



Land Law Proposal: The Shawanaga Land Laws Register

Draft Land Law

A Draft Land Law entitled "The Shawanaga Land Law Registry is attached for tabling.

Statement of purpose

Section 9.2 of the Land Code requires the creation of a Shawanaga First Nation Land Laws Register which will be a depository of original copies of each enactment under the Land Code that anyone can search to ascertain the laws that apply to all or individual parcels of Shawanaga First Nation lands.

The Shawanaga First Nation Land Laws Register should have an official Registrar appointed by Council who has the duty and powers necessary to officially register, record and abstract documents, to protect the integrity of the registers and to produce official certificates of what has been recorded. A Deputy Registrar should also be appointed in case time-sensitive matters must be dealt with when the Registrar is on holidays or otherwise unavailable. Both positions will be part-time and can be combined with other duties.

The Registry will require a secure restricted access physical and computer storage area.

Benefit to Shawanaga First Nation

The Shawanaga Land Laws Register is an essential feature of the land administration regime established by the Land Code.

Authority to Enact

Council has authority to enact Land Laws on any matter ancillary to the making of Land Laws" under subsection 7.1 of Code.

Enactment Procedure

The Magnetwan Registry Regulations will not require a Meeting of Members, Community approval or a ratification vote: it can be enacted by Band Council Resolution in an open Council meeting after tabling and notice to Members. However, Council may wish to include it in the ratification vote for the HIWLP Transmission Line Lease. The Lands Committee should review the Draft Land Law and report to Council prior to enactment.