



## Kitselas Master Land Use Plan

# What is a Charrette?

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### A Charrette: Where Everyone's Voice is Heard



As you can see in the above cartoon, a charrette is where everyone comes together to talk about and decide how their community should grow and look in the future. Do you ever wonder why certain buildings are located in certain areas? Do you have ideas about the different things you would like to see in your community? Do you ever think bus stops should be located in different spots? Are you concerned about your sense of safety? A charrette is your opportunity to bring your views and ideas forward!

A charrette is a multi-day community planning event where everyone is welcome to come together and work directly with planners, designers and architects. These professionals will listen to

the community members' ideas and immediately get to work on a plan and show the community what they've come up with the next day. Community members will provide feedback and the designers work at it again. This process carries on over this multi-day event.

The Kitselas Lands Management Office will hold a 4-day charrette for all Kitselas residents (on and off reserve). Designers and landscape architects are coming to Kitselas in November. On September 21st we will kick off the Land Use Planning process presenting a number of different options to the community about how, when, where and what we'll be designing in November.

***We look forward to seeing you there!***

### - Schedule of Events -

#### Kick-Off Meeting

#### Land Use Planning

September 21

Open House 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Dinner 5:00

Meeting: 5:30 - 8:00 pm

#### Charrette

November 2, 3, 4 & 5

Gitau Admin Office

*\*Rides will be available,  
more info TBA*

Any Questions or Concerns related to the Kitselas Master Land Use Plan, the Charrette Process or anything related to Kitselas Lands can be directed to Sonja Foss at:  
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Aerial Photos of Gitau

## What is the Kitselas Master Land Use Plan Process?

A land use plan is an essential tool in land management. It provides strategic policies on how to use land within a certain area. Without a land use plan, there is no way to know what land is sacred to people or where the people would like to see the land developed. This article will explain how a land use plan ties into the management of Kitselas' lands.

The Kitselas Lands Management Office (LMO) is responsible for managing the Reserve Lands subject to the Land Code. The LMO's role is to manage the lands in an effective, responsible and transparent manner. To meet this goal, the community must be involved.

**Receiving input from the Kitselas membership is essential to the land use planning process.** The information contained in this booklet will tell you what is planned, when it is planned, and how you can get involved.

**There are several different ways to complete a land use plan. The method Kitselas is using follows a 3-phase approach.** In the **1st phase** we research what exists on the land and prepare for a multi-day planning meeting with the community called a "charrette". The **2nd phase** is the charrette, a multi-day planning meeting, which involves the community, service providers, administrators and decision-makers. The **3rd phase** is when we refine the results of the community planning session and bring it back to the community to ensure their voices have been heard before the land use plan is approved.

**The 1st phase has already begun.** Educational field trips have been provided to the Kitselas membership; just over 40 people have been on the field trips to learn about the reserves, land use planning and the land code. The LMO has also been busy preparing work plans, connecting with service providers and making sure that all data related to the lands is collected. While this is happening, we have an opportunity to re-visit the Kitselas Vision at the Kick-Off Meeting September 21st at the Kitselas Community Hall (*see schedule of events*). This is when the community will be able to work together again and decide what the guiding principles of the land use plan will be.

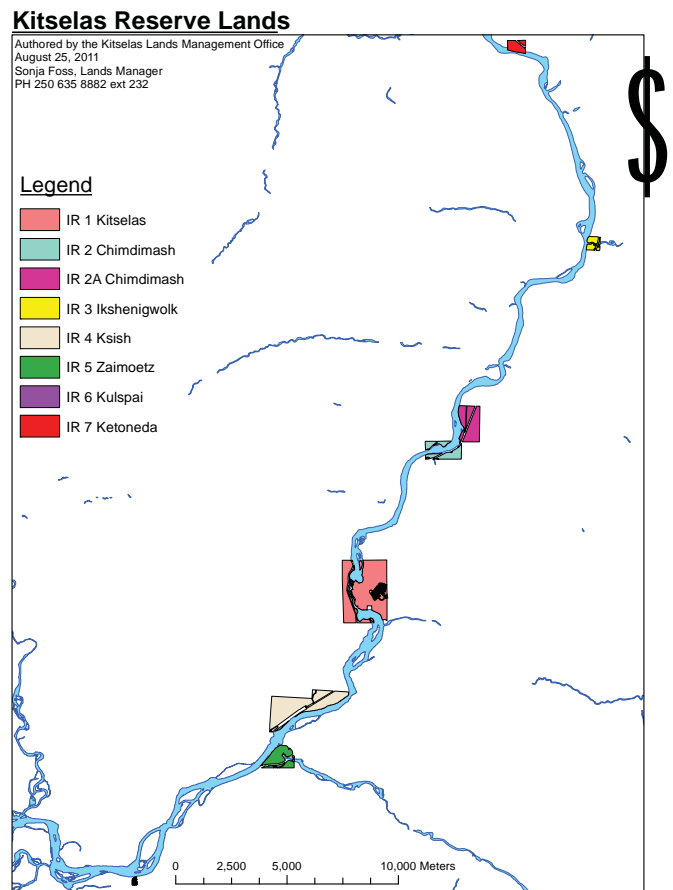
**The 2nd phase of the land use planning process is the charrette.** This is when Kitselas will work with designers, landscape architects and artists to draw what the future Kitselas lands will look like. Together we will decide what matters to the community (both on and off reserve), where new buildings should be

built and what they should or could look like - we will design our future. The results of the charrette will feed into the land use plan and will be an official document showing how we are going to build the future we want.

As a special gift to the elders, the Elders Group will be asked if they would like to sit with the designers and determine the design principles of Old Kitselas. The Elders who grew up in Old Kitselas can document how Old Kitselas should look in the future and how it should be used and protected.

**The 3rd phase of the land use planning process is scheduled for Winter 2012.** This is when the majority of the land use plan is written, refined and brought back to the community. Once the community is satisfied with the land use plan, it is brought to Chief and Council for approval and implementation can begin.

This is an exciting opportunity to gather as a community and map out our future together. You are more than welcome to access any information you need or want from the Lands Management Office. The door is always open!



## Message from Chief Judy Gerow

The newly elected Chief and Council are proud to support Kitselas' first land use planning process on Kitselas Reserve Lands.

As your Chief, I support this initiative because this process guarantees that Kitselas members will own the Kitselas Master Land Use Plan, not just participate in its creation.

Kitselas enacted the Land Code in 2005. Since then, all land-related decisions are made solely by the Chief and Council. As more and more interest builds up among our people to move back on to Kitselas' lands, we are finding ways to bring them home.

The charrette will bring all of us together to shape what our future community will look like. We, together, get to decide how our lands should be used.

Through this process and other relationship building activities planned for the future, we are making sure your voice gets heard. I promise you I will be listening.

Sincerely,



Judy Gerow, Chief Councillor



### ***Who is involved in the land use planning project?***

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the Kitselas land use planning process. However, there are some key people and groups who will be playing really important roles to ensure success of the process.

**Kitselas Chief and Council** play an approval role in the land use planning process. As leaders of the Nation, they will be educated and informed so they can answer your questions.

**Kitselas Committee to the Council** plays an advisory role and provides invaluable input to the objectives of the land use plan.

**Kitselas Administrative Staff** can contribute by providing their knowledge and experience into the objectives of the plan. They will be the champions of the plan when it gets put into action.



**Sonja Foss** is the project manager of the land use planning process. Sonja is an Environmental Planner and a provisional member of the Planning Institute of BC and the Canadian Institute of Planners. She has been involved in regional land use planning processes for First Nations in the past and has been working for Kitselas as Lands Manager since May 3, 2010. She looks forward to presenting a Kitselas Master Land Use Plan to Chief and Council for approval which the membership is happy with.



**Daniel Millette** is a planner and a part-time professor at University of British Columbia. Daniel works for the First Nations Lands Advisory Board which provides support and advice to Land Code First Nations. He was involved with Lands for Tsawwassen First Nation for 15 years and comes to Kitselas as an observer and a supporter of the land use planning process. He comes with a lot of knowledge about different projects, programs and services provided by other Land Code First Nations right across Canada.



**Peter Whitelaw** is a Senior Planner at HB Lanarc & Golder Associates in Vancouver, BC. Peter led Kitselas through its visioning process last year and is back to help mentor and guide the land use planning process. His staff at HB Lanarc & Golder Associates will be providing the technical expertise that Kitselas lacks (landscape architecture, building designers, mapping specialists).

## ***A Vision for Kitselas***

On September 21st 2011 the Lands Management Office will host the first of several community meetings to kick off the land use plan process. A few options will be presented to the community and we will decide together how to proceed with the land use plan and the community vision. **This is your chance to have a say!**

Part of this meeting will involve re-visiting the Kitselas Vision to discuss the work that has been completed and where we go from here. The Vision helps inform the guiding principles of the Land Use Plan. The Vision, is based on community input and direction. The Lands Management Office is here at the direction of Chief and Council to help the process along. **Remember, this is your Vision and your Land Use Plan.**

## ***Charrette Terminology***

**Thoroughfare:** a road, street, or the like, that leads at each end into another street. a passage or way through

**Civic Use:** Premises used by organizations considered to support the common good. Civic sites should be reserved within every new neighborhood even if their advent is in the distant future.

**Infrastructure:** Physical public service improvements, including utilities, streetscapes and thoroughfares, but excluding buildings and community amenities.

**Live/Work:** A single-family house or townhouse with the first floor available as a commercial space, either independently leased or in conjunction with the residential unit above.

**Mixed-Use:** Multiple functions within the same building or the same general area.

**Network:** A web of intersecting thoroughfares. The street network is the principal structuring device of the urban pattern.

**Open Space:** Area free of building that,

# **Kitselas Kick-Off Meeting**

## **- Land Use Planning -**

### ***Kitselas Hall - Kulspai Crescent***

### ***September 21st 2011***

**3:00** Open House

**5:00** Dinner

**5:45** Presentation

**6:30** Video

**6:45** Community Exercise

**8:00** Closing and Thanks

***It is time to come together and decide how Kitselas land will be used. We are looking forward to seeing you there.***



together with a well-designed system of thoroughfares, provides a public realm. Specific examples are:

**Green** — a medium-sized public space available for unstructured recreation. A green is surrounded by buildings, its landscape consisting of grassy areas and trees. Greens require limited maintenance.

**Square** — a public space, seldom larger than a block, at the intersection of important streets. A square is enclosed by frontages; its streetscape consists of paved walks, lawns, trees, and civic building. A square requires substantial maintenance.

**Park** — a large open area available for recreation and fronted by buildings. Its landscape of paths, lawn, trees and open shelters is naturalistically disposed and requires limited maintenance.

**Plaza** — a public space at the intersection of important streets set aside for civic purposes and commercial activities. A plaza is enclosed by frontages; its landscape consists of trees and durable pavement requiring little maintenance.

**Pedestrian Shed:** The distance most

people will walk rather than drive, providing the environment is pedestrian-friendly (equivalent to one-quarter of a mile or 1,320 feet).

#### **Sectors:**

**Civic** — religious, cultural and educational institutions and special interest associations operating for public benefit, often not for profit.

**Public** — various agencies of government acting under the leadership of elected officials for the public good.

**Private** — property owners, developers, merchants and others operating for profit.

**Setback:** The mandatory minimum or maximum distance between a lot line and a building exterior wall. Open porches, balconies, overhangs and ramps are usually exempt from setback requirements.

**VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled):** The number of miles of personal auto travel per day. TNDs have relatively low VMT, illustrating the effectiveness of balanced uses and walkability in traffic mitigation.

*Definitions taken from "The Lexicon of the New Urbanism" Version 3.2. Duany Plater-Zyberk Company, 2002*