

From Approval to Action: What's the Future of the Siksika Land Use Plan?

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE SIKSIKA LAND USE PLAN!



In-person Open House

Saturday, April 20th

10:00 a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Piiksapi Memorial Pow Wow Arbor

*food and kids corner will be provided

Can't attend in person?

Visit the Siksika Nation webpage or facebook page to watch a video summary.

Lands Management Service Area (LMSA) is tasked with executing Chief & Council's objectives on a wide variety of projects tied to land and water. In 2022, LMSA with support from Urban Systems Ltd. began a project with funding from the National Aboriginal Land Managers Association (NALMA) to develop a Land Use Plan (LUP). This project spanned three years, organized into three distinct phases.

We're delighted to announce the completion and approval of Phase 2, titled "The Plan," by Leadership (Siksika Nation Ohkinninna and Ninaaks)

Moving into Phase 3 we are eager to share the approved Land Use Plan with you, provide a brief FAQ to further explain its details, and invite you to the upcoming Open House to celebrate!

HOW DID WE GET HERE?



PHASE 1: BACKGROUND REVIEW (2022)

Established follow-up meetings with departments, formed the LUP Task Force, devised the LUP Engagement Strategy + completed engagement and produced a LUP video.



PHASE 2: LAND USE PLAN (2023)

Engaged youth through 8 school sessions with 500+ students, involved elders in three dedicated sessions and established an Elder's Advisory Panel, facilitated 6 community engagements both on and off-reserve, and gathered feedback at the 2023 Nation's Fair to inform the Land Use Plan (LUP).



PHASE 3: IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING & EVALUATION (2024+)

Presented to Chief and Council, will report findings to the community, facilitate a celebration and share the LUP, provide avenues for ongoing feedback on the plan, policies, and processes, and maintain continuous engagement with the Elder Advisory Panel.

WE ARE
HERE

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

- check out our digital story map that highlights the LUP video, an FAQ, and a deconstructed version of the Plan, [here](#) or use the QR code



- view the Plan as a digital pdf, [here](#) or use the QR code



- follow along on Siksika's Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn for regular updates.

- Printed copies available to view at the LMSA office by April 18th, 2024

- if you have any questions, please email: landuseplan@siksikanation.com





THIS SOUNDS FAMILIAR, HAVEN'T WE DONE THIS BEFORE?

RESERVE LANDS AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (RLEMP):

This was undertaken by a previous Consultant in 2018/2019. It was felt this Plan did not include adequate community engagement and was not endorsed by Chief and Council. The new Land Use Plan was created to reflect community and Blackfoot/Siksika perspectives and to be owned by the community.

LAND USE POLICY:

The Land Use Policy approved in principle by Chief and Council in October, 2022 will inform the policy included in the Land Use Plan. The third phase of this project titled Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation will include this task to ensure alignment.

LAND USE INVENTORY:

The Inventory was undertaken in 2023 to conduct a review of agricultural and small business land users. The intent of this work was to create an updated land use inventory list and mapping that complemented and informed the Land Use Plan.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CDP):

The CDP was completed in 2005 for the Nation and though never passed by Leadership, informally guided the past 20 years of strategy and planning. A Comprehensive Community Plan is underway that will act as a long-range planning document and will work alongside the Land Use Plan as a roadmap for Siksika.

WHAT IS THE LAND USE PLAN?

The Land Use Plan (LUP) serves as a comprehensive guiding the management of land for community initiatives such as housing, utilities, and economic development. More importantly, it's a living document, which means it can be revisited and revised to meet the evolving needs of the community. Acting as a roadmap for decision-making and development on reserve lands, it is owned by the community and reflects the culture and values of Siksika.

WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THE LAND USE PLAN?

The purpose of land use planning is to ensure the sustainable use of land while considering the needs and desires of the community, administration, leadership, and outside partners.

It's important to understand that without change in policy, the current approach to land use planning is not sustainable. There is a risk of running out of land, especially given the desire of community members to return home.

For a **community member**, the LUP means ensuring that development serves the positive interests of the Nation and all its members, respecting the communal view of land held by Siksika Nation.

For a **business owner**, it means aligning their activities with these principles to contribute to the long-term viability and well-being of the community.

