

# Get to know The Individual Agreement

## What is the Individual Agreement?

Signatory First Nations to the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management* regain governance control of their lands by approving two key documents: the Land Code and the Individual Agreement. This approval is obtained through a community vote. The Land Code is the land law the First Nation develops to replace the lands management sections of the *Indian Act*. The Individual Agreement is finalized between the First Nation and Canada. It includes the “specifics of transfer” of the jurisdiction and administration of reserve land from Canada to a First Nation.



**Upon the approval of both the Individual Agreement and the Land Code, the First Nation resumes land governance control of its First Nation lands.**

**NOTE:** Canada retains liability for any land management decisions and environmental issues occurring before the land code took effect.

## The individual Agreement contains 12 main sections. These often include:

- Section 1: Interpretation (of the Terminology of the Agreement)
- Section 2: Information Provided by Canada (to the First Nation)
- Section 3: Transfer of Land Administration (from Canada to the First Nation)
- Section 4: Acceptance of Transfer of Land Administration (by the First Nation)
- Section 5: Operational Funding (Provided to the First Nation)
- Section 6: Transfer of Moneys (from Canada to the First Nation)
- Section 7: Notice to Third Parties of Transfer of Administration
- Section 8: Interim Environmental Assessment Process
- Section 9: Amendments
- Section 10: Notices Between the Parties
- Section 11: Dispute Resolution
- Section 12: Date of Coming into Force



## Each First Nation's Individual Agreement contains annexes of information unique to the community which can include:

- Funding provided by Canada
- Details on the transfer of revenue and capital moneys
- List of interests and licences granted by Canada
- Any existing environmental issues
- List of other information relevant to interests and licenses on reserve
- The interim environmental assessment process
- Description of First Nation lands

## First Nation and ISC Develop Individual Agreement



## First Nation Chief and ISC Initial the Individual Agreement

ISC = Indigenous Services Canada