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**Project Name:** Land Use Plan & Capital Infrastructure Plan, Chippewas of Nawash  
Unceded First Nation  
**Subject:** Questions & Answers from January 28, 2021 Community Meeting

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**Purpose:** Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation hosted a community meeting on January 28, 2021 facilitated by Neegan Burnside Ltd. (Neegan Burnside) and Shared Value Solutions (SVS). Community participation was encouraged through the Zoom chat and many questions were asked. Our project team were able to answer some questions posed by community members but we wanted to follow-up and provide answers for all members on these important topics.

### Questions & Answers

- 1. Is there a plan or process for members who want to build their own home or cottage and live on-reserve at their expense? Can land be allocated for this purpose to encourage a broader membership population? And if so, can there be a selection of various areas to build upon?**

This is a key issue we have heard for Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation and one that the Land Use Plan and Capital Infrastructure Plans can help to solve, in part. The Land Use Plan can identify locations where new homes or cottages could be located. The Capital Infrastructure Plan will propose how those new homes or cottages should be serviced with roads, water, sewage, and hydro infrastructure.

The Land Use Plan can also make recommendations or identify priority actions the First Nation to carry-out. This could include, for example, developing a process for members to build their own homes or cottages on-reserve.

The Land Use Plan and Capital Infrastructure Plan are part of the solution and additional work by Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation will also be required to establish the processes necessary to facilitate new home and cottage construction.

- 2. How will privately owned/land locked land be considered in the plan?**

Land held under Certificates of Possession (CP) will be planned for in the Land Use Plan by assigning desired land uses, as identified by the community. We are also interested in learning more about the shared responsibilities of renters and CP holders to the land.

We understand there are several landlocked CP lots at Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, which make them inaccessible. We look forward to learning more about these situations and working collaboratively with the community to look for solutions that address the issue.

**3. What authorities are going to protect environmental and cultural values?**

The Land Use Plan can include protections for environmental and cultural values through mapping and policy development, which will ultimately be used to inform Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation's decision-making processes.

**4. Will there be an industrial area that members can build on or lease for business and will there be taxes or similar applied to businesses who make use of Nawash infrastructure? E.g., water, roads, garbage.**

There can be if that is what the community wants! If the community tells us they want an industrial area or a business area, then those preferred locations can be identified in the Land Use Plan and planned for in the Capital Infrastructure Plan. We would like to hear more from the community about the types of industries and businesses you have in mind so we can make sure they are planned in proper locations that reflect good, compatible, and efficient development.

Whether taxes or something similar are applied to businesses in the community will be a decision made by Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation and is separate from the Land Use Plan and Capital Infrastructure Plan projects.

**5. What is the plan for Hope Bay?**

The Land Use Plan and Capital Infrastructure Plan are high-level guidance documents. We are looking for input from the community on what you would like to see at Hope Bay through the planning process.

**6. How will infrastructure be maintained? Government grants or through collective membership funds? Needs to be self-sustaining.**

This is an excellent question and the answer needs to be discussed and determined by the community. History has indicated that government grants typically do not provide the necessary funding to properly maintain infrastructure so unless a change in the formulas come about other methods will need to be pursued.

**7. What are the population projections and are they being considered in the plan?  
How will Nawash accommodate a growing population?**

Estimated future population numbers in Nawash will be calculated as part of the project. The foundation of the Land Use Plan will be to plan for this estimated population change and ensure that an adequate amount of land is identified for community growth, including residential land for houses.

**8. Will environmental assessments take place?**

The projects will not change existing environmental assessment requirements and processes currently required to be undertaken by the community.

**9. How to decolonize the land use/development process?**

This is an excellent question and one we want to answer collaboratively with the community through the planning process. It can include processes that revitalize culture, language, Traditional Knowledge and Anishinabe ways of knowing in the planning and decision-making processes. Please contact Larissa Johnston with any ideas you have to decolonize the land use and development process.

**10. How can we ensure planning includes our most vulnerable people?**

We have heard from members already about the desire for a holistic approach to planning and decision-making, which includes considering how to plan for your most vulnerable people. The Land Use Plan and Capital Infrastructure Plan work plans both include multiple opportunities for members to engage in the planning processes on your own terms. And all decisions must be viewed through an equity lens considering all people – not just those who can participate in the planning process.

**11. If members know of nature-friendly technological innovations, how can they become part of the planning process?**

We welcome all ideas and innovations to understand how they can be incorporated into the Land Use Plan and Capital Infrastructure Plan project. Please contact Larissa Johnston with any ideas and innovations you can suggest.

**12. How will community consultation occur?**

The Land Use Plan and Capital Infrastructure Plan workplan includes multiple opportunities for members to participate and engage in the planning process including: community meetings, surveys, knowledge holder interviews and workshops. Keep your eyes open for announcements of future engagement opportunities. Contact Larissa Johnston with any questions, to chat about your concerns, and provide input to the projects!