

## LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Northeast Roundtable Date:	November 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Update Prepared By:	Genevieve Paterson, Land and Resource Specialist, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (MFLNRORD)
Updated Presented to Roundtable by:	Ian Curtis, Land and Resource Specialist, MFLNRORD

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Contact	James Cuell, Director of Strategic Initiatives <a href="mailto:James.Cuell@gov.bc.ca">James.Cuell@gov.bc.ca</a> Jason Lawson, Crown Land Opportunity Specialist <a href="mailto:Jason.Lawson@gov.bc.ca">Jason.Lawson@gov.bc.ca</a> Genevieve Paterson, Lands and Resource Specialist <a href="mailto:Genevieve.Paterson@gov.bc.ca">Genevieve.Paterson@gov.bc.ca</a>
Ministry/Agency	B.C. Ministry of Forests, lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
Description	<p>British Columbia's Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development is working with local First Nations and other interested parties to prepare for an update to the Fort St. John Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP). The LRMP, originally developed in 1997, is a set of strategic policies governing the management of Crown land and resources within the Peace Natural Resource District (which includes the Fort St. John Timber Supply Area). The LRMP identifies resource management zones and protected areas and sets out objectives and strategies that govern how land and resources are managed.</p> <p>The Fort St. John LRMP is a sub-regional plan covering approximately 4.6 million hectares that was approved by the B.C. government. The plan was produced through a four-year public process that involved a variety of interest groups. The resulting LRMP provided broad social choices through land use planning and provided objectives and strategies for managing Crown land and resources (both surface and sub-surface).</p> <p>The LRMP Update Project follows the B.C. government's commitment to a Modernized Land Use Planning Program. The LRMP update is a priority project under the umbrella of the provincial program. Growth and increasing demand in the natural resource sectors, increasing management complexity, and relations between the Province and First Nations have led to this Project. A number of independent regional initiatives have been undertaken to address priority issues, and an update to the LRMP will provide the platform for integration and implementation of results from these initiatives.</p> <p>The timing of the LRMP update has also been influenced by Treaty right litigation between Blueberry River First Nation and the Province of B.C. This update is also intended to provide the opportunity for other interested Treaty 8 First Nations to work in partnership with the MFLNRORD in the design and delivery of an updated plan.</p> <p>Updating the LRMP will require contributions from local communities, government, industry, stakeholders and the general public to inform the development of future management directions. A key feature will be enhanced government-to-government collaboration with First Nations including incorporating new land-related management approaches that reflect traditional ecological and cultural information.</p>

## LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

<p>Project Phases and Schedule</p>	<p><b>Phase 1 – Scoping: January - December 2019</b>                  During this phase, First Nations and interested parties from local governments, industry, stakeholders and the public were invited to share their interests and concerns related to land use in the Fort St. John LRMP area, as well as their views about the topics and opportunities that an updated LRMP might address.                  This information will be used to inform the scope of the update project, the form that public involvement might take, and the technical components needed for planning.</p> <p>Comments received from the public during initial engagement activities has been compiled by Urban Systems Ltd. into a “What We Heard” report that was made publicly available in April 2019. The What We Heard report is a thematic summary of input from participating parties including local governments, industry, stakeholders and the public related to the LRMP Update Project. During Phase 1 the Province worked with Treaty 8 First Nations in BC to introduce the LRMP update and identify opportunities for collaboration in the planning process.</p> <p><b>Phase 2 – Technical Planning: May 2019-May 2021</b>                  In spring 2019, the technical planning work to update the LRMP began. This work will integrate the advice received in the scoping phase with information from First Nations, technical experts and other sources. Involvement of interested parties from local governments, industry, stakeholders and the public will be key components. It is anticipated that producing an updated land use plan will take up two years, into spring 2021.</p>
<p>Project Information Links</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provincial LRMP website: <a href="https://engage.gov.bc.ca/fortstjohn-land-resource-management-plan-review/">https://engage.gov.bc.ca/fortstjohn-land-resource-management-plan-review/</a></li> <li>• PDF LRMP Project Overview: <a href="https://engage.gov.bc.ca/fortstjohn-land-resource-management-plan-review/project-information-sheet/">https://engage.gov.bc.ca/fortstjohn-land-resource-management-plan-review/project-information-sheet/</a></li> <li>• LRMP Phase 1 Stakeholder Engagement What We Heard Report <a href="https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/458/2019/07/2019-07-04-LRMP-What-We-Heard-Report_FINAL.pdf">https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/458/2019/07/2019-07-04-LRMP-What-We-Heard-Report_FINAL.pdf</a></li> <li>• 1997 Fort St. John Land and Resource Management Plan <a href="https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/458/2019/07/2019-07-04-LRMP-What-We-Heard-Report_FINAL.pdf">https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/458/2019/07/2019-07-04-LRMP-What-We-Heard-Report_FINAL.pdf</a></li> </ul>

### PROJECT UPDATE DETAILS

<p>Update Highlights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lions Gate Consulting retained to conduct socio-economic and environmental assessment.</li> </ul>
<p>Key Dates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To Be Determined</li> </ul>
<p>Meeting Reference Materials</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PowerPoint</li> </ul>



## LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

## STATUS REPORT ON ACTION ITEMS

Date Assigned	Item for Follow Up / Action	Assigned To	Status Update
September 4, 2019	Finalize draft website for review at October Roundtable – include Q&A tab	MFLNRORD	Open
September 4, 2019	Revise Northeast Roundtable TOR to include objective of promoting inclusive socio-economic consideration for all land and resource initiatives	MFLNRORD	Draft provided with Sept 4, 2019 minutes
	Look into an information session on Water Sustainability Act	MFLNRORD	Open
	Present LRMP engagement plan at Oct Roundtable	MFLNRORD/USL	Open
	LRMP presentation provided to participants	MFLNRORD	Closed
	LRMP engagement, update on regional consultation and website	MFLNRORD	Open
	Determine remaining number of Roundtable sessions	MFLNRORD	Closed