

LANDS AND RESOURCES REPORT

**Prepared for
Kahkewistahaw First Nation
Band Membership**

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Land Management Committee

- Lands Management Committee was requested and accepted by Chief and Council on July 19, 2004.
- Our new committee members are Blair Taypotat, Sam Taypotat & Ron McKay. When we have our committee meetings, we will be asking one of our elders to sit in on our meetings to get their input on the various decisions/recommendations.

Lands Development

- We have planted grass seed with a cover crop of oats on Lands leased from the Kahkewistahaw Trust and Kahkewistahaw Band Lands and Oats and Barley on Land leased from Cowessess, We have also leased another 10 - ¼ Sections of prime hay land from Cowessess of for this year.
- Grass seed has been ordered and paid for and was custom seeded by Dale Richter under a cash agreement.

Tree Planting

- Tree order forms can be picked up or dropped off at the Lands Office, now re-located in the Kahkewistahaw Health Centre - Room 106.
- Deadline for ordering trees is March 15, 2005. So get your orders in early

Permits – Grazing and Agriculture

- We have 2 patrons in our pasture program with 2 grazing permits to be signed and sent to INAC for registration.

Band Member Community Pasture

- A band member community pasture was established to accommodate band members. Anyone wishing to use this Please Stop in the Office and let me know how many animals are being put in the pasture along with tag numbers.

Land Use Planning Process

- A questionnaire was sent out last year and has to be tabulated. The report is has been put on hold for a little while and the tabulated results are being used and when completed we will be giving it to our Band membership for consultation meetings and for further input with respect to development of our lands and resources documents (i.e. policy, Act, Bylaws, etc.).
- Land use planning is a process for the determination of the most appropriate land uses for an area. The overall goal is to develop sustainability for the First Nation. Good land use planning uses the sustainable development model that includes the environment, economic and social. The plan must consider the people, their well-being and the

use and development of the land over the long term for the benefit of the people.

- Here are some definitions:
 - Land Use Plan - A map that outlines areas suited for development and the type of development those lands are suited for.
 - Land Uses:
 - Agriculture (e.g. cropping, pasture, hay land)
 - Residential (e.g. housing, sub-division)
 - Commercial (e.g. confectionary, casino)
 - Industrial (e.g. IPSCO)
 - Recreational (e.g. ball park, rodeo grounds)
 - Institutional (e.g. school, complex, band office)
 - Environmental (e.g. wildlife habitat)
 - Cultural (e.g. pow wow grounds, hunting grounds)
 - Resource (e.g. gravel, timber, oil, gas)
 - Land Use Policy - Provides direction for the appropriate locations for land uses. Determines the land use pattern for the community, establishes the guiding principles, the vision for the community and a long-term development plan.
 - Land Use Bylaws - Establishes compliance strategy and enforces the regulations.
 - Dispute Resolution Process - Ensures that all people are dealt with in a fair and equitable manner and there is right to appeal and to provide a non-political route, if possible.
- The basic Land Use Planning process includes:
 1. Establishing a vision
 - a. Vision
 - b. Mission
 - c. Objectives
 - d. Priorities
 2. Basic research
 - a. Data collection
 - b. Analysis
 - c. Development of options
 3. Plan preparation
 - a. Select preferred plan
 - b. Develop policies and bylaws
 4. Plan implementation
- Consultation with membership will continue throughout the process, which can include:
 - Community meetings
 - Clan or family meetings
 - Focus groups
 - Round table meetings

- Open houses
- Questionnaires
- Newsletters and brochures
- Mail out information packages
- Meetings with students
- Meetings with elders
- Seminars and workshops

I trust that this meets your expectations.

Respectfully Submitted,

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