

## **SHUSWAP INDIAN BAND**

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### **NOTICE OF LAND CODE AUTHORITY**

Under the Land Code, any grant or disposition of a lease, license, easement or permit on Reserve to a non-Shuswap member requires the written consent of Shuswap Chief and Council (s. 30.5). Additionally, no interest in the Reserve can be transferred or assigned (by way of leasehold or otherwise) without the written consent of Council (s. 35.3). Moreover, any document which purports to grant or dispose of such interests without Council consent will be deemed void (s. 30.3).

Furthermore, the Land Code requires that all interests in the Reserve be registered in the First Nation Lands Register, absent which they will not be enforceable (s. 28). As a result, “buckshee leases” (leases which have not followed the appropriate procedures set out in the Land Code and which have not been registered accordingly) are not enforceable and are strongly discouraged by the Shuswap Indian Band.

Finally, we note that pursuant to the Land Code, Shuswap Indian Band has the right to make laws on a variety of land related matters which may impact on the property to be purchased.

Given this, we ask that all potential buyers or sellers of property on Reserve be aware of the Land Code authority. We further ask that you direct all interested in purchasing property on the Reserve to make an appointment with the Shuswap Indian Band Lands Department to discuss these matters at (250) 341-3678 (Ext. #1014), or [landclerk@shuswapband.net](mailto:landclerk@shuswapband.net). Obtain a copy at the Administration Officer or download from:

[www.shuswapband.net/images/\\_pdfs/LandCode.pdf](http://www.shuswapband.net/images/_pdfs/LandCode.pdf).