

## Lands Branch Fact Sheet

*This fact sheet explains the responsibilities of the Lands Branch of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources (EMR).*



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### Services and Responsibilities

The Lands Branch provides an integrated land application and land use permit program. Activities and programs include:

- accepting land applications and processing through established review procedures (Land Application Review Committee);
- issuing leases and agreements for sale for rural residential, commercial, industrial, trapping and other dispositions;
- selling developed lots in the communities for all classes through public lottery, tender and over-the-counter;
- administering quarry program to support continued public and commercial access to materials;
- administering land use on vacant lands;
- continued monitoring and enforcement of unauthorized land uses; and
- providing public mapping information.

### Lands Branch Application Review Process

Intergovernmental and public consultation on land and land use matters is carried out by the Land Application and Land Use advisory committees. The goal of these committees is to facilitate management of Yukon lands in an open and transparent manner.

### Lands Branch Application Review Committee (LARC)

The role of LARC is to facilitate inter-departmental coordination of land management matters including:

- reviewing applications to lease or purchase Yukon land;
- transferring land between the Yukon government and other governments;
- developing and reviewing land policy (other procedures may also be used for major land policy initiatives); and
- preparing revisions to land regulations.

LARC meets monthly to review land applications. Special meetings may be called to address land policy and other land management matters.

## **Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC)**

The role of LUAC is to facilitate the technical review of land use and quarry permit applications that meet regulated thresholds. Regulations contain time limits for the review of permit applications. Consequently, LUAC is primarily a consultative (by e-mail) process.

Specifically, the roles of LUAC are to:

- advise on ways to lessen or address potential environmental effects; and
- fulfill the Government of Yukon's obligations under the *Land Use Regulation, Quarry Regulations* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Copies of LARC and LUAC terms of reference are available in the Whitehorse Lands Branch office and on the Lands Web site at [www.emr.gov.yk.ca/lands](http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/lands).

**The Lands Branch is committed to:** enhancing the land application process by improving client response time, land availability and choice of programs.

## **Q&As - Lands Branch**

### ***Where do I go to find land information?***

The Lands Branch is located on the third floor of the Elijah Smith Building (Suite 320) at 300 Main Street, Whitehorse, along with the Agriculture Branch.

### ***What type of information is available?***

The Lands Branch provides land applications, copies of maps, lists of available lots for sale in each community and information on the land application process, policies and procedures. Information and detailed fact sheets are also available on the EMR Web site at [www.emr.gov.yk.ca/lands](http://www.emr.gov.yk.ca/lands).

### ***Can I use my credit card to purchase a lot?***

All land payments are payable to the Territorial Treasurer. The Yukon government accepts Visa, Mastercard, cash, cheques and money orders for regular payments. Final land transactions require payment by certified cheques, money orders or cash. Please contact the Lands Branch for details on your file.

### ***What is the application process for spot land or land use applications?***

Land applications are reviewed by the Land Application Review Committee (LARC) and land use applications are reviewed by the Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC). Application forms can be picked up from the Whitehorse or District offices.

### ***Where do I go to purchase a lot to build a home?***

In Whitehorse you would go to the Lands office located in the Elijah Smith Building at 300 Main Street, on the third floor in Suite 320. If you would like to purchase land in the communities you can do it through the Whitehorse Lands office or in the Municipal office in your community.



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