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Acronyms

AANDC	Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
ACLS	Association of Canada Land Surveyors
ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
ARALA	Atlantic Region Aboriginal Lands Association
ATR	Additions to Reserve
BCALM	British Columbia Aboriginal Land Managers
Cando	Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers
COEMRP	Centre of Excellence for Matrimonial Real Property
eRIP	Electronic Registry Index Plan
FNLMA	First Nation Land Management Act
FNLMAQ&L	First Nations Lands Managers Association for Quebec and Labrador
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
ILRS	Indian Lands Registry System
IPRM	Indigenous Peoples Resource Management
LEEDAC	Lands, Environment, and Economic Development Advisory Committee
NALMA	National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association
NRCan	Natural Resources Canada
OALA	Ontario Aboriginal Lands Association
OFNEDA	Ontario First Nations Economic Developers Association
PLA	Planning and Land Administrators
PLAN	Planning and Land Administrators of Nunavut
PLMC	Professional Lands Management Certification
RLA	Regional Lands Association
RLEMP	Reserve Land and Environment Management Program
SALT	Saskatchewan Aboriginal Lands Technicians
SG	Self Government
TALSAA	Treaty and Aboriginal Land Stewards Association of Alberta
Uske	Manitoba Uske

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Joint Message from the NALMA Board of Directors

On behalf of the NALMA Board, we are pleased to present NALMA's 2014-2015 Annual Report.

This year, NALMA has been fortunate to provide our members and stakeholders many opportunities to build their professional capacity in land management.

NALMA has developed innovative training and resource material that respond to the demands of First Nation Land Managers. We pride ourselves on ensuring members receive immediate technical support and reliable information. Our Association offers excellent networking opportunities, thus bringing together a wealth of experienced people amongst our members.

Within the past few years we have engaged members in the development of NALMA's Five Year Strategic Plan. The plan outlines a more practical and accessible approach to raising professional standards in First Nation Land Management. We are eager to implement the plan in 2015.

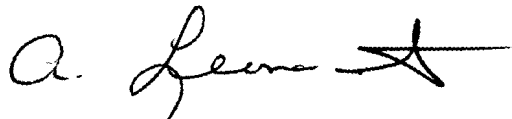
NALMA would like to acknowledge and thank our many partners and staff for their support and commitment in moving our mandate forward.

We hope that you find the information in the Annual Report informative. Should you have any questions, please call the NALMA or COEMRP offices and speak to any of our knowledgeable staff.

In good spirits!



Gino Clement
NALMA Chairperson



A. Leona Irons
NALMA Executive Director



Gino Clement
FNLMAQ&L



Louis Joe Bernard
ARALA



Wanda McGonigle
OALA



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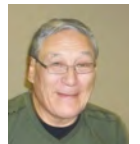
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TALSAA



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BCALM



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About NALMA

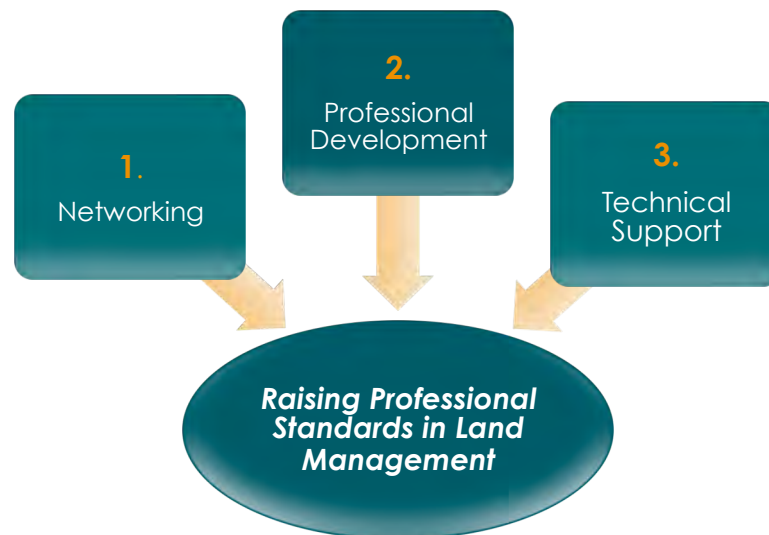
The National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association (NALMA), is a non-profit, non-political organization officially incorporated on December 21, 2000.

Since April 2000, NALMA has made progress in providing opportunities for First Nations in Canada to build capacity in First Nation land governance and management.

NALMA's mandate is to strategically work towards providing Land Managers and other stakeholders opportunities in three areas: Networking, Professional Development, and Technical Support.

Within this mandate, NALMA has taken a leadership role to increase the professional standards for First Nation land management and continues to meet the existing, emerging, and future needs of Land Managers to efficiently, and effectively manage their lands.

Over the past fourteen years, NALMA has made significant progress in raising the professional standards in First Nation land management. Our practical approach to addressing land management capacity involves working cooperatively with First Nations, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) Headquarters (HQ), and their respective Regions, other external governments, and organizations.



Our Mission

A National Organization of First Nation Lands Managers, which will actively network towards the enhancement of professional development and technical expertise in the functions of Land Management, which will also incorporate First Nations values and beliefs into Land Management always keeping in mind the grass-root practices when dealing with Land Management.

Regional Lands Associations & NALMA Membership

Our Member Communities operate under various land regimes, including Reserve Land and Environment Management Program (RLEMP), First Nation Land Management Act (FNLMA), and Self-Government (SG).

8 Regional Lands Associations (RLA) representing 159 First Nation and Inuit Communities at large.



These 8 RLA's provide technical support and networking opportunities to each of their members through meetings and training sessions that target the specific needs of their region. First Nations belonging to their respective Regional Lands Associations are automatically members of NALMA. A membership fee may be required to join your Regional Lands Association. In essence, the Regional Lands Association's constitute the structure of NALMA. Membership fees vary from region to region.

In regions where no Regional Lands Association exists, a First Nation Land Manager may apply for a NALMA Associate Membership at a one-time-cost of \$150.00. If you are not a First Nation Land Manager, NALMA offers Associate Memberships. The annual fee for a NALMA Associate Membership is \$150.00.

BCALM

Executive Committee:

Chair: Latrica Babin
Shuswap Indian Band

Vice-Chair: Joan King
Coldwater Indian Band

Secretary: Christine Brown
Lytton First Nation

Treasurer: Shawn Wiebe
Splatshin First Nation

Members:

1. Penticton Indian Band
2. Shuswap First Nation
3. Coldwater Indian Band
4. Haisla Nation
5. Nooaitch Band
6. Lytton First Nation
7. Lower Nicola Indian Band
8. Tsawout First Nation
9. Lower Similkameen Indian Band
10. Songhees First Nation
11. Moricetown Band
12. Nadleh Whuten
13. Splatshin
14. Upper Nicola Indian Band
15. Mount Currie Band Council
16. Shackan First Nation
17. Osoyoos Indian Band
18. Sliammon (Tla'amin) First Nation
19. Angie Derrickson

Associate Members:

20. Efficient Environmental Consultatns Ltd.
21. LVB Strategic Negotiations and Research Group Inc.
22. Donovan and Company

Incorporation:

British Columbia Aboriginal Land Managers (BCALM) was officially incorporated November 17, 2014.

Conferences/Training/Meetings:

December 9-11, 2014 Vancouver, BC

First Nations Economic Success – Links to Learning For Economic Development and Land Managers 2014

BCALM hosted the Links to Learning Conference in Vancouver, BC. In collaboration with AANDC British Columbia Region, Industry Council for Aboriginal Business (ICAB), Ch'nook, Aboriginal Financial Officers Association (AFOA), Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers (Cando), and NALMA. This was the second forum focusing on knowledge sharing and skills enhancement to practitioners at the community level.

Over 200 participants were able to choose from over 50 workshops and received a "Links to Learning Passport" to help track their professional development activities to facilitate accreditation with AFOA, Cando, Ch'nook, and NALMA courses. Workshops covered a

- MRP Toolkit Training
- Collective and Individual Interests
- Environmental Review Process
- Links between Lands and Taxation
- How to Run a Lands Office
- Online Tools for Land Managers
- Land Use Planning
- Strategic Planning
- Project Management
- Business Plan Boot Camp - The Basics
- Financial Management
- And many more.

wide range of Economic and Land Development topics, such as:

March 10, 2015, Vancouver, BC

BCALM Executive Committee canvassed its membership for feedback and input relating to training needs, communication preferences, and general feedback on how BCALM can provide enhanced services to its membership.

BCALM looks forward to bringing Land Managers together in the 2015-2016 fiscal year to promote a national understanding of First Nations Land Management. BCALM recognizes that a national perspective will enhance regional awareness of Land Management, and will help to promote best practices at the grass roots level.

Executive Committee:

Chair: Louis Joe Bernard,
Waycobah First Nation, NS

Vice-Chair: Rose Julian
Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation, NS

Secretary: Stewart Etheridge,
Miawpukek Mi'kamawey Mawi'omi,
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Treasurer: Albert Marshall
Eskasoni, NS

Members:

1. Abegweit First Nation, PE
2. Acadia First Nation, NS
3. Eel Ground First Nation
4. Elsipogtog First Nation, NB
5. Eskasoni First Nation, NS
6. Kingsclear First Nation, NB
7. Madawaska Maliseet First Nation, NB
8. Membertou Band, NS
9. Metepenagiag First Nation, NB
10. Miawpukek Mi'kamawey Mawi'omi, NL
11. Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation, NS
12. Tobique First Nation, NB
13. Waycobah First Nation, NS

Associate Members:

The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq, NS:

14. Annapolis Valley First Nation, NS
15. Bear River First Nation, NS
16. Glooscap First Nation, NS
17. Millbrook First Nation, NS
18. Pictou Landing First Nation, NS

ARALA

This year the Atlantic Region Aboriginal Lands Association (ARALA) increased its membership. ARALA would like to welcome Waycobah First Nation, NS and Madawaska Maliseet First Nation, NB as members.

Conferences/Training/Meetings:

October 28-30, 2014; Saint John, NB

Presentations:

- First Nations Employment Initiatives – Overview of JEDI
Penny Polchies, Joint Economic Development Initiatives (JEDI)
- Land Tenure for Economic Development on Reserves
Louis Joe Bernard, Waycobah First Nation
- Highway Development – Lessons Learned
Rose Julian, Paqtnkek Mi'kmaw Nation

Training:

- AANDC Environmental Review Process – Canadian Environmental Assessment Act 2012
Verna Crossman and Michael Grassie, Lands and Environmental Management Branch, AANDC – HQ
- Introduction to Power Point Presentation Design and Techniques Workshop
Lydia Sorflaten, CESCO

First Nations in Attendance:

- New Brunswick First Nations: Elsipogtog, Kingsclear, Tobique
- Newfoundland First Nation: Miawpukek Mi'kamawey Mawi'omi
- Nova Scotia First Nations: Acadia; Eskasoni; Membertou, Paqtnkek; Waycobah

ARALA Meeting:

February 10-12, 2015; Moncton, NB
(Joint session with FNLMAQ&L)

- Round Table Community Updates
- 5 Year Work Plan Review
- 2015-2016 Work Plan Development
- Election Term: January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016
 - Chair: Louis Joe Bernard
 - Vice Chair: Rose Julian
 - Secretary: Stewart Etheridge
 - Treasurer: Albert Marshall
- Waycobah First Nation accepted as a member to ARALA

Presentations:

- NALMA Update: National Gathering June 2014 Video plus, NALMA Newsletter
- AANDC Program Updates
Marie-Ève Foisy-Lands and Resources Manager, Quebec Region; and Larry Pardy-Manager, Lands, Environment, and Natural Resources, Atlantic Region
- Success Story: Mashteuiatsh First Nation – Reserve Land Designation
Marie-Ève Foisy-Lands and Resources Manager, AANDC Quebec Region
- Kwilmu'kw Maw-Klusuaqn Negotiation Office – Mi'kmaq Rights Initiative – An Introduction
Kelly Peters, Land Manager, KMKNO

Training:

- Appraisals
Norris Wilson, (English); Daniel Doucette, (French); Altus Group
- Consultation and Accommodation
Stephen Dunne, Regional Consultation Coordinator, AANDC Atlantic Region
- Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Information System (ATRIS) Training:
Webinar – English Session and Webinar French Session
- Surveys and Survey Instructions
James Banks (English), Surveyor, ESS/GC-SGB/ECD/ATRO, Natural Resources Canada; Eric Groulx, Manager, Quebec Regional Surveyor, General Branch (French)
- Introduction of NALMA Website
Melanie Jacobs, Resource Technical Support; Julia Taylor, Project Manager

ARALA Meeting:

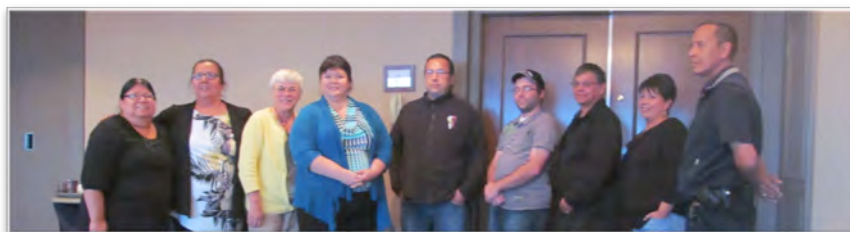
- Round Table Community Updates
- 2015-2016 Work Plan Final Review and Adoption
- Madawaska Maliseet First Nation accepted as a member

First Nations in Attendance:

- New Brunswick First Nations: Elsipogtog, Kingsclear, Tobique
- Newfoundland First Nation: Miawpukek Mi'kamawey Mawi'omi
- Nova Scotia First Nations: Acadia, Eskasoni, Membertou, Paqtnek, Waycobah
- Prince Edward Island First Nation: Abequit
- Quebec First Nations: (please refer to page 10)

Other Activities:

- ARALA members who attended the MRP Forum and 9th National Lands Managers Gathering in June 2014 in Toronto, ON were: Kingsclear; Eskasoni; Membertou; Miawpukek Mi'kamawey Mawi'omi
- ARALA was represented at the Atlantic Aboriginal Lands and Economic Development Planning Committee to develop the Atlantic Lands and Economic Readiness Summit that was held September 15-17, 2014 in Membertou, NS.
- Eel Ground; Elsipogtog; Eskasoni; Kingsclear; Membertou; Miawpukek Mi'kamawey Mawi'omi; Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq; Waycobah First Nations attended the MRP Toolkit Training Session in Halifax, NS in November 2014.



FNLMAQ&L

Executive Committee:

Chair: Gino Clement
Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government

Vice-Chair: Nick Ottawa
Kitigan Zibi Anishnabeg

Secretary: Amanda Simon
Mohawk Council of Kanesatake

Treasurer: Jessica Chevrier
Timiskaming First Nation

Members:

1. **Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government**
2. **Kitigan Zibi Anishnabeg**
3. **Mohawk Council of Kanesatake**
4. **Timiskaming First Nation**
5. **Micmacs of Gesgapegiag**
6. **Conseil de bande d'Odanak**
7. **Abenaquis de Wolinak**
8. **Conseil de la Nation huronne-wendat**
9. **Mohawk Council of Kahnawake**
10. **Conseil des Montagnais Essipit**
11. **Conseil des Montagnais du Lac St. Jean**
12. **Sheshatshiu Innu First Nation**
13. **Cree First Nation of Waswanipi**
14. **Uashat Mak Mani-Utenam (2 Communities)**

Incorporation:

The Executive has updated the First Nation Lands Managers Association for Quebec and Labrador (FNLMAQ&L) Bylaws, submitted the Articles of Continuance, and is now in compliance with the new Canada Not-For-Profit (NFP) Act.

Conferences/Training/Meetings:

*Executive Committee Meeting – September 18-19, 2014
Ottawa, ON*

- Update Bylaws and Planning for FNLMAQ&L Meeting
- AANDC Quebec Region Update
Marie-Éve Foisy, Lands and Resources Manager

First Nations in Attendance: Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government, Mohawk Council of Kanesatake, Kitigan Zibi Anishnabeg, Timiskaming First Nation, Conseil de bande d'Odanak, Mohawk Council of Kahnawake, Conseil de la Nation Waban-Aki

Training Session – February 10-12, 2015 Moncton, NB

- FNLMAQ&L Executive planned a joint session with ARALA, Agenda Items included:
 - AANDC Program Update
 - Surveys and Survey Instructions
 - Appraisals
 - Consultation and Accommodation
 - Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Information System (ATRIS) Training
 - Committee Business

All presentations were delivered in French and English.

First Nations in Attendance: Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government, Mohawk Council of Kanesatake, Kitigan Zibi Anishnabeg, Timiskaming First Nation, Conseil de bande d'Odanak, Uashat Mak Mani-Utenam



SALT

Executive Committee:

Chair:

Denise Pelletier
Cowessess First Nation

Vice-Chair:

Leonard Tipewan
Witchehan Lake

Secretary/Treasurer:

Corina Ryder
Carry the Kettle First Nation

Members:

1. Carry the Kettle First Nation
2. One Arrow First Nation
3. Witchehan Lake First Nation
4. Mistawasis First Nation
5. Flying Dust First Nation
6. Mosquito Grizzly Bear's Head First Nation
7. Whitebear First Nation
8. Cowessess First Nation
9. Kahkewistahaw First Nation

Conferences/Training/Meetings:

Executive Meeting: June 23-24, 2014 to discuss and plan the 15th Annual Conference.

Saskatchewan Aboriginal Land Technicians (SALT) hosted the 15th Annual Conference for Saskatchewan First Nation Land Managers in Saskatoon, SK on September 13-14, 2014.

Agenda Items Included:

- NALMA Update
- AANDC Update
- Breakout Sessions
 - Urban Systems – Environmental Management
 - Natural Resources Canada
 - Environmental Management and Assessment-AANDC
 - University of Saskatchewan-Source Water Protection Planning on First Nation Lands
 - Environment Canada
 - Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN)
- Plenary Sessions
 - Matrimonial Real Property

Executive Meeting and planning session September 17-18, 2014 in Swift Current, SK

Agenda Items Included:

- Conference Updates
- Minutes
- Financial Report
- AANDC Conference
- Website
- Meeting Attendance
- Other Committee Business

Executive Meeting, December 10-11, 2014

ArcGIS: Introduction to GIS Training Session held March 23-24, and March 26-27, 2015 in Saskatoon, SK



Executive Committee:

Chair: Wanda McGonigle
Hiawatha First Nation

Vice-Chair: Jan Burning
Six Nations of the Grand River

Secretary/Coordinator: Margaret Sault,
Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation

Treasurer: Cindy Behm
Sheguandah First Nation

Co-Treasurer: Erica Soney
Walpole Island First Nation

Members:

1. Aamjiwnaang First Nation
2. Alderville First Nation
3. Algonquins of Pikwakanagan
4. Atikameksheng Anishnawbek
5. Aundeck-Omni-Kaning First Nation
6. Batchewana First Nation
7. Beausoleil First Nation
8. Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek First Nation
9. Chippewas of Georgina Island
10. Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point First Nation
11. Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation
12. Chippewas of Rama First Nation
13. Curve Lake First Nation
14. Delaware Nation Moravian of the Thames
15. Dokis First Nation
16. Fort William First Nation
17. Garden River First Nation
18. Henvey Inlet First Nation
19. Hiawatha First Nation
20. M'Chigeeng First Nation
21. Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation
22. Mohawks of Akwesasne
23. Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte
24. Munsee-Delaware Nation
25. Nipissing First Nation
26. Sagamok Anishnawbek
27. Saugeen First Nation
28. Six Nations of the Grand River
29. Sheguandah First Nation
30. Rainy River First Nation
31. Temagami First Nation
32. Wahta Mohawks
33. Walpole Island First Nation
34. Wasauksing First Nation
35. Whitefish River First Nation
36. Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve

OALA

Conferences/Training/Meetings:

Ontario Aboriginal Lands Association (OALA)/Ontario First Nations Economic Developers Association (OFNEDA) Conference: "Working Together". This Conference took place in Sarnia, ON September 8-11, 2014. The following presentations were provided:

- AANDC Program Update
Brandy Oliveira, AANDC Ontario Region
- Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs Program Update
Robert Derbyshire, MAA
- Project Management Presentation
Greg Philliban, ENVPM Solutions
- Matrimonial Real Property
Kathy McCue, COEMRP
- AANDC Reporting
Brandy Oliveira, AANDC Ontario Region
- Environmental Screening
Cheyenne Loon, Environment Canada
- Leasing and Permits
Debra Campbell, NALMA
- Union of Ontario Indians Economic Blueprint
Barrett Dokis, UOI
- Species at Risk 101
Stephen Haayen, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Sand and Gravel Regulations
Barbara Morten, AANDC Headquarters
- Employment and Training
Marc Manatch, Ogemawahj Tribal Council
- Designations
Debra Campbell, NALMA
- Duty to Consult
Don Richardson, Shared Value Solutions
- Success of Lands & Economic Development Partnership
Gerry Duquette Jr., Dokis First Nation

First Nations in Attendance: Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, Delaware Nation, Oneida Nation, Whitefish River, Ojibways of Onigaming, Chippewas of Rama, Nipissing, Algonquins of Pikwakanagan, Chippewas of Nawash, North Caribou Lake, Moose Cree, Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishnaabek, Dokis, Aundeck Omni Kaning, Batchewana, Sheguandah, Serpent River, Saugeen, Curve Lake, Matchewan, Attawapiskat, Georgina Island, Wahta Mohawks, Wahnapiatae, Big Trout Lake, Six Nations, Wikwemikong, Pic Mobert, Pays Plat, Garden River, Thessalon, Aroland, Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte, Ginoogaming, Grassy Narrows, Anishnaabeg of Naongashiinig, Missinabie Cree, Fort Albany, Wasauksing, Brunswick House, Shesheganing, Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point, Aamjiwnaang, Zhiibaahaasing, Sagamok, Chippewas of St. Claire, Long Lake #58.

OALA Executive met in Rama, ON August 19, 2014 to discuss bylaws, banking, and other Committee business.

OALA Held their Annual General Meeting on September 10, 2014 at the OALA/OFNEDA Conference.

OALA provided sponsorship for members to attend the "Our Lands" Conference, January 28-29, 2015 in Rama, ON. The following presentations were provided:

- Keynote Address: Why Our Land is Important
- Conservation and Stewardship Through Community Mapping
- Accessing the TD Friends of the Environment Fund
- Healthy Ecosystems, Healthy Harvests
- Centre for Community Mapping: Development of a Spatial Heritage Database
- Proposal Writing for Lands Projects
- Keynote Address: Developing Successful Community Engagement Practices
- Principles of Onsite and Decentralized Wastewater Treatment
- Accessing the Aboriginal Energy Fund
- Timber Stalks or Gold Stalks: Can you make your forest pay?
- Separating First Nations "Lands" and "Environment" Departments
- Pollution Probe Award Winners: Dokis First Nation
- Developing Community Waste Management Solutions
- Duty to Consult

OALA Meeting was held March 25-26, 2015 in Toronto, ON.

Agenda items included:

- Election Term: January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016
 - Chair: Wanda McGonigle
 - Secretary/Coordinator: Margaret Sault
 - Treasurer: Cynthia Behm
 - Co-Treasurer: Erica Soney
- Review and Approve:
 - OALA Terms of Reference
 - Corporation By-law No. 1 (in accordance with new NFP Act)
 - Work Plan and Budget for 2015-2016
 - 5 Year Work Plan (including training schedule)
- Matrimonial Real Property Update
- NALMA Update
- Additions to Reserve and Reserve Creation, Policy Update
- RLEMP Reporting Review

First Nations in Attendance: Sheguiandah, Whitefish River, Akwesasne, Walpole Island, Algonquins of Pikwakanagan, Nipissing, Chippewas of Nawash, Wasauksing, Sagamok, Aundeck Omni Kaning, Saugeen, Rainy River, Six Nations, Mississaugas of the New Credit, Hiawatha.

Executive Meeting and Planning Session with OFNEDA Board of Directors on March 26, 2015 in Toronto, ON.

- The purpose of this meeting was to improve the working relationship between Boards, which allows for smoother communication when developing proposals for the upcoming training forums (formerly the OALA/OFNEDA Conference).



Uske

Executive Committee:

Chair: Gord Bluesky
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

Vice-Chair: Herman Green
Buffalo Point First Nation

Secretary: Calvin Campeau
Sapotaweyak Cree Nation

Treasurer: Maurice Myran
Long Plain First Nation

Members:

1. AANDC Manitoba Region
2. Buffalo Point First Nation
3. Brokenhead Ojibway Nation
4. Bunibonibee Cree Nation
5. Waywayseecappo First Nation
6. Chemawawin Cree Nation
7. Cross Lake Band
8. Gods Lake First Nation
9. Lake St. Martin First Nation
10. Long Plain First Nation
11. Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation
12. Norway House Cree Nation
13. Opaskwayak Cree Nation
14. O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation
15. Peguis First Nation
16. Rolling River First Nation
17. Roseau River First Nation Trust
18. Sagkeeng First Nation
19. Sapotaweyak Cree Nation
20. Swan Lake First Nation
21. TLE Committee of Manitoba Inc.
22. Tootinaowazsiibeeng Treaty Reserve # 292

This year Manitoba Uske (Uske) increased its membership. Uske would like to welcome Black River First Nation as a member.

Conferences/Training/Meetings:

October 7-9, 2014 - Elkhorn Resort, Wasagaming, MB

Presentations:

- Matrimonial Real Property (MRP):
Chris Angecone, Legislative Analysis Coordinator, COEMRP
- First Nation Lands Management Initiative
Ed Bear, Lands Advisory Board, First Nation Lands Management
- Red River Basin Natural Resources Framework Plan
Christine Hutlet, North Basin Manager
- Lake Winnipeg Foundation
Kirsten Earl McCorister, Co.
- Introduction to Government of Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs - Department Organization and Programming
Jeff Legault, Policy Analyst, Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, Government of Manitoba
- Manitoba Community Economic Development Capacity Index Tool User Guide
Ken Sanderson, Director; Technology Services, Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, Government of Manitoba

Training:

- Climate and Green Initiatives:
What is Climate Change?
How Will Climate Change Affect Manitoba?
Ramon F.M. Sales, Jr. Climate Change Adaptation Analyst, Conservation and Water Stewardship, Government of Manitoba
- Aboriginal Consultation and Accommodation
Charles L. Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, Governance and Individual Affairs, AANDC Manitoba Region
- AANDC Environmental Review Process – An Overview for First Nations
Daniel Benoit, Sr. Environmental Specialist, Environmental Planning and Management Unit, AANDC Manitoba Region



First Nations in Attendance: Black River; Brokenhead Ojibway; Buffalo Point; Bunibonibee Cree; Chemawawin Cree; Lake St. Martin; Long Plain; Gods Lake; Nisichawayasihk Cree; Opaskwayak Cree; Peguis; Rolling River; Sapotaweyak Cree; Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba; Waywayseecappo.

Manitoba USKE Meeting:

- Manitoba Business
- Round Table Community Updates
- 5 Year Work Plan Review
- 2015-2016 Work Plan Development
- Election Term: January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2016
 - Chair: Gord Bluesky
 - Vice Chair: Herman Green
 - Secretary: Calvin Campeau
 - Treasurer: Maurice Myran

January 20-21, 2015 - Winnipeg, MB

Presentations:

- NALMA Update
Gord Bluesky, Chair, Manitoba Uske, and NALMA Director
- AANDC Program Update
Dustin Remillard, Manager, Lands and Resources, LED, AANDC Manitoba Region

Training:

- Permits
Duncan Mercredi, Sr. Land Management Officer, LED, AANDC Manitoba Region
- FNLM, RLEMP
Rhonda James, Sr. Land Management Officer, LED, AANDC Manitoba Region
- Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Information System (ATRIS)
Charles L. Marcoux, Regional Consultation Coordinator, Governance and Individual Affairs, AANDC Manitoba Region
- Matrimonial Real Property Act and Forms
Inna Granovsky, Land Management Officer, LED, AANDC Manitoba Region
- AANDC Environment Process
Tebesi Mosala, Sr. Environmental Specialist, LED, EPM, AANDC Manitoba Region
- NRCAN Systems and Tools
Janice Land, NRCAN Officer, Natural Resources Canada – Manitoba Region
- ILRS Updates and System Overview
Stella Pruse, System Coordinator, LED – EPM, AANDC Manitoba Region

First Nations in Attendance: Black River; Brokenhead Ojibway; Buffalo Point; Bunibonibee Cree; Chemawawin Cree; Lake St. Martin; Long Plain; Gods Lake; Nisichawayasihk Cree; Norway House Cree; Opaskwayak Cree; Peguis; Rolling River; Roseau River; Sagkeeng; Sapotaweyak Cree; Treaty Land Entitlement Committee of Manitoba; Waywayseecappo.

Manitoba USKE Meeting:

- Manitoba Uske Business and 2015-2016 Work Plan Development

Executive Committee:

Chair: Lance Yellow Face
Piikani Nation

Vice-Chair: John Alook
Bigstone Cree Nation

Secretary/Treasurer: Elizabeth
Arcand
Alexander First Nation

Members:

1. Alexander First Nation
2. Bigstone Cree
Nation
3. Kainai-Blood Tribe
4. Enoch Cree Nation
5. Frog Lake First
Nation
6. Montana First Nation
7. O'Chiese First Nation
8. Piikani Nation
9. Siksika Nation
10. Swan River First Nation
11. Tsuu T'ina First Nation
12. Woodland Cree First
Nation

TALSAA

This year the Treaty and Aboriginal Land Stewards Association of Alberta (TALSAA) increased its membership. TALSAA would like to welcome O'Chiese First Nation as a member.

Conferences/Training/Meetings

May 6-8, 2014 Edmonton, AB

First Nations in Attendance: Alexander; Siksika; Frog Lake; Piikani; Tsuu T'ina; Big Stone Cree; Daniel Silbernagel, AANDC Alberta Region

Presentation:

- Matrimonial Real Property Presentation and Q&A
Chris Angecone, Legislative Analysis Coordinator and Kathy McCue, Administration and Communications Coordinator, COEMRP

Training:

- Indian Lands Registry System (ILRS) - *Don Girardin, AANDC Alberta Region*
- Netlands Training - *Barry Laprise, AANDC Alberta Region*
- Estates On Reserve Training - *Susan Weston, Manager, Estates, AANDC Alberta Region*
- RLEMP First Nations' Roles and Responsibility (Land Transaction Information Report, Land Inspection Report, Transaction Checklist, Locatee Consent) - *Daniel Silbernagel, Lands Operation Unit, AANDC Alberta Region*

TALSAA Meeting:

- Round Table Community Updates
- 5 Year Work Plan Review
- 2015-2016 Work Plan Development

October 15-17, 2014, Edmonton, AB

First Nations in Attendance: Frog Lake, Piikani, Big Stone Cree, Woodland Cree, Kainai – Blood

Presentations:

- NALMA Update: *Lance Yellow Face, Chair, TALSAA and NALMA Director*
- AANDC Alberta Region Update: *Daniel Silbernagel, Lands Operation Unit, AANDC Alberta Region*
- Frog Lake "Evolution" of AANDC's RLEMP – Land Inspection Report: *Len Quinney, Lands Manager, Frog Lake, AB*
- Woodland Cree First Nation – "Evolution" of RLEMP: First Nation Roles and Responsibilities; Land Transaction Information Report; Land Inspection Report; Transaction Checklist Template
Elvis Thomas, Land Manager, Woodland Cree, AB

Training:

- RLEMP Checklist; Reporting Requirements and Tools: *Daniel Silbernagel, Lands Operation Unit, AANDC Alberta Region*
- Aboriginal Impact Benefit Agreements: *Paul Seaman, Aboriginal Law Group, Gowlings*

TALSAA Meeting:

- TALSAA Administration Business
- 5 Year Work Plan Review
- 2015-2016 Work Plan Development

March 10-11, 2015, Tsuu T'ina First Nation, AB

Presentations:

- NALMA Update
Lance Yellow Face, Chair, TALSAA and NALMA Director
- AANDC Update
Daniel Silbernagel, Lands Operation Unit, AANDC Alberta Region.

Training:

- Changes to NRCan National Standards and NRCan On-line Tools
Bernie Brotschi and Mark Hatcher, Alberta Region Officer, Surveyor General Branch, Natural Resources Canada

Information Provided:

- On-Reserve Matrimonial Real Property Rights – As of December 16, 2014
- Lands and Economic Development Services Program (LEDSP) – Applying for funding for environmental projects (for info) Statement by Minister Valcourt on the Passage into Law of Bill C-428, the Indian Act Amendment and Replacement Act
- Solid waste diversion course for First Nations, March 17–19, 2015 – TSAG
- Kainai AG Showcase “Sowing the Seeds for Tomorrow” – March 18, 2015
- Kainai Ecosystem Protection Agency Summit 2015 “Giving Back to the Land – May 20–22, 2015

TALSAA Meeting:

- TALSAA Administration Business
- Finalize 2015-2016 Work Plan and Acceptance
- TALSAA By-Law Review
- TALSAA Mission Statement Review

Other Activities:

- TALSAA has representation on the Lands and Economic Development Advisory Committee
- Frog Lake provided a presentation at the Technical Services Advisory Group (TSAG) Conference in October. A NALMA/TALSAA presentation was provided at the Cando session for Land Managers and Economic Development Officers.
- TALSAA pamphlets were available at the Matrimonial Real Property and 9th National Aboriginal Lands Managers Gathering in June 2014 as well as the Assembly of First Nations General Assembly in July 2014.

First Nations in Attendance: Frog Lake; Piikani; Woodland Cree; Kainai – Blood Tribe; Alexander; Siksika; O'Chiese. Daniel Silbernagel, AANDC Alberta Region, Jennifer Greengrass, Lands Officer, LED and Intergovernmental Relations, AANDC Alberta Region.



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Executive Committee:

Chair: Troy Beaulieu,
Hamlet of Gjoa Haven
Representative from Kitikmeot Region

Vice-Chair: Jack Kaniak,
Hamlet of Kugluktuk

Secretary/Treasurer: Blandina Kakkianium,
Hamlet of Kugararuk

Members:

1. Hamlet of Arctic Bay
2. Hamlet of Arviat
3. Hamlet of Baker Lake
4. Hamlet of Cambridge Bay
5. Hamlet of Cape Dorset
6. Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet
7. Hamlet of Clyde River
8. Hamlet of Coral Harbour
9. Hamlet of Gjoa Haven
10. Hamlet of Grise Fiord
11. Hamlet of Hall Beach
12. Hamlet of Igloolik
13. Hamlet of Iqaluit
14. Hamlet of Kimmirut
15. Hamlet of Kugaaruk
16. Hamlet of Kugluktuk
17. Hamlet of Pangnirtung
18. Hamlet of Pond Inlet
19. Hamlet of Qikiqtarjuaq
20. Hamlet of Rankin Inlet
21. Hamlet of Repulse Bay
22. Hamlet of Resolute
23. Hamlet of Sanikiluaq
24. Hamlet of Taloyoak
25. Hamlet of Whale Cove

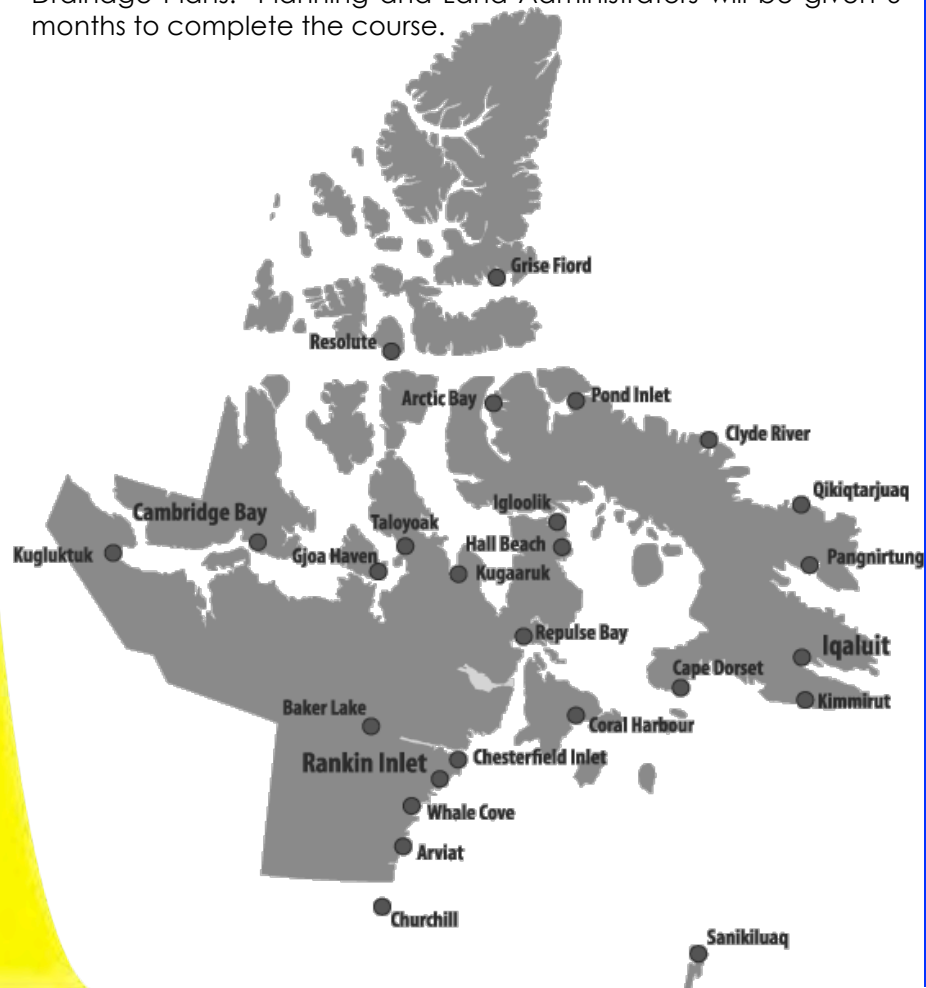
Planning and Land Administrators of Nunavut's membership consists of all 25 Hamlets.

The Municipal Training Organization provided the following for Planning and Land Administrator's who have not yet completed their certification:

- Community Planning 1: October 20, 2014
- Lands Administrator 1: November 17, 2014
- Lands Administrator 2: February 23, 2015

The Nunavut Municipal Training Organization provided two days of GIS training to PLAN members.

A 16-hour on-line Environmental Project Management Planning course has been developed and scheduled to launch in October 2015. The on-line Environmental Project Management Planning course focuses on the need to: use cost industry standards; and project management best practices. The course is specifically applicable to Northern and remote communities by way of relevant case studies applied throughout the course on Northern Master Energy Plans, Waste Management Plans, and Master Drainage Plans. Planning and Land Administrators will be given 6 months to complete the course.



Professional Lands Management Certification Program

Program Overview

NALMA's Professional Lands Management Certification Program (PLMCP) was created for the purpose of recognizing the accomplishments of professionals working in First Nation lands and environment disciplines. Certification establishes professional credibility at a national level, which formally recognizes, verifies skills, knowledge, and enhances marketability for a First Nation. It assures that an individual meets specific criteria, remains current in the field of discipline and maintains a professional code of ethics. This represents both an achievement and a responsibility for the individual.

Level One: Indigenous Peoples Resource Management (IPRM) Program, is delivered by the University of Saskatchewan

Level Two: Technical Training is delivered by NALMA.

Level One: Post Secondary Training

IPRM program is designed to provide Land Managers with the necessary training to examine the basic environmental, legal, and economic aspects of land management. Upon completion of the program, the student will obtain an IPRM Certificate, which is achieved by completing all six IPRM degree-credit courses, while attaining a minimum 60% overall average throughout the Program.



Level Two: Technical Training

The second level of NALMA's technical training consists of three components:

1. Five technical courses, each course delivered over 5 days in intense mode, and one technical course delivered on-line over five weeks.
2. Completion of thirty-seven hours work experience in First Nations Land Management
3. Completion of final exams which address the six technical development courses.



Training Schedule for 2014-2015:

Module 101	August 25 – 29, 2014	Ottawa, ON
Module 201	September 29 – October 3, 2014	Calgary, AB
Module 301	October 20 - 24, 2014	Sydney, NS
Module 401A	November 24 - 28, 2014	Westbank, BC
Module 401B	December 15 – January 31, 2015	On-line
Module 501	February 2 - 6, 2015	Vancouver, BC

Certified Land Manager

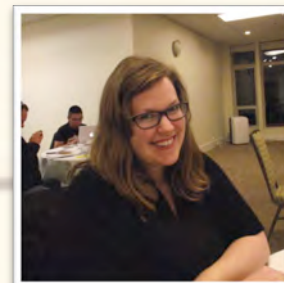
Upon successful completion of both levels, students are issued a Certificate as *Practitioners in First Nation Lands and Environment Management*. This program is recognized nationally, and indicates expertise and accomplishment in the field.



NALMA has certified 126 Land Managers since the program began in 2004, 118 English and 8 French.

2014/2015 Graduates

1. **Alexis Vanderheyden**, Garden River First Nation, ON
2. **Ashley Doyle**, Kwantlen First Nation, BC
3. **Carmen Little**, Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation, SK
4. **Christine Belanger**, Ochapowace First Nation, SK
5. **Clarence "Jason" McDonald**, Sipekne'katik Band, NS
6. **Jessica Chevrier**, Timiskaming First Nation, QC
7. **John Moostoos**, James Smith Cree Nation, SK
8. **Rainy Crane**, Key First Nation, SK
9. **Sharon Joe**, Shackan First Nation, BC
10. **Vern Friday**, Cote First Nation, SK
11. **Wade Sutherland**, Peguis First Nation, MB
12. **William Spence**, Peguis First Nation, MB

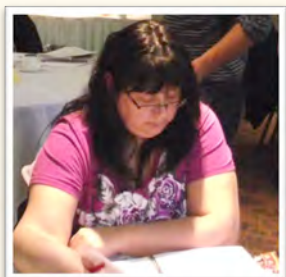


"This was a very fun and exciting experience"

-Student

"I really appreciate the opportunity to participate in a program like this; I feel real lucky!"

-Student



"The whole training was an excellent experience! I am grateful for the education I received"

-Student



"Very informative! Learned a lot"

-Student



Centre of Excellence for Matrimonial Real Property

National Forum on the Technical Aspects of Matrimonial Real Property

With the coming into force of the *Act*, COEMRP determined that it would be beneficial to convene a National Forum to disseminate technical information and materials to First Nations.

A videotaped National Forum on the Technical Aspects of Matrimonial Real Property was held at the International Plaza Hotel on June 17-19, 2014 in Toronto, ON. The Forum was made possible through funding by AANDC and hosted by NALMA, OALA, and COEMRP.

A Master of Ceremonies led attendees through a number of presentations including: an opening key-note address by Teresa Edwards, representing the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC); an Overview of The *Act*; Constitutional Considerations relating to the *Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act*; Matrimonial Real Property under the *First Nation Land Management Act*; Alternative Dispute Resolution; Best Practices in First Nation Law-Making; National Aboriginal Policing and Crime Prevention update; and understanding and using the Matrimonial Real Property Template Law. Participants were also given an opportunity to select various break-out sessions throughout the three day conference. Copies of all presentations are available in both French and English and can be viewed at <http://www.coemrp.ca/2014-national-forum>.

Originally, COEMRP anticipated a maximum of 200 participants, however, First Nation registrations exceeded that target. A total of 216 participants attended from 10 Provinces representing Chiefs, Councillors, Land Managers and other band staff, AANDC, Public Safety Canada, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and representatives from the Province of Ontario. An overall evaluation was circulated (109 evaluations were collected), and 90% of responses indicated that overall, participant expectations were met.



Over the course of 3 days, the National Forum covered the following agenda items:

- Keynote Address: Matrimonial Real Property on Reserve
- Introduction of NALMA
- Introduction of COEMRP
- *Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act* – An Overview of the Legislation
- Constitutional Considerations Relating to the *Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act*
- Matrimonial Real Property under First Nation Lands Management Act (FNLMA)
- Learn More...*Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act*
 - Understanding Emergency Protection Orders
 - Exclusive Occupation Orders
 - Role of the First Nation Council under the Provisional Federal Rules
- Introduction to the Application of Family Law on Reserve
- Civil Code of Quebec Implications
- Estates Management
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Best Practices in Mediation
- Understanding Collective Interests vs. Individual Interests on Reserve
- General Principles of Legislative Drafting
- Practical Considerations for First Nation Land Managers in the Implementation of MRP
- Best Practices for First Nation Law Making
- Role of Law Enforcement in MRP
- Understanding and Using the Matrimonial Real Property Law Template



Professor Larry Chartrand
Faculty of Law
University of Ottawa



Patrick Orr
Legislative Council



Dominique Nouvet
Associate
Woodward & Company

COEMRP Research

COEMRP commissioned a number of research reports for the benefit of First Nations communities. Cumulatively these reports are set out below:

***Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act* and its Relationship to Quebec Family Law: A Comparison and Constitutional Analysis:**

This report by Professor Larry Chartrand of the University of Ottawa (Common Law) identifies the differences that exist between the *Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act* and the Civil Code of Quebec. It examines further how Quebec's provincial matrimonial regime interacts with the provisions of the Act and whether the interim provisional federal rules and any newly enacted First Nations laws will be enforceable in the Quebec courts.

Western ADR Processes and Indigenous Dispute Resolution:

Written by Rebecca Ratcliffe and Professor Catherine Bell, University of Alberta. This paper provides an overview of the methods, mechanics, objectives, opportunities, and limitations of ADR processes currently in operation in the administration of Canadian civil justice (non-criminal matters), such as family law; with a view to providing information to those interested in adapting or adopting them.

Indigenous Centered Conflict Resolution Processes in Canada:

Written by Nisha Sikka, George Wong and Professor Catherine Bell, University of Alberta. This paper discusses dispute resolution systems in Canada that are designed to implement Indigenous laws and values. It draws largely on models from First Nation contexts and publicly available material.

COEMRP Tools: Understanding the Legislation

COEMRP developed a number of pamphlets and brochures to assist First Nation community residents to understand their rights and protections pursuant to the Act.

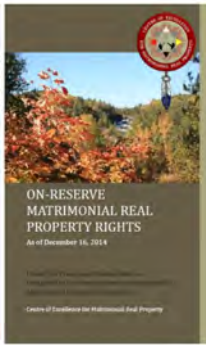
***Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act*: Provisions in Plain Language:**

This document was prepared by Patrick Orr, Legislative Drafter. The document is a plain language version of the *Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act*.



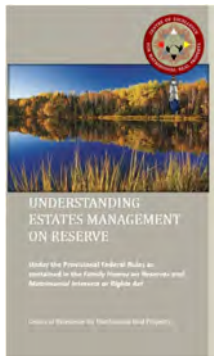
Role of Chief and Council - Under the Provisional Federal Rules as contained in the *Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act*:

A brochure developed by COEMRP to prepare First Nation Councils to respond to applications for Exclusive Occupation Orders of family homes located on reserve lands.



On-Reserve Matrimonial Real Property Rights – Under the Provisional Federal Rules as contained in the *Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act*:

A Pamphlet developed by COEMRP to inform reserve community residents about their rights and protections under the provisional federal rules.



Understanding Estates Management – Under the Provisional Federal Rules as contained within the *Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act*:

A brochure prepared by COEMRP to inform reserve community residents about their rights and protections when a spouse dies.

COEMRP Tools: Law Development

To assist communities in the development of their own MRP Laws, COEMRP has developed a series of law development tools.

Dominique Nouvet, Associate at Woodward and Company, developed a series of three reports in relation to First Nation MRP Lawmaking:

Key Topics in Matrimonial Real Property Laws: The first guide sets out the general subject matters that MRP laws may cover along with some of the sub-issues that First Nations may want to cover within these larger topics.

Steps Involved in Preparing a Matrimonial Real Property Law: The second guide sets out steps a First Nation could follow when developing their community MRP law.

Policy Questions for Development of Matrimonial Real Property Law: The third guide contemplates policy questions for First Nations in order to assist the lawyer in drafting their MRP law.

First Nations MRP Laws in Canada: This report was prepared by Michelle Mann-Rempel for COEMRP. The report compares existing First Nations Matrimonial Real Property Laws across Canada and identifies common topics and themes shared among these laws.

A series of model laws were drafted by Patrick Orr, Legislative Drafter.

Model #1 – First Nation Family Real Property Law: The first Model Law was prepared for use by a First Nation where members only hold Certificates of Possession (CP's) or other formal ways of holding real property on the reserve.

Model #2 – First Nation Family Real Property Law: This model law was prepared for use by a First Nation that has customary or traditional land holdings only. Within this law members do not hold CP's or other formal ways of holding real property on the reserve.

All the above information is available on the COEMRP website at www.coemrp.ca

MRP Toolkit Training Sessions

COEMRP developed an MRP Toolkit, which is an integrated set of printed materials, worksheets, flowcharts, templates, checklists, and training modules for use by First Nations. The Toolkit includes: an explanation on the evolution of the legislation, a visual guide that provides a summary of the Act, model law-making and ratification processes, information on alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, two types of model template laws, as well as administrative considerations necessary to ensure fair and considered management, and security of personal information.

The Toolkit was developed for use by First Nation technicians charged with the responsibility of managing the MRP file. COEMRP scheduled regional Toolkit training sessions to provide opportunity for a thorough discussion and understanding of the information. The training sessions also provided opportunity to network with other technicians. Upon completion of the training, participants possess a variety of tools and information to guide in the development of their MRP law. They should also have a thorough understanding of the roles, rights, and responsibilities of the First Nation under the provisional federal rules.

The target for each session was a maximum of 25 participants and each participating community was eligible for reimbursement up to \$950 towards approved travel related expenditures.

Locations and First Nations Represented:

London, Ontario (July 8-10)

First Nations represented (18): Sagamok, Wahta Mohawks, Kettle and Stony Point, Alderville, Sheguiandah, Tyendinaga, Hiawatha, Curve Lake, Walpole, Temagami, Aamjiwnaag, Wikwemikong, Whitefish River, Delaware Nation, Dokis, Mississaugas of the New Credit, Atikameksheng, and Munsee Delaware

Winnipeg, Manitoba (July 29-31)

First Nations represented (11): Brokenhead, Keeseekoowenin, Bunibonibee, Norway House, Fisher River, Buffalo Point, Lake St. Martin, Gods Lake, Gambler, Chemawawin, and Rolling River

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (August 11-12)

First Nations and Tribal Councils represented (11): Flying Dust, Ocean Man, English River, Kahkewistahaw, Sakimay, Yorkton Tribal Council, Little Pine, File Hills Qu'Appelle, Carry the Kettle, White Bear, and Okanese

Edmonton, Alberta (August 26-28)

First Nations represented (13): Alexander, Siksika, Sturgeon Lake, Flying Dust, Bigstone, Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg (Quebec), Tsuu T'ina Nation/Stoney Corrections, Blood Tribe, Stoney, StarBlanket (Saskatchewan), Ermineskin, Saddle Lake, Enoch, and Cold Lake

Terrace, British Columbia (September 16-18)

First Nations represented (7): Taku River Tlingit, Squamish, Nak'azdli, Gitanyow, Gitanmaax, Gitksan Government Commission/Hazelton, and Moricetown

Kelowna, British Columbia - Session 1 (November 4-5) and Session 2 (November 6-7)

First Nations and Tribal Councils represented (32): Little Shuswap, Titqet Administration, Naut'sa Mawt Tribal Council, Cowichan Tribes, St. Mary's, Lower Similkameen, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, Coldwater, Snuneymuxn, Neskonlith, Okanagan, Upper Nicola, Tsleil Whatuth, T'Kemlups Te Secwepemc, Lytton, Simpcw, Lower Nicola, Fort Nelson, Confederacy of Treaty Six First Nations, Musqueam, Cold Lake, Williams Lake, Serpent River (Ontario), Chippewas of Nawash (Ontario), Sliammon, Tlu-o-qui-aht, Kehewin Cree Nation, Penticton, Osoyoos, We Wai Kai Nation, Tsheshaht, and Hesquiaht

Halifax, Nova Scotia (November 18-20)

First Nations and Tribal Councils represented (14): Kingsclear, Confederacy Mainland Mi'kmaq, Membertou, Eel Ground, Lennox Island, Mi'kmaq Council PEI, Eskasoni, Miawpukek, Elsipogtog, Wasauksing (Ontario), Moose Cree (Ontario), APC First Nation Chiefs, AZA, and St. Mary's Indian Band

Kenora, Ontario (December 2) and Fort Frances (December 3)

First Nations and Tribal Councils represented (12): Couchiching, Bimose Tribal Council, Lac Seul, Wabigoon Lake, Shoal Lake, Frog Lake, Iskakwizaagegan, Rainy River, Pwi-Di-goo-zing ne-yaa-zhing, Mitaanijigamiing, Lac des Mille Lacs, and Lac La Croix

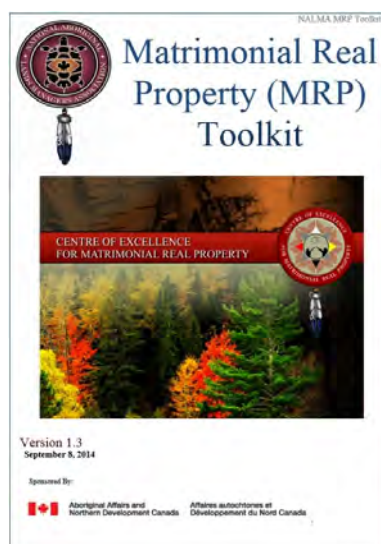
Montreal, Quebec (December 16-18)

First Nations represented (8): Waswanipi, Mohawk Council of Kanesatake, Listuguj, Walpole Island (Ontario), Timiskaming, Mohawks of Kahnawake, Abitibiwinni, Oneida Nation of the Thames (Ontario), and Algonquin Anishnaabek Tribal Council

Wendake, Quebec (January 20-22)

First Nations represented (7): Innu Takuaikan Uashat, Masteuiatsh, Essipit, Conseil des Montagnais, Atikamekio, Opitciwan, and Abitibiwinni/Pikogan

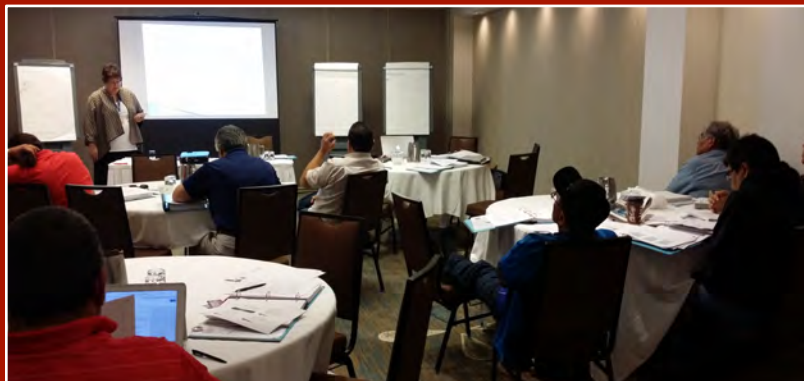
A Francophone instructor was contracted to conduct the MRP Toolkit Training session in Wendake, QC. A translator was engaged and made available during the session to clarify other questions and issues that arose.



MRP Toolkit Training Sessions Photo Gallery

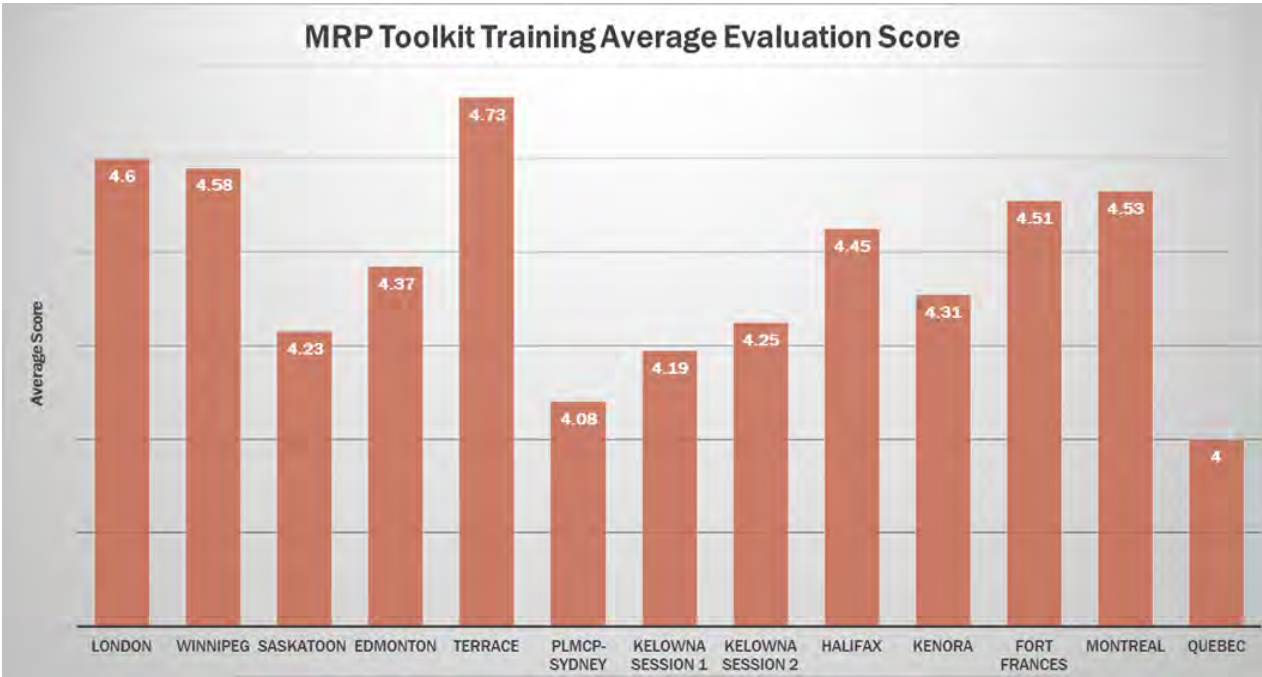


MRP Toolkit Training Sessions Photo Gallery



MRP Toolkit Training Evaluations

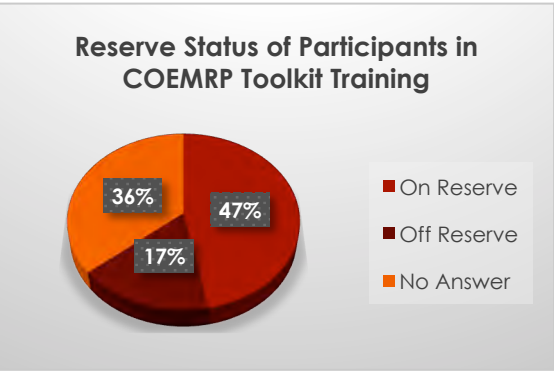
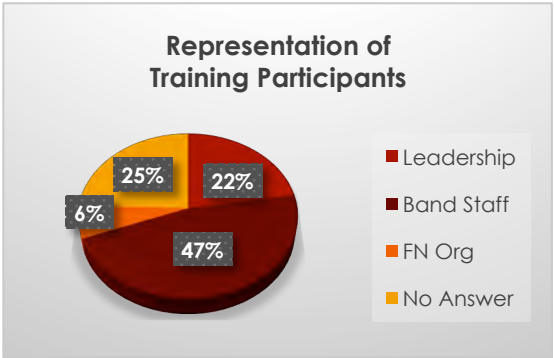
At the end of each MRP Toolkit Training session, participants were asked to complete an evaluation questionnaire to assist COEMRP in determining whether or not the Training was achieving its goal. Participants were asked to rate the Training. The range of possible answers were from 1-5 with 5 being excellent. The chart below illustrates that many participants thought the Training was useful in understanding the new federal legislation and their role to establish MRP regimes within their communities.



Participants were also asked to identify their position at the First Nation. The majority of participants at MRP Toolkit Training sessions were made up of First Nation band staff (land, housing, and other administrators), while First Nation leadership (Chief or Councillors) made up 22%, and 6% represented other First Nation organizations (Tribal Councils). 25% of the remaining participants chose not to complete an evaluation form.

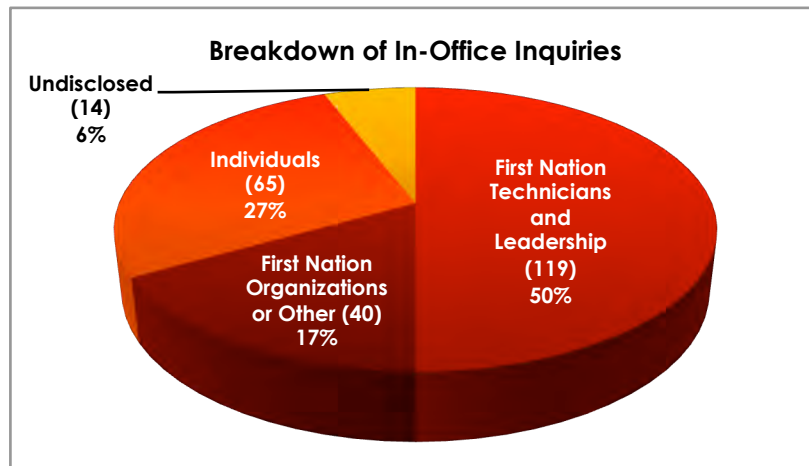
COEMRP included a question regarding the residence of those attending the MRP Training, it was determined that the majority of those in attendance lived on-reserve.

Through the use of these evaluation forms the Centre was able to determine that it had reached the following individuals: 78 men, 157 women, 40 representatives of First Nation leadership, 173 First Nation technicians, and 25 individuals from other organizations (First Nation organizations, Provincial Justice, AANDC, and Lawyers).



Individual Inquiries and Requests

In addition to reaching out to First Nation leadership and technicians, the Centre also has a mandate to provide assistance to individuals wishing to understand the legislation and the rights and protections available to families living on reserve. In 2014-2015, the Centre provided service to 238 individuals representing 119 First Nation technicians and Leadership, 40 organizations or other, 65 individuals and 14 undisclosed.



COEMRP Website

The Centre maintains a website in both English and French. Website analytics indicate that the COEMRP website had a total of 6,247 users visit during fiscal year 2014-2015. The number of visits to the website increased before and after the National Forum on the Technical Aspects of Matrimonial Real Property and in mid-December 2014 when the provisional federal rules took effect. All materials developed as either research or tools are translated into both official languages and made available for public access on the website. The Centre also maintains Twitter and Facebook accounts.

Looking Forward

Matrimonial Real Property Toolkit Training Sessions in the coming fiscal year will include revised MRP materials, expanded information on practical considerations, and a separate Toolkit on Alternative Dispute Resolution for First Nations communities. The schedule is set out below:

Montreal, Quebec (English) – August 11-13, 2015

Toronto, Ontario – August 25-27, 2015

Wendake, Quebec (French) – September 15-17, 2015

Winnipeg, Manitoba – September 29-October 1, 2015

Moncton, New Brunswick – October 6-8, 2015

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan – October 27-29, 2015

Vancouver, British Columbia – November 3-5, 2015

Calgary, Alberta – November 24-26, 2015

For those First Nations unable to attend their local MRP Toolkit Training, three (3) additional regional sessions have been planned. These include:

MRP Regional Forum (East): Halifax, Nova Scotia – December 1-3, 2015

MRP Regional Forum (Central): Rama, Ontario – January 12-14, 2016

MRP Regional Forum (West): Kelowna, British Columbia – February 9-11, 2016

Research is also being undertaken to create the following reports:

- A review of the Transitional challenges for First Nations associated with the implementation of the *Family Homes on Reserves Act* relating to provincial readiness, law enforcement response, policy and land management implications and other considerations.
- A review of Emergency Protection Orders issued by the Province under the provisional federal rules pursuant to *FHRMIRA* or under First Nation laws
- Development of a law and policy drafting guide for Matrimonial Real Property Laws

After completing our first full year of operation, COEMRP is confident in its work plan and in the guidance provided by the COEMRP Advisory Committee. We remain committed to our role in assisting communities and residents. COEMRP will monitor the effectiveness of services to ensure that any tools or information developed are current and relevant to First Nations, and meet the standard of excellence necessary to address this important issue.



Survey Pilot Project

In the 2014-2015 fiscal year, NALMA successfully completed 16 survey requests; comprised of 60 parcels, and 52.5 km boundaries, in Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia.

Region/First Nation	Project Type	# Of Parcels Surveyed
British Columbia		
<i>Nicola Lake 1 - Cardex Holding</i>	Survey for Sec. 50 Sale	1
<i>Gitanmaax</i>	Section 18)2) Set Aside	1
<i>Gitanyow</i>	Section 18)2) Set Aside	1
<i>Tla Gaa Awatlaas</i>	Designation	3
<i>Masset 1</i>	Addition to Reserve	1
Ontario		
<i>Garden River - Kehoe Township</i>	Exterior Boundary	4 km boundary
<i>Serpent River</i>	First Nation Allotments	5
<i>Alderville</i>	Municipal Permits (Roads)	20 km
<i>Aamjiwnaang</i>	Permits	13 + 1 km boundary
<i>Aamjiwnaang</i>	Permits (Pipeline Corridor)	2 km boundary
Quebec		
<i>Listuguj</i>	Boundary	4.5 km boundary + 8 km boundary inspection
<i>Odanak</i>	Addition to Reserve	5
Saskatchewan		
<i>Kahkewistahaw</i>	Various Set Asides	9
<i>Kahkewistahaw</i>	Pasture Mapping	19
<i>Poundmaker 114</i>	Survey 5 New Lots	5
<i>Piapot</i>	Various Set Asides	10

The objective of the Pilot Project included the following:

1. Pilot delivery of AANDC survey program specifically for non-First Nation Land Management (FNLM) First Nations in Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and the Northwest Territories;
2. Survey program to be delivered through an outsourcing of technical expertise arrangement to facilitate immediate transition and support readiness;
3. Contractual management of survey program funding to support external surveys only and whereby AANDC selects the survey project priorities within the Regions.



Survey Program Evaluation

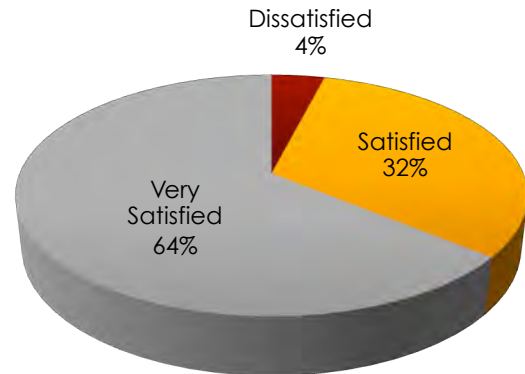
Using online survey software, NALMA staff was able to assess the effectiveness of the 2014-2015 Survey Program. 46 survey evaluations were distributed to key stakeholders, which included First Nation Contacts (Land Managers, Chief, Councillors, Band Manager or Capital Project Manager), Canada Lands Surveyors, NRCan, AANDC (Headquarters and Regions). Stakeholders were given four weeks to complete the evaluations. Based on the 26 evaluations received, the following information was obtained:

Key Stakeholders provided ratings of either Satisfied or Very Satisfied (as indicated in the chart).

NALMA has demonstrated their ability to carry out program deliverables within the allotted timeframes.

NALMA continues to develop best practices for program delivery in subsequent years that will ensure efficient survey project completion for First Nations in Canada. NALMA will be able to take the feedback from this evaluation and apply it to future discussions with AANDC and NRCan to enhance policies and procedures for future projects.

Overall level of satisfaction with the NALMA Survey Program



"This past fiscal year 2014/2015 has been the first year that I have been included in the survey program with NALMA. I feel that we could make this work great."

"Thank you to the team working with the Saskatchewan Region. We identified appropriate projects with Jacques guidance and moved steadily towards the end goal for each project. We look forward to working with you in the coming fiscal year."

"The survey was completed quickly...and the survey company hired was very efficient and responsive to the needs of the band."

"The surveys were done in a timely manner and NALMA was very diligent in follow up in all aspects of the project from start to finish."

Association of Canada Lands Surveyors Aboriginal Liaison Committee (ACLS-ALC)

The Aboriginal Liaison Committee was formed to support community and economic development on First Nation Reserves by promoting the orderly development of a strong and reliable Property Rights Infrastructure (PRI) on First Nation Lands.

NALMA has held a seat on this committee since 2010, and continues to partner with ACLS on projects related to improving survey issues on First Nation Lands.

Specialized Training

Locatee Leasing Training

Under the Reserve Land and Environment Management Program (RLEMP) it is the obligation of First Nation Land Managers to ensure that the department's policy requirements for preparing, executing and registering locatee leases are met. The Land Manager is responsible for explaining to all parties involved the various policies and procedures relating to leasing.

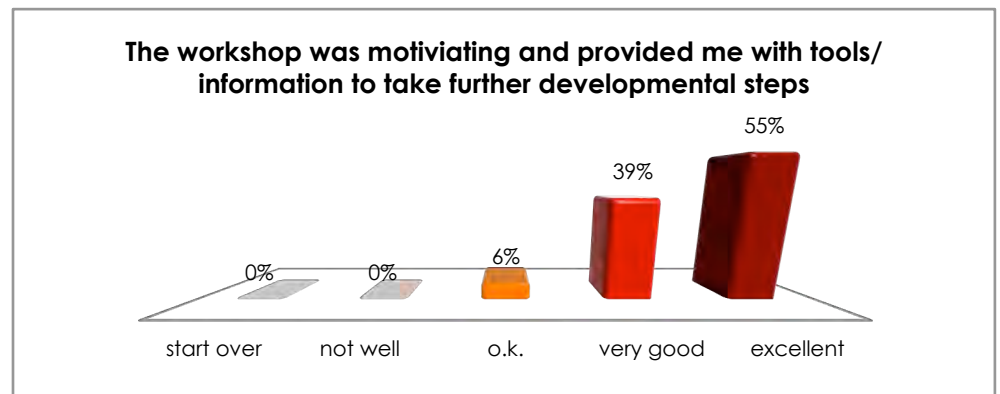
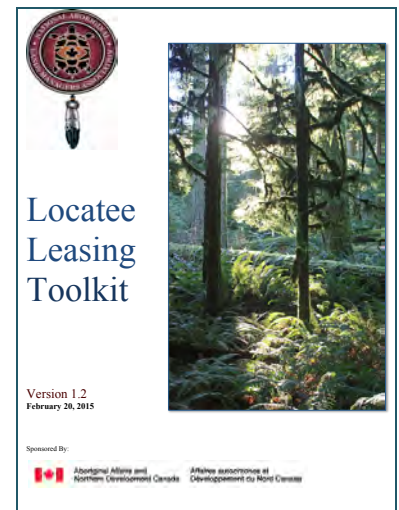
As a result of a recent locatee leasing policy change implemented by AANDC, there has been a significant number of First Nation Land Managers requiring clarification and training on policy changes.

It was important that NALMA bring awareness to recent policy changes and provide a forum in which Land Managers who are directly involved in managing locatee leasing have the opportunity to be trained in the implementation of the new policies.

Date: March 10-11, 2015

Location: Richmond, BC

Instructor: Debra Campbell



British Columbia First Nations in Attendance: Shxw'ow'hamel, Tk'emlu'ps te Secwépmc, Simpcw, Moricetown Band, Gitanyow Band Council, Lytton, Gitxsan Government Commission, Adams Lake, Upper Nicola, Coldwater, Penticton, and Cowichan Tribes.

Ontario First Nations in Attendance: Curve Lake, Walpole Island, Batchewana, Aamjiwnaang, Beausoleil Chippewas of Nawash, Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point, and Wahta Mohawks.



Additions to Reserve Toolkit Focus Group

The proposed revisions to the 2001 Policy on Additions to Reserves and Reserve Creation would:

1. streamline the ATR proposal and remove duplication
2. clarify roles and responsibilities, and
3. facilitate economic development

As a result of the work done by the AFN/AANDC Joint Working Group (JWG), a revised Additions to Reserve and Reserve Creation (ATR&RC) policy was developed, and distributed for public feedback in July 2013. During this review period, which closed on October 31, 2013, AANDC gathered public responses and feedback to be incorporated into the new ATR&RC policy.

NALMA extended an invitation to ATR subject matter experts and members of the AFN/AANDC JWG to participate in a focus group to evaluate the revised ATR&RC Toolkit. To maintain the quality of the ATR training, it is very important that NALMA keep abreast of proposed changes to ensure the ATR Training Toolkit reflects the new ATR&RC policy.

The revised ATR&RC policy has yet to be sanctioned by Canada. However, NALMA has revised the ATR Toolkit based on the new policy.

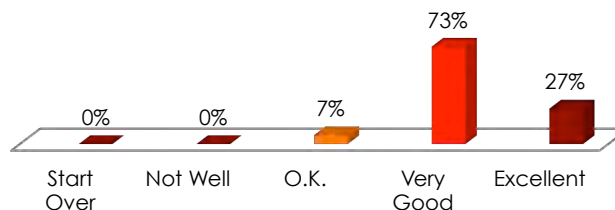
It is the intent of NALMA to deliver ATR&RC training once Canada approves the new policy.

Date: January 6-8, 2015

Location: Richmond, BC

Instructor: Ralph Beattie

The workshop was motivating and provided me with tools/information to take further developmental steps:



"The diversity of Regional representation added perspectives and experiences that helped advance the toolkit"

-Participant

Additional NALMA Resources

All of our NALMA Toolkits and other lands resources can be found in our e-library, by logging into your account at www.nalma.ca

Here you have access to NALMA:

- Headlines
- Events Calendar
- Technical Updates
- Resource Library
- Regional Lands Associations
- Discussion Forums
- Certification Program
- and much more...

To obtain membership access, please refer to page 6 regarding our membership requirements, or contact our office at 1-877-234-9813.



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NALMA Update Newsletter

Throughout the year, NALMA develops Updates that can be distributed to members, current and former PLMCP students, partners, funders, and other key stakeholders. This Update contains information about upcoming events, lands news, and other interests in the area of Land Management.

This, like all of our Resources, can be found on our website by visiting www.nalma.ca/newsletter



For more information please visit our website www.nalma.ca



Financial Statements of

**NATIONAL ABORIGINAL LANDS
MANAGERS ASSOCIATION**

March 31, 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of
National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2015 and the statements of revenue and expenditure, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association as at March 31, 2015 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

McCull Turner LLP

Licensed Public Accountants

Peterborough, Ontario
July 15, 2015

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL LANDS MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

March 31, 2015

Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

The accompanying financial statements of the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association are the responsibility of management and have been approved by the Board of Directors on behalf of the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association.

The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with accounting principles disclosed in the note to the financial statements. Financial statements are not precise since they include certain amounts based on estimates and judgements. When alternative accounting methods exist, management has chosen those it deems most appropriate in the circumstances, in order to ensure that the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects.

The National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association maintains systems of internal accounting and administrative controls of high quality, consistent with reasonable cost. Such systems are designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information is relevant, reliable and accurate and the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association assets are appropriately accounted for and adequately safeguarded.

The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that management fulfils its responsibilities for financial reporting and is ultimately responsible for reviewing and approving the financial statements.

The financial statements have been audited by McColl Turner LLP in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards on behalf of the members. McColl Turner LLP has full and free access to the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association.

First Nations Lands Managers Association for Quebec and Labrador (FNLMAQ&L)

Association des gestionnaires des terres des Premières Nations du Québec et du Labrador (AGTPNQL)

Per :



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Atlantic Region Aboriginal Lands Association (ARALA)

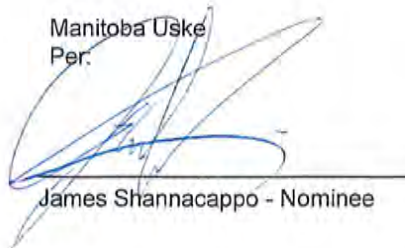
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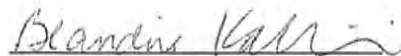
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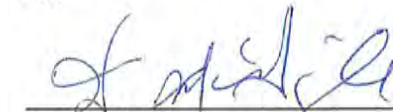
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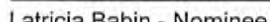
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Wanda McGonigle - Nominee

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Association of Alberta (TALSAA)
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Saskatchewan Aboriginal Lands Technicians (SALT)
Per:


Harold Daniels - Nominee

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL LANDS MANAGERS ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
 March 31, 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash (note 4)	1,303,636	741,931
Accounts receivable (note 5)	21,287	29,284
	<u>1,324,923</u>	<u>771,215</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 8)	305,044	285,594
Deferred program revenue (note 9)	526,908	193,049
	<u>831,952</u>	<u>478,643</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>492,971</u>	<u>292,572</u>
NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Prepaid expenses (note 6)	9,014	9,014
Tangible capital assets (note 7)	26,500	39,852
	<u>35,514</u>	<u>48,866</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	<u>528,485</u>	<u>341,438</u>
EQUITY IN CAPITAL ASSETS	26,500	39,852
OPERATING FUND BALANCE	<u>501,985</u>	<u>301,586</u>
	<u>528,485</u>	<u>341,438</u>

Approved on Behalf of National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association


 Signature

July 15, 2015
 Date

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

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NATIONAL ABORIGINAL LANDS MANAGERS ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE
Year Ended March 31, 2015

	Budget \$	2015 \$	2014 \$
REVENUE			
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Headquarters (note 10)	3,380,287	2,844,537	2,316,048
Other	-	15,366	10,445
	<u>3,380,287</u>	<u>2,859,903</u>	<u>2,326,493</u>
EXPENSES			
Core Operational (Schedule A)	1,116,250	1,049,431	1,015,114
The Centre of Excellence for Matrimonial Real Property (Schedule B)	1,150,700	965,386	360,043
Survey Program (Schedule C)	750,000	509,441	726,796
ATR&RC, Locatee and Commercial Leasing (Schedule C)	89,327	83,954	48,715
Designation Atlantic, RLEMP Workshop B.C. (Schedule C)	80,961	52,118	51,863
ATR Toolkit Revision	-	-	30,584
2013/2014 Unexpended Funds (Schedule C)	193,049	184,208	82,932
Other project	-	33,975	31,215
	<u>3,380,287</u>	<u>2,878,513</u>	<u>2,347,262</u>
EXPENDITURE OVER REVENUE BEFORE THE UNDERNOTED	-	(18,610)	(20,769)
ADMINISTRATIVE RECOVERIES	-	219,009	53,556
ANNUAL SURPLUS	-	200,399	32,787
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - beginning of year	-	301,586	268,799
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS - end of year	-	501,985	301,586

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NATIONAL ABORIGINAL LANDS MANAGERS ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
Year Ended March 31, 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
ANNUAL SURPLUS	200,399	32,787
Use (set up) of prepaid expenses	-	(2,996)
Increase in net assets	200,399	29,791
NET ASSETS - beginning of year	292,572	262,781
NET ASSETS - end of year	492,971	292,572

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NATIONAL ABORIGINAL LANDS MANAGERS ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
Year Ended March 31, 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
CASH PROVIDED FROM (USED FOR)		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Annual surplus	200,399	32,787
Changes in non-cash items on Statement of Financial Position:		
Decrease in accounts receivable	7,997	30,423
Increase in prepaid expenses	-	(2,996)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	19,450	(105,456)
Increase in deferred program revenue	333,859	193,049
INCREASE IN CASH FOR THE YEAR	561,705	147,807
CASH - beginning of year	741,931	594,124
CASH - end of year	1,303,636	741,931

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NATIONAL ABORIGINAL LANDS MANAGERS ASSOCIATION**SCHEDULE OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE****CORE OPERATIONAL**

Year Ended March 31, 2015

Schedule A

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada	1,049,431	1,015,114
EXPENSES		
Staff salaries	437,035	420,111
Staff travel	36,713	36,388
Administration	99,832	114,870
Board meetings	39,233	53,624
Professional development delivery	183,448	180,121
Regional lands association	253,170	210,000
	1,049,431	1,015,114
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER REVENUE	-	-

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NATIONAL ABORIGINAL LANDS MANAGERS ASSOCIATION**SCHEDULE OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE****THE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR MATRIMONIAL REAL PROPERTY**

Schedule B

Year Ended March 31, 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada	965,386	360,043
EXPENSES		
Salaries and wages	242,688	63,086
Operating costs	247,691	185,819
Travel	86,663	16,077
Advisory committee	31,801	8,801
Research	108,037	37,835
Development and delivery	243,006	40,876
Financial reports and evaluation	5,500	5,000
Other	-	2,549
	965,386	360,043
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER REVENUE	-	-

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NATIONAL ABORIGINAL LANDS MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

SCHEDULE OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

OTHER PROJECTS

Year Ended March 31, 2015

Schedule C

	Survey Program \$	ATR&RC, Locatee and Commercial Leasing \$	Designation Atlantic, RLEMP Workshop B.C. \$	2013/2014 Unexpended Funds \$
REVENUE				
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada	509,441	83,954	52,118	184,207
EXPENDITURES				
Other professional services	509,441	83,954	-	-
RLEMP workshop	-	-	46,157	-
Designations	-	-	5,961	-
National forum	-	-	-	169,157
Gathering sponsorship	-	-	-	15,050
	509,441	83,954	52,118	184,207
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER REVENUE	-	-	-	-

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NATIONAL ABORIGINAL LANDS MANAGERS ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2015

1. DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION

The National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association (NALMA) is a National organization of First Nation Lands Managers actively networking towards the enhancement of professional development and technical expertise in the functions of First Nation Lands Management.

NALMA became officially incorporated on December 21, 2000 as a non-profit, non-political organization and is governed by a board of eight (8) Directors, each representing their respective Regional Lands Association.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

(b) Asset classification

Assets are classified as either financial or non-financial. Financial assets are assets that could be used to discharge existing liabilities or finance future operations. Non-financial assets are acquired, constructed, or developed assets that do not provide resources to discharge existing liabilities but are employed to deliver government services, may be consumed in normal operations and are not for resale. Non-financial assets include tangible capital assets and prepaid expenses.

(c) Cash

Cash includes cash on hand and balances held with banks.

(d) Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets include acquired capital assets, whose useful life extends beyond one year and which are intended to be used on an ongoing basis for delivering services.

Tangible capital assets are reported at net book value.

Amortization is provided for on a straight-line basis, over the expected useful life of the assets as follows:

Office and computer equipment	5 years
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(e) Net debt

The Association's financial statements are presented so as to highlight net assets (debt) as the measurement of financial position. The net assets (debt) of the Association is determined by its financial assets less its liabilities. Net assets (debt) are comprised of two components, non-financial assets and accumulated surplus.

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL LANDS MANAGERS ASSOCIATION
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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(f) Revenue

All revenue is recorded on the accrual basis whereby amounts received or recorded as receivable but not earned by the end of the fiscal year are recorded as deferred revenue. Funding received under the terms of contribution agreements with the federal government is recognized as revenue once eligibility criteria have been met. Funding is recorded as deferred revenue if it has been restricted by the federal government for a stated purpose, such as a specific program or the purchase of tangible capital assets. Deferred revenue is recognized in revenue over time as the recognition criteria are met.

(g) Administrative recoveries

Administrative recoveries result from charges to individual projects for administrative services.

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Financial instruments

The organization's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The carrying value of these financial instruments approximates their fair values due to their short-term maturities.

(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Association will not be able to meet its obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Association is exposed to liquidity risk on its accounts payable and payable to AANDC.

(c) Market risk

Market risk refers to the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Association is not exposed to any significant market risk.

4. CASH

The cash balance is externally restricted for the delivery of programs as approved by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada.

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL LANDS MANAGERS ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2015

5. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable consists of the following:

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Due from:		
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada for funded projects	-	15,000
Travel and other	21,287	14,284
Total accounts receivable	21,287	29,284

6. PREPAID EXPENSES

Prepaid expenses consist of the following:

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Insurance	9,014	9,014
Total prepaid expenses	9,014	9,014

7. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

The major categories of tangible capital assets are as follows:

	March 31, 2015		March 31, 2014	
	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Cost	Accumulated amortization
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Office furniture	43,927	34,024	43,927	29,913
Computer equipment	85,724	69,127	85,724	59,886
	129,651	103,151	129,651	89,799
Net book value		26,500		39,852

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL LANDS MANAGERS ASSOCIATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2015

8. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities consist of the following:

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Trade payables	253,610	208,375
Due to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada	8,842	38,874
Payroll liabilities	37,592	33,345
Other accrued liabilities	5,000	5,000
Total accounts payable and accrued liabilities	305,044	285,594

9. DEFERRED PROGRAM REVENUE

Deferred program revenue relates to unspent core funding that was approved by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada for expenditure in 2015/2016.

	Opening balance \$	Funding received \$	Revenue recognized \$	Repayable to AANDC \$	2015 \$	2014 \$
Core Operational	23,892	1,116,250	1,064,481	8,842	66,819	23,892
The Centre of Excellence for Matrimonial Real Property	169,157	1,150,700	1,134,543	-	185,314	169,157
Survey Program	-	750,000	509,441	-	240,559	-
ATR&RC, Locatee and Commercial Leasing	-	89,327	83,954	-	5,373	-
Designation Atlantic, RLEMP Workshop B.C.	-	80,961	52,118	-	28,843	-
Total deferred program revenue	193,049	3,187,238	2,844,537	8,842	526,908	193,049

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL LANDS MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2015

10. ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT CANADA

The following is a reconciliation of Funding received from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada to the revenue recorded in the statement of revenue and expenditure for the year ended March 31, 2015.

	\$	\$
Funding as per current agreements:		
Core Operational	1,116,250	
The Centre of Excellence for Matrimonial Real Property	1,150,700	
Survey Program	750,000	
ATR&RC, Locatee and Commercial Leasing	89,327	
Designation Atlantic, RLEMP Workshop B.C.	80,961	
2013/2014 Unexpended Funds	193,049	3,380,287
Amounts allowable for deferral to 2015/2016		(526,908)
Deduct net repayable:		
Current year Unexpended funding		(8,842)
Revenue as per statement of revenue and expenditure		2,844,537

11. COMMITMENTS

On November 28, 2013, the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association entered into a rental agreement to lease office space for the purposes of administering their Centre of Excellence for Matrimonial Real Property program. With this agreement, the Association is committed to annual rental payments of \$14,800 for 2015 fiscal year.

12. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

The National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association receives a significant portion of its revenue pursuant to a funding agreement with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. The nature and extent of this revenue is such significance that the Association is economically dependent on this source of revenue.

13. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain 2014 comparative figures have been reclassified where necessary to conform with the financial statements presentation adopted for 2015.

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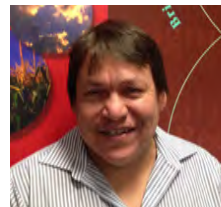
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