



Department of Lands

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Government of Northwest Territories



About

The Department of Lands manages, administers, and plans for the sustainable use of public land in the Northwest Territories. Public land includes both Territorial and Commissioner's Land. Territorial Land is primarily rural public land and Commissioner's Land is primarily land that is located in and around communities.

Responsibilities and Services

Lands Administration Division:

Commissioner's Land: Manages and administers leases, quarry permits and other land dispositions, securities, legal surveys and mapping services.

Territorial Lands: Manages and administers leases, land use permits, quarry permits, and other land dispositions as well as legal surveys.

Inspections and Enforcement: Resource Management Officers (inspectors) inspect various land and resource operations to ensure project proponents and leaseholders comply with legislation, regulations, and terms and conditions in various authorizations (such as land use permits and water licences).

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Land Use and Sustainability Division:

Leads the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) participation in the development and review of land use plans, which detail where and how land and water can be used, developed, or protected. This unit also develops policies, standards, and guidelines regarding the sustainable use of land.

Securities and Project Assessment Division:

The division is divided into two units – project assessment branch (PAB) and the securities coordination unit. PAB coordinates GNWT participation in environmental assessments (EA) and supports GNWT EA decision-making and Aboriginal consultation functions. PAB advances best practices in EAs and opportunities for meaningful participation in resource management processes. The securities unit maintains a tracking system, ensures a coordinated GNWT approach to security reviews, and leads policy development for environmental securities for resource development projects.

Informatics and Shared Services (ISS) Unit:

Leads the development and implementation of information and technology-related services and solutions. The ISS also includes the NWT Centre for Geomatics, which offers expert guidance to clients on geomatics related projects and support programs and services that deal with water, land and infrastructure management. Visit www.geomatics.gov.nt.ca for more information.

Online Services and Resources

Applications and Permits:

Land lease applications, land use permit applications in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, and quarry permits are available at www.lands.gov.nt.ca

ATLAS Mapping:

Provides accurate mapping of each parcel of land in the NWT, real-time information about who manages the land and details of active interests <http://atlas.lands.gov.nt.ca>

Board and Committee Members:

Expressions of interests are accepted on an ongoing basis from Northwest Territories residents for the following boards and committees:

- Inuvialuit Environmental Impact Review Board
- Inuvialuit Environmental Impact Screening Committee
- Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board
- Sahtu Land Use Planning Board
- Dehcho Land Use Planning Committee
- Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board
- NWT Surface Rights Board

For more information about the boards or to submit an application, visit boardappointments.exec.gov.nt.ca

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