



Project Update: Filling and Grading of Toe Area IR#2

Following Newsletter #3 (September 2020), we are excited to share an update on an important development taking place on our Setłama'kmən Lands that will help us to generate revenue and prepare our land for the development priorities that we are deciding through our community LUP process.

Filling and Grading Opportunity

KFN is in the process of completing a set of steps to carry out an infill project for KFN Reserve lands known as the Toe Area, located at the south west corner of our IR2 site (see map below). The site is surrounded by:

- The remainder of the IR2 development area and the Wilson Farm Dike Trail (North and East)
- A publicly accessed trail and Colony Farm Regional Park (owned by Metro Vancouver) (South)
- An environmentally sensitive riparian marsh area and the Coquitlam River (approximately 150 m from site) (West)

The project will involve clearing vegetation, adding fill and grading the Toe Area. How we use the Toe Area is being considered by community members in the current land use planning process.

Preparing this additional Toe area of our IR2 lands will increase our land base to help KFN realize its long-term vision. KFN members continue to discuss the most appropriate mix and balance of uses for IR2.

Project Steps

The anticipated steps are as follows:

1. KFN Chief and Council to meet & discuss options of filling the SW Toe Area with consultants: Environmental, Geotechnical, Civil and Archeological
2. Receive / review the Scope of Work (study) required from each discipline and associated costs to carry out the studies and research
3. Conduct environmental and archeological screening/assessment
4. Submit results and information to KFN Lands and Resources
5. Submit Band Council Resolution (BCR) for KFN Chief & Council approval
6. Once approved by C&C, KFN project team is hired by KFN to engage consultants to prepare their design and submit recommendations / options
7. Send out design specifications to the contractors to solicit pricing for performing the work or have it done in-house by Saskay (preferred)
8. Complete the infill work for the Toe Area

Community members have expressed the need to 'return home' including living and working on our Setłama'kmən lands. We know that community housing and other cultural, spiritual, social, recreational, along with economic and business uses, are important to families and members in achieving the quality of life they desire. The additional Toe Area land will help us to increase our development options and long term strategy.

The Toe Area infill project also represents an opportunity to continue our Saskay infill operation with the added benefit of generating short term revenue to meet our interim operating costs, as well as providing employment for our community members. This is an important consideration as KFN Chief & Council continues to manage this complex situation as servicing and financing of IR2 development are being considered.

We anticipate completing this infill project by March, 2021. Following the completion of the project, the Toe Area would be available for future development as defined by KFN membership.



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Community LUP Process:

Our LUP process, which has been underway since February 2020, is bringing us together to consider our long-term Vision for the future use of our IR2 lands and how we want to manage our lands. See Newsletter 5 (also November 2020) for a results update. As we work towards defining our long-term Vision through our LUP process, we continue to explore opportunities to bring in revenue in the short term to sustain KFNE operations and provide community employment.



Toe Area Map



Environmental Considerations

We are needing to undertake an environmental screening to meet the requirements of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act that considers the following environmental aspects of the Toe Area site:

- Archeological Significance
- Topography and Terrain
- Soil Type and Quality
- Drainage
- Surface Water
- Groundwater
- Vegetation and Traditional Use Plants
- Wetlands
- Birds
- Wildlife Mammal Species
- Air Quality
- Archaeology
- Traditional Use Lands
- Noise & Dust

"IR2 must echo the past generations of KFN."

"We can dance on the land."



"IR 2 is a place to grow and learn, to call my own and become the person I'm meant to be."

Questions?

If you have any questions or need other information please contact Sue Lizotte, Lands & Taxation Manager, or Chief and Council should you have any questions or need any additional information.

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