



Crown Land Programs Factsheet

Ministry of Agriculture and Lands

The following is a list of land uses or programs for which a Crown land tenure can be obtained.

ADVENTURE TOURISM/COMMERCIAL RECREATION PROGRAM

Crown land for outdoor recreational activities where a fee-for-service is charged and the focus is on experiences associated with the natural environment. Examples include: nature viewing, river rafting, horse-pack trips and heli-hiking.

AGGREGATES AND QUARRY MATERIALS PROGRAM

Crown land for quarrying, digging or removal of materials for building or construction purposes. The program also applies to ancillary uses such as material sorting, crushing, stockpiling and the operation of temporary portable asphalt plants.

AGRICULTURE – EXTENSIVE PROGRAM

Crown land for soil bound cultivation (clearing, grubbing, preparing for seed and seeding the soil) to produce cereal, seed, forage, vegetable or fruit crops using mechanized crop seeding and harvesting equipment.

AGRICULTURE – INTENSIVE OR SMALL AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

Crown land in areas smaller than 15 hectares for commercial production of animals, fruits and/or vegetables. Examples include: poultry farms, dairy farms, market gardens, greenhouses, nurseries and feed lots.

AIRPORTS PROGRAM

Crown land for airports or airstrips and associated service facilities which provide a public benefit, or for non-commercial airports or airstrips used primarily by individuals or corporate applicants that the public also have access to.

ALL SEASONS RESORTS/ALPINE SKIING PROGRAM

Crown land for non-seasonal resort operations and/or two types of alpine ski operations.

Type 1 - Community ski operations that provide day-use skiing facilities for local recreation with little or no overnight accommodation.

Type 2 - Commercial ski resorts with the capacity to serve outside the local community, with overnight facilities. These operations often offer other recreational activities for year-round business run by a company for profit.





AQUACULTURE – FINFISH PROGRAM

Crown aquatic land and foreshore for the purpose of cultivating finfish in fresh and salt waters.

AQUACULTURE – SHELLFISH PROGRAM

Crown aquatic land and foreshore for commercial seeding, growing and harvesting of shellfish or marine plants in a natural or manufactured environment..

COMMERCIAL – GENERAL PROGRAM

All commercial uses of Crown land not administered under more specific land use programs. Commercial development is generally considered to be the sale, storage or service of goods and commodities. Examples of potential commercial developments include: office buildings, shopping malls, warehouses and campgrounds.

COMMERCIAL FILM PROGRAM

Crown land for the purpose of video and motion picture productions as well as still photography for commercial, educational and promotional purposes.

COMMERCIAL MARINAS AND YACHT CLUBS PROGRAM

Crown aquatic land and foreshore for a commercial marina or yacht club. The acquired tenure may also include ancillary uses such as: boathouses, gas and fuel docks, bait shops and restaurants.

COMMUNITY/INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAM

Crown land made available to local governments, public agencies (defined as regional governments, health boards, school boards and transportation authorities) and community organizations (defined as First Nations, non-profit organizations and public sector organizations) to support public purposes. The land is provided at less than market value through a free Crown grant or nominal rent tenure.

COMMUNICATION SITES PROGRAM

The use of a small area of Crown land for communication service infrastructure including transmitting and receiving signals for radio, television, microwave, satellite and cellular phones.

FLOAT HOME COMMUNITY

A floating home is defined as a structure built on a flotation system, which is used as a residence and is not intended for navigation or use as a navigable craft.





GOLF COURSES PROGRAM

Crown land for golf course developments and ancillary facilities such as restaurants.

GRAZING PROGRAM

Applies to the *existing* use of Crown land for ranching operations and ensures continued access to Crown land. The Province manages existing grazing leases and will accept applications *to replace* existing tenures on expiry.

INDUSTRIAL – GENERAL PROGRAM

All industrial use of Crown land not administered under more specific land use programs including a business enterprise involving storing, manufacturing, assembling, testing, servicing, repairing, fabricating, wrecking, salvaging, processing or producing all goods and materials. Examples include: truck terminals, machine shops and factories.

LOG HANDLING PROGRAM

This program applies to two types of log handling on Crown land, general and intensive.

General log handling applies to the following uses and related improvements: log storage, booming, dumping, sorting and/or barging.

Intensive log handling applies to uses and related improvements directly associated with a mill, or other wood conversion facilities, or a facility such as a generalized log sort, either dry land or aquatic.

MINING PROGRAM

Crown land for surface activities associated with mining projects by mining sector applicants. Examples include: exploration (including investigations by test hole, well drilling, prospecting, or other techniques to identify the existence and extent of mineral resources) and development (including construction and operation of facilities).

OCEAN ENERGY PROGRAM

This is a new independent power program that applies to the use of Crown land and submerged Crown land for the generation of green energy. Government policy is in the development stage and applications are currently being accepted for investigative purposes.





*For any proposed
Crown land use
not listed here,
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*FrontCounter BC
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OIL AND GAS PROGRAM

Crown land for oil and gas activities approved by the National Energy Board. Crown land required for provincially regulated oil and gas activities is authorized by the Oil and Gas Commission.

PRIVATE MOORAGE PROGRAM

Crown foreshore or submerged lands for private, permanent structures for moorage purposes. It may not apply to seasonal private docks, wharfs or piers that are free of boat houses, not fixed to the land and/or stored on the upland property during the winter.

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

Crown land in remote areas, where the need for residential land cannot be met by the private sector. Crown land may also be available when residential use is required in support of an industrial or commercial activity. On occasion Crown land may be made available in urban and rural areas through a competitive process.

ROADWAYS PROGRAM

Crown land for building public and private roadways. This program supports access needs and contributes to the development of the transportation infrastructure in a coordinated, responsible manner that encourages efficient use of Crown land resources.

UTILITIES PROGRAM

Crown land for the installation of utilities such as gas, hydro, electricity in the form of distribution lines, pipelines, flow lines, sewer and water systems and electrical transmission. Installation on Crown land and aquatic Crown land may be buried underground, placed on poles or sunk/buried underwater.

WATERPOWER PROGRAM

Crown land for various land components of waterpower energy projects including: powerhouse, penstock, intake(s) or dam(s), and any tunnels or channels as well as transmission lines, roads and ancillary construction land uses such as quarries, spoil and staging areas and communication sites.

WIND POWER PROGRAM

Crown land for the various wind power project components including: wind turbines, maintenance buildings, other plant facilities, transmission lines, roads and surrounding Crown land.