Committee of Council, Nation Administrator, Administration Committee of Council.

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January 9-13 **Land Code Strategy Session Issues – 2 Days
Development of Key Questionnaire
and Face-to-Face Interviews.**

1. Allotments
2. Matrimonial Real Property
3. Research Traditional and Historic Uses
4. Development of Key Questionnaire
5. Governance Face to Face Interview

February 5 **Completion of Land Code Strategy Session:
(1 Day)**

1. Develop:
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Principles
 - c. Legislation

February 6 **Forward information to TTN Chief and
Council**

March 13-15 **Land Code Strategy Follow-up.**

1. Community Engagement Sessions Commence
 - a. Two-Day Sessions Tuesday & Wednesday
 - One Evening Sessions, Thursday

RESIDENCY

BACKGROUND

For the safekeeping of the Tsuu T'ina Nation Community, A Residency Bylaw has been developed for your review and input.

- Community budgeting and planning requires accurate population numbers for all programs and services offered within the Tsuu T'ina Nation.
- It is also an effort to deliver adequate emergency services and guard against criminal activity for the safety of all Tsuu T'ina Citizens and their families
- The Tsuu T'ina Residency Bylaw is passed the drafting stage and will now be run through the Legislative Process.

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