



LEARNING FROM THE COMMUNITY

- ☞ Do you or your family have connections to traditional holdings?
- ☞ How did you or your family acquire their land holdings?
- ☞ How do you or your family show ownership or rights to land holdings?
- ☞ Traditionally, how has your family made decisions and resolved disputes about land holdings?
- ☞ Do you know of any LNIB laws or protocols related to land holdings?
- ☞ How should LNIB determine the strength of members' claims to land?
- ☞ How should unregistered land holdings be recognized under an Allotment Law?
- ☞ What should LNIB keep in mind when developing an Allotment Law?

CONTACT THE PROJECT TEAM

Want to learn more about the project? Are you interested in sharing information about your connections to traditional holdings on LNIB reserve lands? Contact the Project Team.

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TRADITIONAL HOLDINGS PROJECT

A PROJECT OF THE LNIB LANDS DEPARTMENT

The Traditional Holdings Project brings LNIB community members together to share stories and lessons about our lands on reserve. The project is guided by the Lands Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) and the LNIB Lands Department, with the help of a Project Team.

The Project Team will carry out research on written records to learn about how our lands were held and managed in the past according to traditional LNIB laws and protocols. Through conversations with LNIB family groups and members, the Project Team will also learn more about contemporary family connections to reserve lands, how decisions about land are made today, and the challenges our growing community faces on our limited reserve land base. The Project will result in recommendations that will guide the creation of an LNIB Allotment Law to resolve unregistered land holdings.

We need your help. Now that we have taken back the care and management of our reserve lands through our Land Code, we need to continue to learn from and apply the lessons of the past. Your stories and teachings will help our community map our way forward.



STEP 1 Introduce the project to the community, and ask for input on how the project should be carried out. Identify community interest in addressing unregistered holdings.



STEP 3 Meet with LNIB families and community members to learn about their connections to the land, and about family decision-making processes in the past and today. Seek advice on resolving unregistered claims.



STEP 2 Research LNIB traditional decision-making processes and changes to our laws and protocols under the Indian Act. Research historical and current issues related to estates and other land conveyances.



STEP 4 The Project Team will consider research and community input to make recommendations to the LNIB Lands Department for developing guidelines for decision-making about traditional holdings. These recommendations will be presented to the community for feedback, and will inform a LNIB Allotment Law under our Land Code.



WHAT ARE TRADITIONAL HOLDINGS?

Land on our present-day reserves that has been owned, controlled and conveyed by community members through customary procedures. Though recognized through our traditional decision-making processes, traditional holdings do not have legal protection under the LNIB Land Code. Traditional holdings are sometimes called *family land*.

PROJECT GOALS

Information, stories and lessons shared during this project will help the LNIB Lands Department better understand LNIB laws, protocols and preferred procedures around land use, management and allocation. The results of this project will support the creation of an Allotment Law under the LNIB Land Code.

