

Pictou Landing First Nation Land Use Plan (LUP) – Phase One Complete

Planning for Our Future, Together

Welcome to the Pictou Landing First Nation Land Use Plan (LUP) project. With the guidance and approval of our Chief and Council, we are working to shape a clear vision for how we use, protect, and manage our land today—and for generations to come.

What is a Land Use Plan?

A Land Use Plan (LUP) serves as a guide for how our community's land is used—whether for housing, recreation, commercial development, traditional practices, or conservation. It considers our physical space, our cultural values, and our vision for the future.

The LUP process includes four phases:

- 1. Pre-Planning (where we are now)
 - 2. Plan Development
 - 3. Implementation
 - 4. Monitoring & Evaluation

This multi-year process is an important part of nation-building. It reflects our sovereignty, our responsibilities to the land, and our hopes for the next seven generations.

Phase One: Data Gathering & Community Input

We've now completed Phase One—the Pre-Planning stage—which focused on gathering information and listening to the community. This included collecting data about:

- Land location and boundaries
 - Topography and environmental features
 - Historical and traditional uses
 - Community needs, values, and priorities



We also conducted a community survey to hear your thoughts. Your feedback is helping us identify:

- Preferred land uses (e.g., housing, green space, cultural areas)
- Areas of concern (e.g., environmental protection, development pressure)
- Aspirations for how the land should support our way of life Thank you to everyone who shared their voice!

Survey Results & What We Heard

At recent events such as the Boat Harbour meeting and Annual General Assembly (AGA), we tested and improved our survey tool to make it easier for everyone to participate.

Initial survey responses revealed some key themes:

- A desire to protect traditional lands and green spaces
 - The need for more housing and community facilities
 - Interest in areas for economic development that align with cultural values
 - A strong connection between the land, water, and ancestral teachings

These insights will guide us in the next phase of the LUP—Plan Development.

Next Steps: Your Voice Continues to Matter

We're now moving into Phase Two: Plan Development, where we will begin drafting the actual Land Use Plan using all the information collected. Your input will continue to shape this plan.

This is more than a planning process. It's about reclaiming our responsibility to care for the land as our ancestors did—for ourselves, our children, and all those yet to come.

Together, we are creating a Land Use Plan that honours our past and builds a strong, healthy future.

Thank you,
The LUP Team