

TRADITIONAL ALLOCATIONS

FAQS

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Thank you to all Citizens and Beneficiaries that gave their thoughts on Traditional Allocations.

You had many questions. This document answers some of them.

The questionnaire results are summarized in a separate document called Traditional Allocations Results, on the KDFN website.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I obtain a traditional allocation?

At this time, HLR is accepting applications for traditional allocations through the historical submission process. If you do not have a site-specific or family parcel identified through that process, you will be eligible to make an application after KDFN begins accepting new applications.

How will decisions on allocations be made and will they be fair?

Decisions are based on factors such as family history in an area, environmental suitability and sensitivity, and road access. Applications must also go through a public review period. An application must be consistent with KDFN laws and policies.

How will the size and location of traditional allocations be determined?

The KDFN Lands Act says that traditional allocations must be a minimum of 0.4 hectares.

Decisions on allocation size and location of an allocation will depend on many factors, such as:

- existing development in the area
- how large the settlement land parcel is
- what the local area plan says, if one exists
- what the KDFN Lands Vision says

KDFN is considering more specific rules and policies about traditional allocations, which is the purpose of the traditional allocation survey.

How will KDFN deal with garbage and junked vehicles on traditional allocations?

Having rules about what a person can or can't do on a traditional allocation will help KDFN take action if the land or people are being harmed. Some rules will be under the KDFN Lands Act, while some rules will be outlined in the certificate of allocation.

Can non-Citizens or non-Beneficiaries have a traditional allocation?

No. A traditional allocation is a way of holding land that is only available to KDFN Citizens and Beneficiaries through the KDFN Lands Act.

Can citizens rent out cabins on traditional allocations to non-citizens?

Yes. However, a traditional allocation is not intended for commercial use. If there are many rental cabins on a parcel, it is probably a commercial business.

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Can a person lease out a traditional allocation?

A lease under the Lands Act is a type of tenure that gives long-term, exclusive rights on a parcel. A lease and an allocation are different things, and an allocation cannot be a lease. However, as noted above, a person can rent out their allocation.

How many names can go on a traditional allocation?

KDFN intends to support family allocations, but HLR doesn't know the administrative and legal details yet. It will be important to identify which individuals are part of a family allocation before the allocation is granted in order to avoid family disputes.

Are traditional allocations private property?

Traditional allocations will always remain KDFN settlement land, but the person who holds it will have exclusive use of the parcel as if it were privately-owned. Allocation-holders will still have to follow any rules that KDFN makes for settlement land, and any laws of general application.

Can a person sell a traditional allocation?

A person can sell or give a traditional allocation to another KDFN Citizen or Beneficiary only. A Citizen or Beneficiary can have only one traditional allocation, so they could not buy or receive a second one.

How are traditional allocations registered or identified to others?

Traditional allocations will be identified in the KDFN Land Registry.

Why would a person have to pay property taxes?

Property taxes are charged by Government of Yukon or the City of Whitehorse if there are buildings with value on the land. KDFN does not charge property tax. Taxation was agreed upon in the KDFN Final Agreement Chapter 21.

How much does a traditional allocation cost?

KDFN does not charge Citizens or Beneficiaries for the settlement land, but there might be costs associated with obtaining a traditional allocation, such as for a legal survey, building a driveway, or installing power.

Would I need a mortgage or loan to get a traditional allocation?

Banks and other financial institutions have their own rules about loans and mortgages that are out of KDFN's control. It's unlikely that a financial institution would give a mortgage for a traditional allocation. Other types of loans might be available, depending on a person's financial situation and credit rating.

Is there funding to build on a traditional allocation?

KDFN does not currently have a funding program for traditional allocations.

How can a Citizen residing outside the Traditional Territory get a traditional allocation?

You would apply to HLR through the standard process. You should visit the site you are interested in before making the application. You can view KDFN's Settlement Land parcels on the KDFN website.