




LAND CODE – QUW'UTSUN TUMUHW UPDATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

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LAND CODE PROCESS

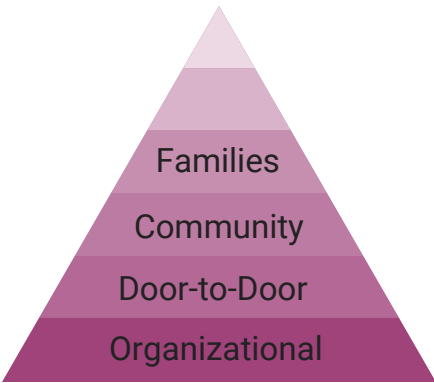
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. Environmental Assessment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. Verification - First Vote |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. Individual Agreement | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Transfer of Land Management |
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2nd ratification vote

The Land Code gives Cowichan the opportunity to get out of the Indian Act when it comes to land management. A successful "Community Ratification Process" is required, meaning a community vote by all eligible members and a majority vote is achieved.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PROCESS

Communication Methods

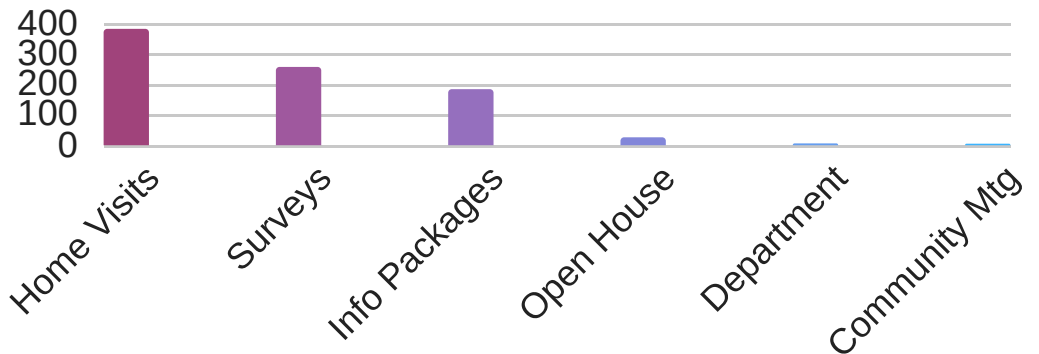


Community consultation for began in the late spring of 2016, the Land Code team met with several community members using a variety of *communication methods*.

We will continue outreach efforts to reassure members that the Land Code provides Cowichan independence from other jurisdictions as Cowichan Tribes members know the land best.

To date the Land Code team held several engagement events and were able to reach a number of community members.

See below for the number of engagement sessions we have conducted:



What do I have to do as a member



- Stay informed
- Ask questions
- Update your contact info with the Membership Department
- Spread the word to your family members



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2017 UNSUCCESSFUL VOTE

Cowichan Tribes **voter participation** did not meet the required threshold. The Land Code team conducted a survey spring 2018 and confirmed a few reasons why members did not vote:

- Confused with Brennan Land
- Too busy and not interested
- Didn't get "Land Code"
- Don't trust the band
- Didn't know it was happening



2018 TIMELINE OF EVENTS

The Land Code team is taking steps to ensure our lands and resources are protected by Cowichan Tribes for future generations to come. To date we have held several engagement events and are open to your feedback, comments and concerns.

Apr 19 – Press Release Up-Coming 2nd Vote (Date TBD)

May 7–22 – Re-engagement Survey

May 23 – Departmental Presentation, Elders Lunch

May 28 – Deliver notices on and off-reserve (Re-engagement)

May 29 – Departmental Presentation, Social Development Clients

Jun 13 – Open House, Lands Department

Jun 21 – Indigenous Peoples Day with Land Code Booth

Jun 26 – Land Code and Pizza, Kwam Kwum Tthun Shqwaluwun Youth Centre

ENGAGEMENT PLAN

- Create customized resources for community members
- Increase council involvement
- Use a user-friendly electronic voting platform
- Ensure members update their contact information



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