

## Role of First Nations

Plans are being developed for for each First Nation to hire local planning coordinator and support staff. These individuals will develop a community specific work plan which would include items such as:

- Identifying the best opportunities for community engagement
- Identify local groups and structure (eg. Elders council, advisory groups etc.)
- Leading the collection and verification of local knowledge and information (interviews, workshops)
- Develop community-led research projects
- Develop related projects (excursions, education)
- Identifying funding needs and opportunities to carry out local activities
- Liaise with community coordinators/regional staff

## Role of Mushkegowuk Council

Under the proposed workplan Mushkegowuk Council, Lands & Resources will:

- Coordinate and facilitate the mapping and planning activities of the participating First Nations
- Provide training, planning and technical support to the First Nations
- Coordinate a common pool of consultants and technicians that can be used by First Nations
- Develop a regional information management and GIS structure
- Develop common standards, systems and protocols
- Work with other First Nations in the region that may want to participate in the Mushkegowuk planning process and to resolve any common concerns
- Provide administrative and technical support to the planning bodies that might be established.

## What is Land Use Planning?

Land use planning is the process of making choices about the future of the land. These choices will help to answer some important questions:

- What will different areas be used for?
- Who will benefit from it?
- Where will land be protected for traditional uses?
- Where will the Mushkegowuk collectively agree that roads will go?
- Where will the Mushkegowuk collectively agree that forestry or mining will be allowed?

Land use planning needs to be based on the First Nations knowledge of the land and on any other information that will help Mushkegowuk make wise choices for the future.

## What is the Land Use Planning Process?

Omushkegowuk want to work together on making decisions about the land, but the decisions need to be made at the community level. The goal of the Mushkegowuk is to eventually produce one land use plan for the entire Mushkegowuk region rather than eight separate plans that may lead to tension between First Nations.

## What is GIS?

A GIS or Geographic Information System is a computer system that manages information about different places. It can produce maps and reports that will assist in the planning process.

## Why are Mushkegowuk interviewing people about their use of the land?

Each First Nation will collect information from its' members in their own ways. Some of this will involve meeting with elders and other community groups. It will also involve interviewing people to gather more specific information. This information will form the basis for making land use decisions by the community.



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Chapleau  
Cree



Fort Albany



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## Community Outreach

Mushkegowuk Land & Resources  
staff continually provide information  
through:

wawatay broadcasts

monthly newsletters

meetings with local community  
planning coordinators

community visits

mushkegowuk.ca website

Local radio/television channels

brochures

phone support

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