



Traditional Allocations Questionnaire Results

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This report summarizes the results of a questionnaire for Citizens and Beneficiaries on the topic of traditional use allocations.

KDFN's department of Heritage, Lands and Resources has been accepting applications for Traditional Use Allocations on Settlement Lands since Council approved a policy for historical submissions in 2021. Before approving those allocations, KDFN needs to know how it will manage them, in order to protect Settlement Land now and for the future.

HLR created the questionnaire in order to refine its understanding of how people want to use their allocations.

The Questionnaire

The questionnaire with background information was available online from August 26 to September 30, 2024. KDFN social media channels advertised the questionnaire several times during that period.

On September 10, HLR mailed the background information and the questionnaire to every address on the KDFN list of Citizens and Beneficiaries. If several people had the same address, only one package was mailed out. 670 packages were mailed. 15 were returned undelivered.

Paper copies of the background and questionnaire were available at the housing summit September 23-24. HLR received nine paper responses and 77 responses online.

Social media post example



TRADITIONAL ALLOCATIONS



KDFN needs your feedback on the topic of traditional allocations.



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A traditional allocation is different from a residential allocation, which is also available to Citizens and Beneficiaries.

A traditional allocation is a parcel of settlement land a KDFN Citizen or Beneficiary can use as their own when partaking of traditional activities.



Applications are accepted through the Historical Submissions process.

Traditional activity is defined in the KDFN Lands Act as

"a non-commercial activity, other than trapping, that

- is undertaken by a citizen for food, water, subsistence or ceremonial purpose, or
- strengthens or enhances social, educational, spiritual and cultural relationships and values between the citizen and another citizen or group of citizens"



- Traditional activities can happen on or off a traditional allocation.
- Traditional activities are protected in the KDFN Final Agreement.

GUIDELINES FOR TRADITIONAL ALLOCATIONS

WHAT THE LAWS ALREADY SAY

Only one traditional allocation per person, even if it's shared with another person.

You must go through an application process, which includes public review.

Land is not taxed until something is built that is taxable under Yukon law, such as a house. If built, the City or Government of Yukon will charge property taxes.

Traditional allocations cannot be converted to a lease or sold to a non-KDFN person, but can be inherited by a KDFN Citizen or Beneficiary.

WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING

Permitted Uses on Traditional Allocations

- Cabin
- Outhouse
- Cache
- Tent frame
- Fish rack
- Equipment storage shed
- Solar panel, satellite dish, antennae, etc

These types of development are not taxable according to Chapter 21 of the Final Agreement

Prohibited Uses on Traditional Allocations

- Anything hazardous or dangerous to the land and wildlife
- Anything resulting in nuisance, such as excessive traffic, noise, emissions, odour, smoke, etc
- Unregistered vehicles, except within enclosed buildings
- Signage over 2 square metres

These restrictions help protect the land and the rights of Citizens & Beneficiaries.

Other Rules for Development

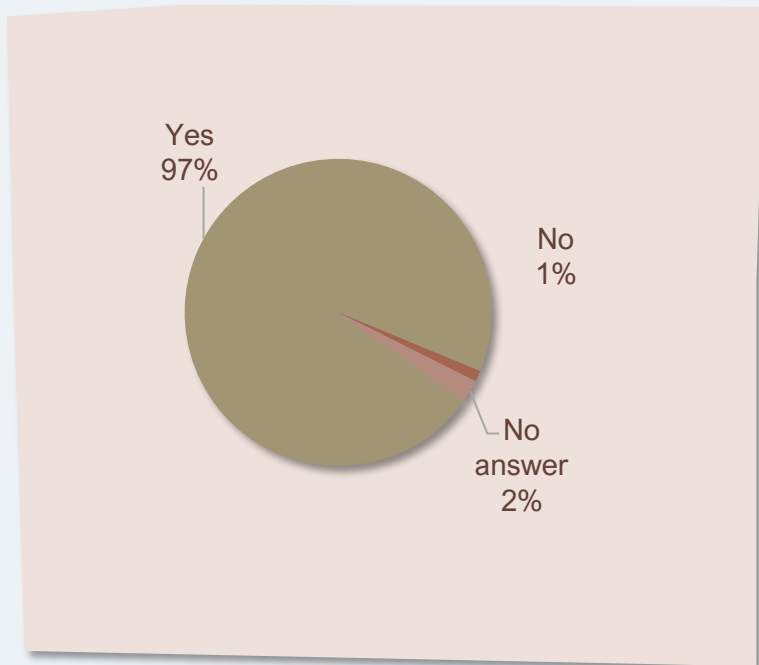
- Building set back from parcel boundaries: 5 metres
- Maximum height of structures: 7 metres
- Uses and buildings that exist before the allocation is granted can remain.

Building setbacks help maintain privacy if several allocations are close together

Questionnaire Results

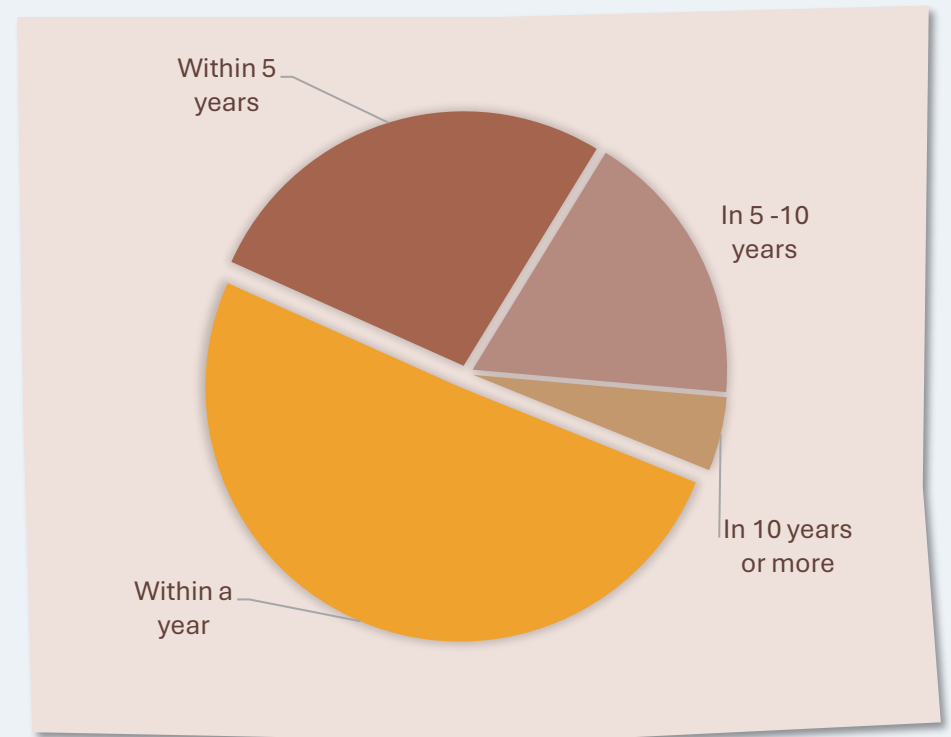
Are you interested in a traditional allocation?

Not surprisingly, almost all respondents are interested in obtaining a traditional allocation.



When will you be ready to apply for a traditional allocation?

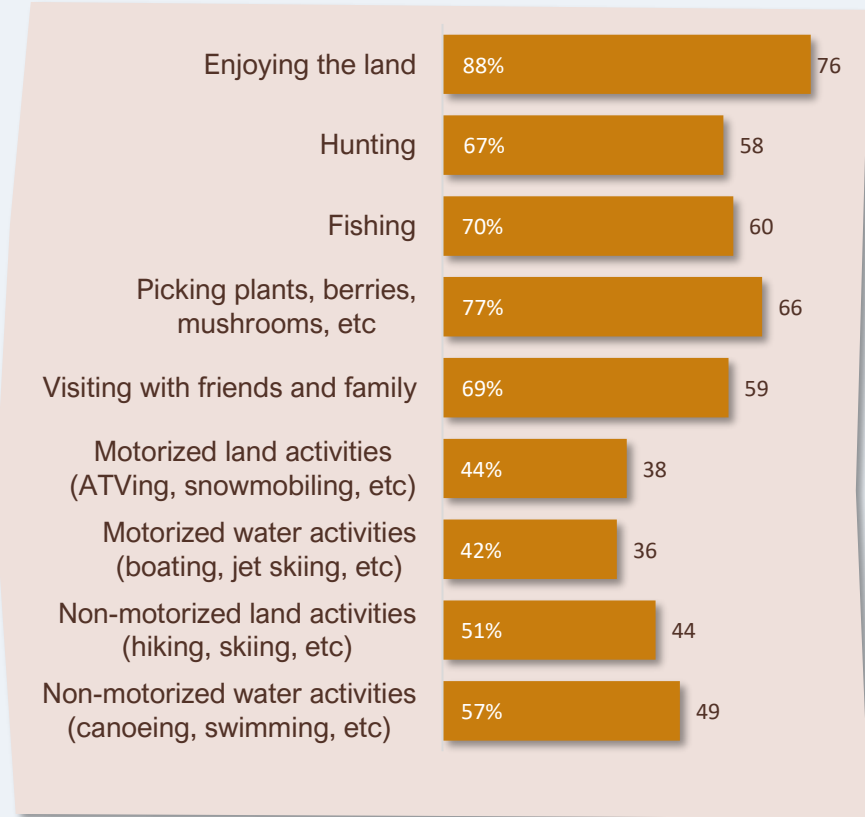
Most respondents said they will be ready to apply for a traditional allocation within a year. This result indicates to KDFN that the demand for traditional allocations will be very high in the next decade and that individuals are very keen to obtain a traditional allocation.



What would you want to use your allocation for?

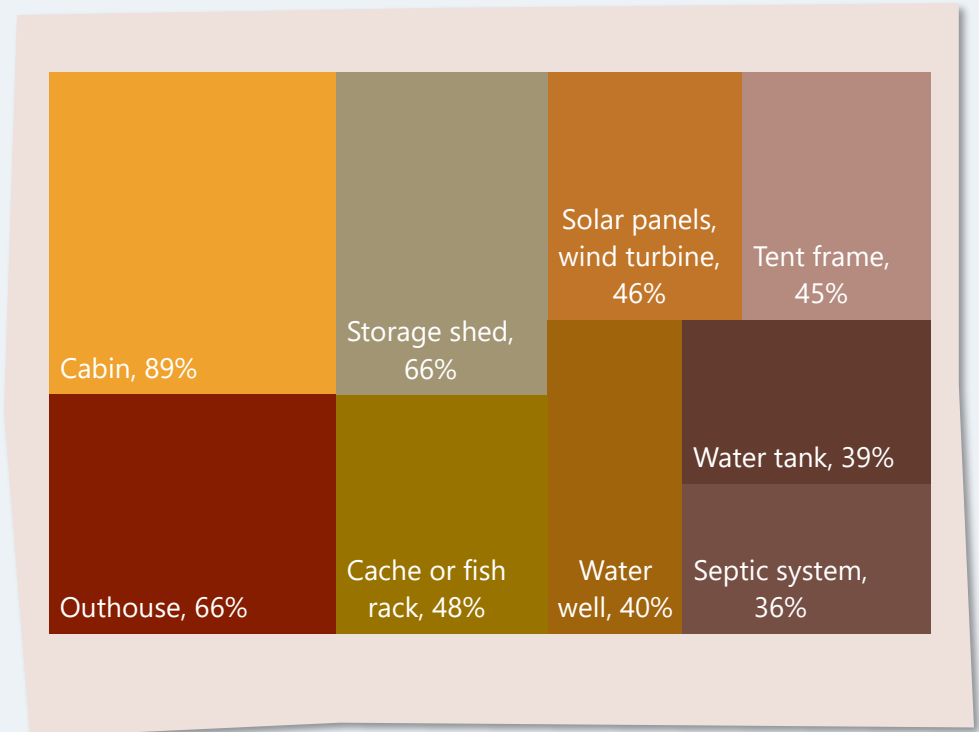
Most respondents see themselves using a traditional allocation for general enjoyment of the land. They also envision participating in traditional harvest activities: hunting, fishing, harvesting plants, and visiting with friends and family.

Roughly half the respondents also see themselves using machines on the land or water, whether for harvest or recreation. Half also see themselves doing non-motorized activities that could be categorized as recreation.



What would you want to build on your allocation?

Almost all respondents would like to build a cabin on their traditional allocation. Two-thirds would like an outhouse, while just over a third would like running water in the form of a well or water tank and a septic system. A storage shed is important to most people. Less than half would like an off-grid source of power such as solar panels.



Are there uses that should not be allowed on a traditional allocation?

This open-ended question was intended to help HLR determine what kind of restrictions should be put on traditional allocations. The responses indicate that people are concerned about preventing harm to the land, not making a mess, and protecting settlement land for traditional use.

Five respondents answered “no” to the question whether there are uses that should not be allowed, which may mean they prefer no restrictions on allocations, but may mean they have no opinion.

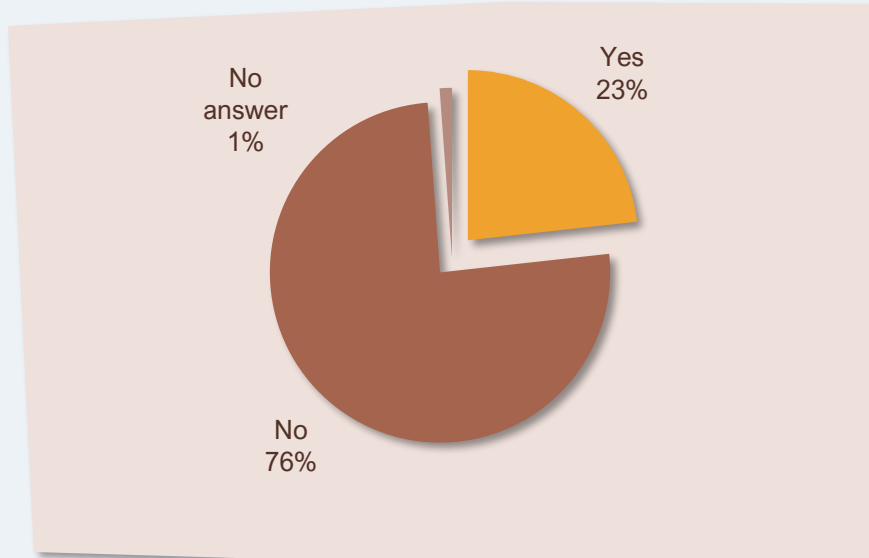
The following responses are verbatim, with spelling and grammatical errors corrected.

- No (5 responses)
- Yes (2 responses)
- Not that I can think of right now. But it seems a little weird and colonial to limit our people on what is "traditional" but also we don't want our people to take advantage of this and ruin it for everyone.
- Vehicle storage; game bones and hides (unprocessed and rotting); garbage; ad hoc shanty cabins (structures should have building codes and permits); dogs; farm or domestic animals.
- Destructive Recreational ATV, dirt biking
- Unauthorized vehicles, and swatting
- Any that destroys the land. ATVs/dirt bikes
- Take people out camping, take Elders out on the land, cabins for them, teachings
- Should not be a dumping ground for old vehicles and garbage.
- Mining
- ATVs
- Partying drug use or drinking
- No mining activity what so ever.
- Let non-native and non-citizens have any type of ownership or authority over it.

- Trespassing rights
- Any illegal activities should be prohibited on traditional allocations.
- Party
- drugs
- For people to store junk, garbage broke down vehicles
- People should not grow marijuana or other environmental hazardous/invasive plants.
- Mining, irreversible damage to land/water/air.
- I don't know
- Vehicle storage
- No junk garbage or got to be cleaned up if abandoned by user
- Any developments that can harm the environment. Commercial uses.
- Vehicles that are not mobile or equipment that is not mobile either or in working condition
- Renting
- For profit business that will change or disturb the land.
- Curses
- gun range, equipment/ supplies hoarding, for-profit timber harvesting
- When construction is going on
- Any misuse or disrespect
- Alcohol
- Not sure
- Rental purposes such as airbnb use or anything that is solely for profit such as running a business that requires foot traffic from customers to and from on a daily basis.
- No individual commercial business allowed
- Nope
- Storage of junk
- Raves or concerts
- Mining
- Abandoned vehicles
- Commercial business
- mining
- Anything that would be detrimental to the health of our traditional lands.
- Private home
- Vehicles broken down and left for others to view, its unsightly

Do you think individuals should pay their own property taxes to Yukon or City of Whitehorse for their traditional allocation?

KDFN Council requested that the questionnaire include a question to gauge people's opinion on property taxes. Most respondents do not want to pay property taxes. KDFN does not control whether or not property taxes are charged.



Do you have comments or questions about traditional allocations in general, or about how KDFN will manage them?

There were many questions about traditional allocations, which have been included below. HLR has prepared answers to these questions in a separate document called Traditional Allocations FAQs.

- There needs to be a committee. A fairly chosen committee that doesn't involve chief and council in any decision making. It needs to be our people who aren't in power, and it can't be their close friends and family.
- I'm unsure of how process will be fair and will deal with citizens who have already built without permission
- Not at this time
- I just hope there is a way to monitor the garbage build up and unauthorized vehicles. I really don't want our land and water contaminated.
- If citizens are using the land for a dumping ground, how will you manage that situation?
What if citizens want to rent their cabins out to other citizens or noncitizens, would that be allowed?
- How many names can go on a trad parcel? For example a parcel that is used by all family but different generations and branches.
- No
- None at the moment , but I hope in the future I'll be able to pass down a place to my children
- I would like more information first time I heard about this.
- Inform citizen if there is nw development in area or road leading to traditional allocation
- Q1. Are traditional allocations considered private property? Once an allocation has been made, how does KDFN notify the public and other KDFN people about not accessing / trespassing on someone else's traditional allocation? I am thinking of this from a safety / security perspective and also protecting your financial investments to improve the land (ie: cabins, walltent, camping gear, quads, etc).
- Q2. If a traditional allocation is on an R-block, how is the boundary made known to other KDFN hunters / harvesters? IE: hunting regs

determine you are not able to hunt within 1 KM of a residence or private property.

- Q3. What determines the size and selection of traditional allocations for individuals?
- Interested on how it will be handled
- How do you apply or where to start I will come by the office to find that out.
- how to get it
- Why would they pay property taxes on a place that they don't live full time?

Are there going to be mortgages available through this allocation? Or will ppl need to have money saved in order to build?

- future plan
- No am new to this, will inquire in due time how my children and I could look into getting land
- Funding for material to build
- How are the areas allocated to different members?
- how does that traditional works
- no
- If citizens are profiting from their land selection, then they should pay their own taxes.
- Can TA holders be held accountable for environmental degradation of their TA?
Can TA holders be held accountable for removing equipment from TAs if the equipment poses an environmental threat?
Can I submit my name for a parcel that already has names submitted? If so, how does the Lands dept decide who gets it?
- How will kdfn use them
- Committee of committed people to monitor
- I have a few on how the whole process is done. I'd love to hear more about it all.

- Requires the input of all Citizens to come to an agreement on use. The land should remain much like it is now. Natural with very little evidence of use - other than hunting, fishing and short term dwellings. How will it be managed to ensure that the environment is not impacted by additional use if that should happen. How do we protect what is there now for future generations?
- Not at this time
- Takes to damn long to qualify and get approved
- can you lease out traditional allocations?
- How do I inquire
- I would like more information
- 100 years to get back what is ours, leave Southern Tutchone desperate