



# Metlakatla Land Use Plan Summary

For our Reserves. October 2019

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## What is the Land Use Plan?

The Metlakatla Land Use Plan guides the development and use of Metlakatla reserve lands and resources. The Plan outlines Metlakatla First Nation's vision for reserve lands consistent with our values, culture, heritage, traditions, and local realities.

This Plan is the foundation for all policies, regulations, and decisions pertaining to land use and development on Metlakatla reserve lands. The management, use and development of Metlakatla reserve lands, including buildings and activities on the land, must be consistent with the Plan.

### The Plan:

- Provides Council and the Metlakatla Lands Department overall direction and guidance for reserve land use and development.
- Outlines what we will and won't allow on our lands and at what locations. (eg. housing, community facilities, economic development, etc.)
- Helps Metlakatla develop and protect our lands in line with our environmental, cultural, social and economic values.
- Identifies important cultural and environmentally sensitive areas to be protected from development. (eg. salmon streams, traditional use sites, etc.)
- Outlines a review process which helps Council, the Metlakatla Lands Committee and the Lands Department evaluate any new proposed development on and around reserve lands.

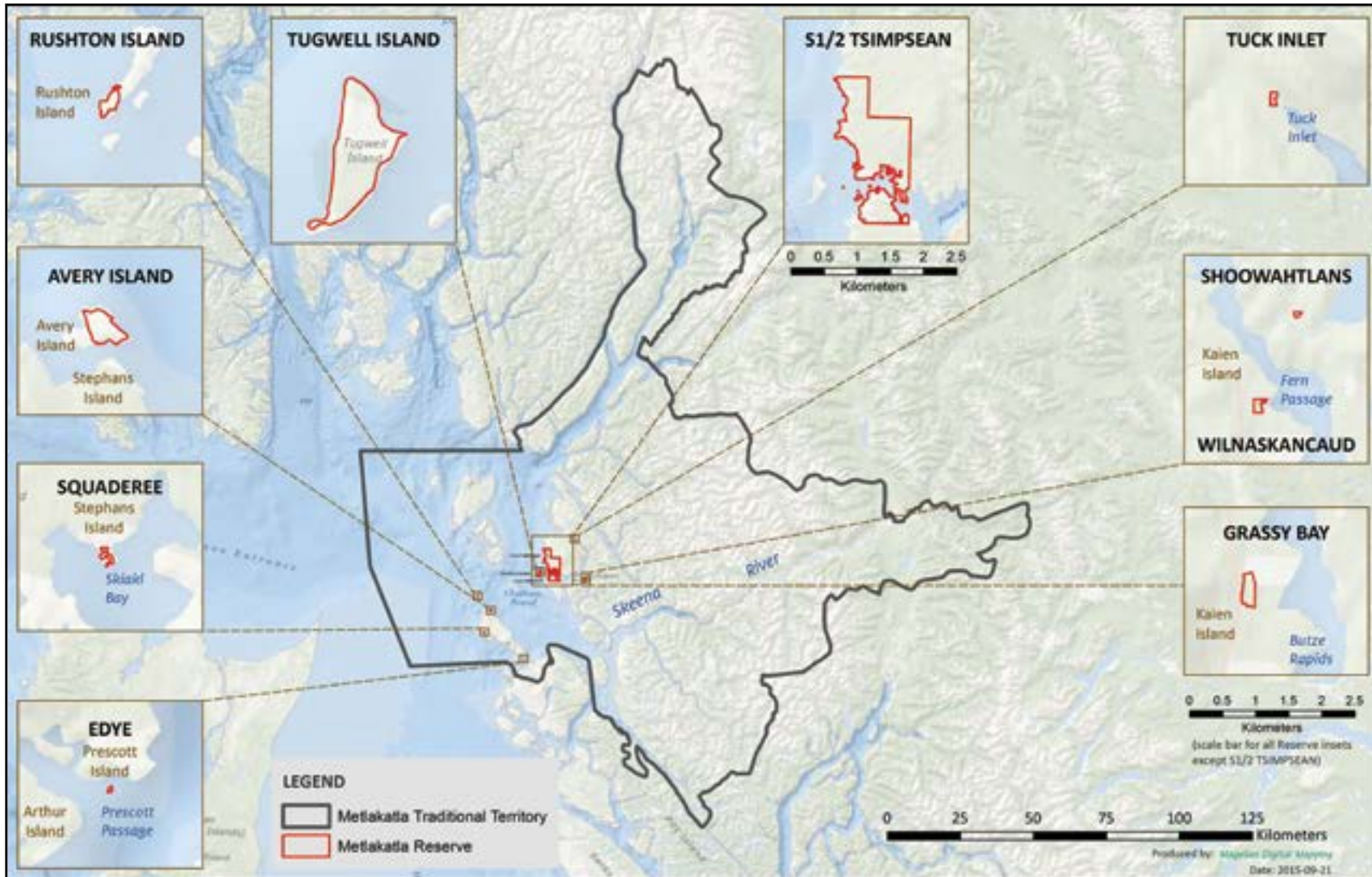
The last Metlakatla Land Use Plan was developed in 2010. With the Metlakatla Land Code in place, it was necessary to update the Land Use Plan.

## Next Steps

As required under Section 12.1 of the Metlakatla Land Code, the Metlakatla Reserve Land Use Plan and associated Law must be approved by a majority of Metlakatla members in a ratification vote. Subsequent updates or amendments to the Plan do not require ratification votes.

# Traditional Territory and Reserves

Metlakatla has 10 reserves, which vary significantly in location, size and use. Our reserves encompass approximately 800 square kilometres of land (0.4% of our Traditional Territory). Metlakatla Village is in S 1/2 Tsimpsean reserve.



# Land Use Designations

Metlakatla has created specific land use designations and assigned them to Metlakatla Reserve land. These designations regulate the types of use allowed on a piece of land. Designations are based on current land uses, our planning context, local constraints, community priorities and the framework and priorities presented in this document.



## Subjects

All uses and developments are subject to:

- Metlakatla First Nation Land Code
- Metlakatla Laws
- Development Application Process

Land use designations identify where future development will take place, what type of development will and won't be allowed, and which areas will be protected. They also group similar uses together.

For example, Elders' housing may be located near general housing and medical services, but they cannot go near an industrial facility.

Note all uses and developments are subject to the Metlakatla Land Code, laws and Development Application Process. Any proposed development is subject to Metlakatla approved policies and guidelines for development in archaeologically sensitive areas and environmentally sensitive areas.

**Restoration and climate change mitigation activities are permitted in all designations.**

**Food, social and ceremonial harvesting and gathering activities are permitted in all designations.**



## Community Infrastructure

Applies to Metlakatla community infrastructure.

### Allowable Uses

Infrastructure and public works facilities that meets needs of Metlakatla members and operations:

- Tsook Lake (community water source)
- Water treatment plant
- Sewage lagoon and treatment building
- Solid waste transfer station

- Public works yard
- Roads
- Helipads
- Docks sited in the appropriate location for Metlakatla use
- Hydro right-of-way
- Small scale alternative energy such as tidal, biomass, solar and wind

*Applies to S1/2 Tsimpsean (Metlakatla Village) reserve*



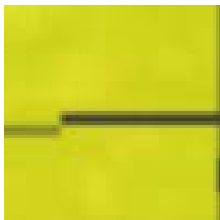
## Economic Development

Allows for a mix of economic development opportunities. Development opportunities considered on a case-by-case basis after review and recommendation by Lands Management Advisory Committee and final decision by Metlakatla Governing Council. Metlakatla favours developments that do not have a significant impact on the environment or quality of life of members.

### Allowable Uses

- Light Industrial, such as manufacturing
- Agriculture such as greenhouses and aquaculture
- Retail
- Office and commercial space
- Mixed use development

*Applies to Wilnaskancaud, Grassy Bay, S1/2 Tsimpsean (Metlakatla Village) reserves*



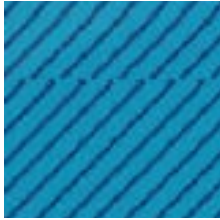
## Existing Residential

Primary area for residential development is within Metlakatla Community S1/2 Tsimpsean IR2. This designation includes all existing residential sites. Intent is to provide for a range of housing types to meet the needs of Metlakatla members.

*Applies to S1/2 Tsimpsean (Metlakatla Village) reserve*

### Allowable Uses

- Detached housing, excluding trailers and other forms of temporary housing
- Single family housing
- Multi-unit housing including duplexes and triplexes
- Home-based businesses, within the structure
- Accessory structures such as sheds, greenhouses and smokehouses

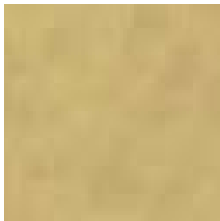


## Foreshore Protection<sup>1</sup>

Applies to all Metlakatla Reserve Lands. Starts at the high tide mark and continues 200 metres out from the low tide mark. Protects harvesting, traditional use sites within the intertidal area. Is for the use and benefit of Metlakatla members only. Any activities involving non-members require authorization from the Metlakatla Governing Council.

### Allowable Uses

- Cultural use/traditional Use
- Recreation
- Docks sited in appropriate locations for Metlakatla use
- Heritage protection and cultural restoration
- Erosion protection
- Education



## Future Residential

Primary area for residential development is within the Metlakatla Community on S1/2 Tsimpsean IR2. This designation identifies areas for future residential development. Intent is to provide for a range of housing types to meet the needs of Metlakatla members.

*Applies to S1/2 Tsimpsean (Metlakatla Village) reserve*

### Allowable Uses

- Detached housing, excluding trailers and other forms of temporary housing
- Single family housing
- Multi-unit housing including duplexes and triplexes
- Home-based businesses, within the structure
- Accessory structures such as sheds, greenhouses and smokehouses



## Garden Lots

This designation includes all garden lots. Intent is protect the agricultural use as well as the cultural heritage values of these sites. Are for the use and benefit of Metlakatla members only. To be maintained for original intent for which they were designated. Any activities involving non-members require authorization from the Metlakatla Governing Council.

### Allowable Uses

- Agriculture and related structures
- Camping
- Cabins and sheds
- Education and research<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Foreshore is whole of Metlakatla pass; otherwise 200 metres from low water

<sup>2</sup> Education/school groups will require an orientation by Metlakatla staff to ensure cultural and ecological values are protected.



## Institutional

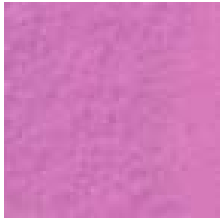
On S1/2 Tsimpsean IR2 only (Metlakatla Community). This designation includes the facilities and buildings that meet the cultural, social, recreational and administrative needs of our members.

*Applies to S1/2 Tsimpsean (Metlakatla Village) reserve*

### Allowable Uses

Facilities that meet needs of Metlakatla members and operations:

- Administration buildings
- Health facilities
- Indoor and outdoor recreation facilities
- Education facilities
- Daycares
- Cultural facilities such as longhouse



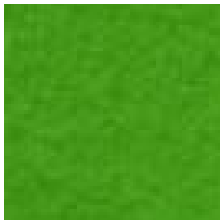
## Protection

Intent of this designation is to preserve these lands for future generations. Protects ecologically-sensitive sites and culturally significant sites from development. Provides for a riparian setback of generally 30 metres along all watercourses and waterbodies. Are for the use and benefit of Metlakatla members only. Any activities involving non-members require authorization from the Metlakatla Governing Council.<sup>3</sup>

### Allowable Uses

- Cultural use/traditional Use
- Recreation
- Cultural/educational camps
- Education and research<sup>4</sup>

*Applies to Tugwell Island and S1/2 Tsimpsean (Metlakatla Village) reserves*



## Resource Stewardship

Covers areas identified primarily for stewardship and traditional use purposes. Allows for sustainable resource development.

*Applies to Tuck Inlet, Rushton Island, Avery Island, Edye Island, Squaderee and Shoowahltlands reserves*

### Allowable Uses

- Cultural /Traditional Uses
- Low impact tourism (ecotourism)
- Renewable/alternative energy generation
- Sustainable forestry practices
- Restoration activities
- Education and research

<sup>3</sup> Existing tourism opportunities such as Pike Island and the Metlakatla Wilderness Trail are permitted. Future tourism opportunities and their inclusion as an allowable use will be reviewed in 5 years.

<sup>4</sup> Education/school groups will require an orientation by Metlakatla staff to ensure cultural and ecological values are protected.

# Goals and Actions

Throughout the land use planning process, the Metlakatla community and members expressed hopes and concerns for land use and development. These led to the following goals and action items.

## **GOAL Conserve and celebrate our language, culture and heritage resources.**

- Identify archeological, traditional use, and cultural and heritage features where possible on all Metlakatla Reserves.
- Support the development of a Culture and Heritage Law, policies and protocols to protect, manage and monitor archaeological sites and cultural use areas on all Metlakatla lands regardless of the land designation.
- Support the exploration and development of future culture and heritage infrastructure.
- Coordinate annual member field trips to Metlakatla Reserves.
- Development proposals go to the Metlakatla Cultural Heritage Department for review, when appropriate.
- Use traditional names for our Reserve lands and other places of importance. Add signage using our traditional names.

## **GOAL Identify ways to lessen effects of climate change.**

- Implement plans to manage and mitigate or control erosion and flooding in Metlakatla.
- Identify areas of erosion and priorities for flood control and erosion control in other areas on Metlakatla Reserves (Tugwell Island).

## **GOAL Promote food security.**

- Provide opportunities for community to be more involved in agriculture.
- Identify and protect food and medicine harvesting sites.
- Promote food security and protect food harvesting sites.

## **GOAL Support sustainable local economy.**

- Ensure lands are available to support economic development opportunities.
- Encourage local renewable energy development and energy efficiency.

*Please note goals and actions are in no particular order; each is as important as the next.*

## **GOAL Provide better access to Metlakatla.**

- Support proposed Tsimshian Peninsula Access Project.

**GOAL Support health and wellbeing of our members through development and maintenance of housing, infrastructure and community facilities.**

- Identify areas for residential development that support a range of housing needs.
- Designate areas for organized and unorganized recreation activities.
- Develop Metlakatla as a mixed-use community which includes community services, recreation and opportunities for economic development.
- Ensure development practices are sustainable.
- Ensure all houses built in the community at a minimum meet standards identified in the provincial Building Code
- Support member training needs through the Coastal Training Centre.
- Develop a Metlakatla Community Standards Law.
- Develop an Environmental Management Plan to identify and manage issues such and Invasive Species, fuel storage, solid waste management.
- When necessary, update Metlakatla's Asset Management Strategy.
- Develop an Environmental Management Plan to identify and manage issues such and invasive species, fuel storage, solid waste management.

**GOAL Protect and enhance ecologically sensitive areas.**

- Identify watercourses, sensitive habitat and other ecologically sensitive areas.
- Avoid development in areas of natural hazard.
- Develop and implement Environmental Protection Law and associated guidelines to protect ecologically sensitive sites on Metlakatla lands regardless of the land designation.
- Undertake inventories where possible on all Metlakatla reserves of ecological features such as Yew wood and Cedar.

**GOAL Protect foreshore from over-harvesting and unauthorized use and development.<sup>5</sup>**

- Work with Metlakatla Stewardship Society and their Guardian Watchman Department to develop a program to monitor and protect the foreshore and lands from non-member use.
- Prohibit development of structures in foreshore areas.
- Develop non-member access and camping and access policies.

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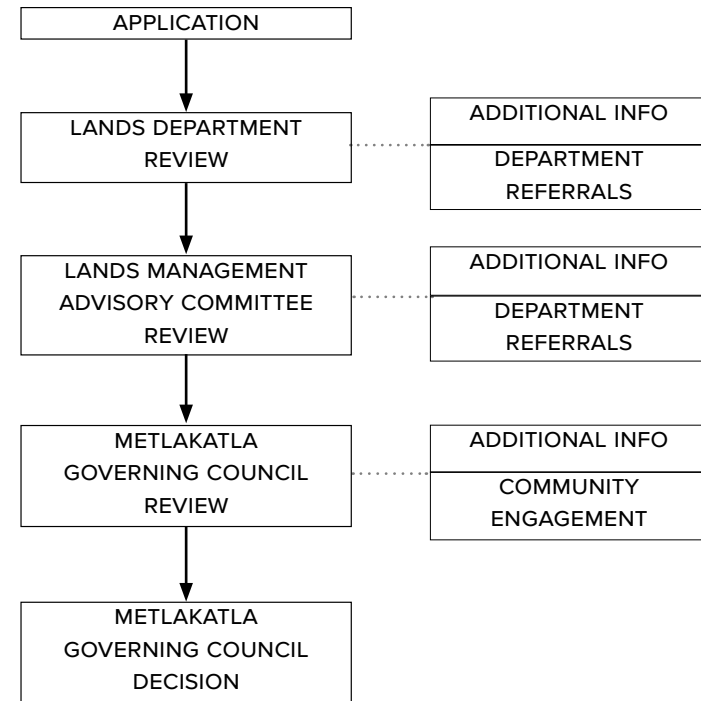


# Application Process

These are the steps to apply for approval for development on Metlakatla Lands. These subjects will be subject to a more detailed Development and Zoning Law, when developed.

When development applications are assessed, Metlakatla's vision, values and principles will be used to ensure that proposed developments respect the environment and do not negatively impact the quality of life for Metlakatla Members.

Prospective proponents and developers must be respectful and honour the values and principles of Metlakatla.



# Land Use Planning Process

This diagram presents the overall process to develop this Plan. The Metlakatla Lands Management Committee and membership have had extensive involvement in the Land Use Plan.



## Project Initiation

- Document review
- Site reconnaissance
- Initiation meeting
  - Open House
- Project newsletter

## Profile

- Base maps
- Infrastructure overview
- Lands profile/assessment
- Summary report

## Priorities

- Lands Management Advisory Committee (LMac) visioning
- Community dinner and workshops
- Project team meeting
- Summary report

- Staff survey (Aug. 2018)
- Draft high level plan (Sept 2018)
- Workshop with project team (Sept 2018)
  - Community Meetings: Metlakatla, Prince Rupert, Prince George, and Vancouver (Oct 23-25, 2018)
- Incorporate feedback

- Draft land use plan and implementation plan (Nov 2018)
- Project Team review (Nov 2018)
- Project team meeting
  - Community presentation /meeting (Apr 2019)
- LMac update, review and recommendation of LUP (May to Aug 2019)

- Finalize and submit land use plan for Council approval and ratification (Aug – Dec 2019)



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