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***In Canada as of April 2013;
86 First Nations are currently
Developing or Operating Land
Codes under the First Nations
Land Management Regime.
Currently 70 First Nation
Communities are waiting to
become signatories to the
Framework Agreement.***



**LAND CODES HAVE
ALLOWED SOME
FIRST NATIONS
COMMUNITIES TO
EXERCISE THEIR
RIGHTS OVER
RESERVE
LANDS AND
RESOURCES.**

**THE BEAUSOLEIL FIRST NATION
LAND CODE WILL INCLUDE
CHRISTIAN ISLAND
BECKWITH ISLAND
HOPE ISLAND AND CEDAR POINT**



LANDS DEPARTMENT

**THE BEAUSOLEIL FIRST
NATIONS LANDS DEPARTMENT IS
DEDICATED TO THE
MEMBERSHIP OF BEAUSOLEIL
FIRST NATION.PRESENT AND
FUTURE .WE WILL RESPECT OUR
LANDS. WE WILL DO SO BY
PROVIDING THE HIGHEST
QUALITY OF SERVICE USING THE
MOST EFFECTIVE LANDS
MANAGEMENT PRACTICES WHILE
MAINTAINING AND RESPECTING
THE VISION OF OUR COMMUNITY.**

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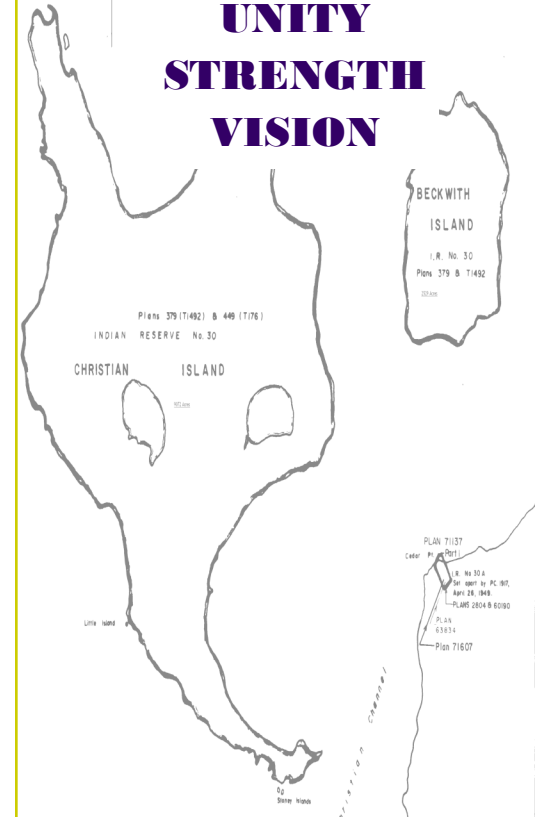
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LAND CODE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE



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BEAUSOLEIL FIRST NATIONS

BEAUSOLEIL FIRST NATIONS LAND CODE INITIATIVE

History of Framework Agreement

The Framework agreement was created to recognize that each First Nation have the right to govern and manage our own lands and resources. This agreement will lift the current constraints imposed by the Minister and federal government under the Indian Act.

In the Indian Act there are 32 sections who deal directly with our reserves. 25 of these 32 sections require the involvement of the Minister.

The Framework Agreement was signed by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development on February 12 1996 and 13 First Nations initially signed this agreement.



Benefits of Land Code

The Framework Agreement will allow Beausoleil First Nation to make timely business and administrative decisions without having to go to the Minister of Indian Affairs for approval.

The Framework Agreement will allow Beausoleil First Nation to enact and enforce sound environmental management and protection laws.

The Framework Agreement will make it possible for Beausoleil First Nation to adequately deal with the issues of matrimonial property in our community.

Land Code Process

The Framework Agreement is a First Nation driven initiative.

Beausoleil First Nation will develop our own land code that will reflect our own laws, priorities and traditions.

All eligible voting members who are 18 years of age and older are involved in the land code development and ratification process. Nothing is finalized without community ratification via registered voting.

The fiduciary relationship to the crown is retained, except to the extent that the land management comes under Beausoleil First Nation control.

Title to Beausoleil First Nation reserves land is not affected by the Framework Agreement. Beausoleil First Nation land continues to be land reserved for Indians within the meaning of section 91 (24) of the Constitutional Act of 1867. Constitutional protections are retained.

Treaty and aboriginal rights are not affected. The Framework Agreement is not a treaty. As a general rule, there is no expropriation by the federal or provincial governments of reserve lands. Canada is still responsible to correct past wrongs (not including land claims) that occurred on existing reserve lands before Beausoleil First Nation's land code takes effect.

There will be continued protection of third party and individual band member's interest's on reserve lands.

A land code will not:

- Grant taxation powers;
- Affect additions to reserves;
- Affect land claim's
- Increase provincial or municipal jurisdiction.

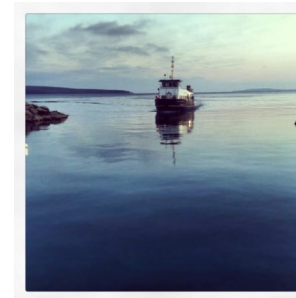


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