Guiding Principles...

PRINCIPLES, VALUES, RIGHTS

The KLFN Chief and Council, Resource Development Planning Board (RDPB), the Kasabonika Lake Community Development Corporation, and the Kasabonika Minerals Corporation all follow a set of principles that were developed in 2007 and reflect our community values:

ᑲᓂᓇᐸᖓᑭᑦ ᑭᒥᓄᑯᐃᓂᓇᑦᐅᓇᑯᓂᕋᐃᓇ

ᑲᓴᐸᓇᑲ ᐅᑭᒪᑲᑦ ᒥᓇ ᐅᓇᓱᐃᓂᓂᐊᒡ, ᐊᑭ ᐅᑕᐱᑕᒪᕋᒡ ᑲᓴᐸᓇᑲ ᒪᒋᑕᐃᑦ ᒥᓇ ᑲᓴᐸᓇᑲ ᓄᑕᓱᓂ ᒪᒋᑕᐃᓇᑦ ᒋᐱᒥᓂᓴᐊᒧᐊᒻ ᑲᓂᓇᐸᖓᑭᑦ ᐃᐃᐃᓂ ᑕᓱᕋ ᑲᑭᒋᖓᑕᑲᓂᓂᑭᑦ ᒥᓇ ᑭᑎᓱᒥᓄᑯᐃᓂᓇᑦx

- Our Culture and Way of Life shall be protected
- ᑭᑕᓂᓱᓂᓂᐃ ᐱᒪᑎᓱᐃᓂᓇᒡ ᒥᓇ ᑲᓱᐱᒪᑎᓱᐸᑦᒡ ᑐᑲᑦ ᓄᑯᑦ ᑲᐃᓱᓴᒡ ᐁᐃᓱᐱᒪᑎᓱᓇᓂᐊᒡ
- The Environment shall be protected.

  ᐊᑭ ᒥᓇ ᓂᐱ ᒋᒪᓇᒋᒋᑲᒐᒡ

- Our Aboriginal, Constitutional and Treaty rights shall be protected.

  ᑭᑕᓂᓱᓂᓂᐃᓂᓇᒡ, ᑭᒋᐅᓇᑯᓂᕋᐃᑦ ᒥᓇ ᑎᐳᐃᑎ ᒋᑲᓇᐁᑕᑲᑭᑦ

- Developments in our territory must benefit our people.

  ᒪᒋᒋᕋᐃᓇᑦ ᑲᑐᒋᑲᒐᑭᑦ ᑭᑕᑭᒥᓇᑦ ᒋᐅᑦᒋᒥᓄᓴᐊᑲᓂᐃᐧᐊᒻ ᑭᐊᓂᓱᓂᓂᒥᓇᑦᒡ

More recently we have taken these values and articulated how this in practical terms applies to our land. The result was our statement of Prevenient Interests developed in 2008. ᓄᑯᑦ ᑭᑭᐅᑕᐱᓇᒥᑦ ᐅᓄᐁᓂᐊᑦ ᒥᓇ ᐊᓂᑦ ᒪᔭᑦ ᕋᑭᐃᓇᒐᑭᐸᑦ ᐅᐅᒪ ᑭᑕᑭᒥᓇᑦx ᑲᑭᓱ ᒥᑭᑲᒐᒡ ᐃᐃᒪ ᑭᒥᓴᐁᑕᒪᐃᓂᓇᑦ ᑲᑭᐅᓱᒋᑲᒐᑭᐸᑦ ᐃᐃᒪ 2008 ᑲᔭᑭᐊᒡx

***"Prevenient Interests**" are those interests of the Kasabonika Lake First Nation that exist because, since time immemorial, their peoples, by appointment of the Creator, have been stewards of the Traditional Territory. Within that stewardship the Kasabonika Lake First Nation peoples developed uses for the Traditional Territory that are the basis of their livelihood, their spiritual and cultural development, and their communal wealth, thus having created an inseparable parallel between the wellbeing of the Traditional Territory and the wellbeing of the Kasabonika people.*

“ ᐅᑕᓇᑦ ᒥᓴᐁᑕᒧᐃᓂᓇᑦ“ ᐃᓂᐁᓂᐊᑐ ᑲᒥᓴᐁᑐᑕᒥᑦ ᑲᐅᑐᒋᐊᔭᑦ ᐅᐅᐁ ᑲᓴᐸᓇᑲ ᓂᑦᑕᑦ ᐊᓂᓯᓂᓂᐊᑦ ᐊᐸᑐ ᑯᒋᒪᒋᐱᒪᑎᓯᓇᓂᐊᑦ, ᒥᓇ ᐊᓂᓯᓂᓂᐊᑦ, ᑲᑭ ᒥᓄᑯᐸᑦ ᑭᒪᓂᑐᒥᓇᑐ, ᐁᑭ ᐸᒥᓇᒥᑦ ᐃᐃᐁ ᑭᑕᑭᒥᓇᑐᓵ ᑲᓴᐸᓇᑲ ᐊᓂᓯᓂᓂᐊᑦ ᑲᑭ ᐸᒥᓇᒧᐊᒻ ᐅᑕᑭᒥᐊ ᐅᑭᒥᓄᐊᐸᒋᑐᓇᐊ ᐁᑭᑭᑕᒧᐊᒻ ᐊᓂᑐ ᑭᓯᐱᒪᒋᐅᐊᑭᐊᒻ, ᒥᓇ ᐅᑕᒐᑯ ᐱᒪᑎᓯᐃᓂᐊ ᒥᓇ ᐅᑕᓂᓯᓂᓂ ᐱᒪᑎᓯᐃᓂᐊ ᒥᓇ ᐱᑯ ᐊᓐᓯ ᑲᑫᑭᐅᐊᒻ, ᐃᐃᒪ ᓴ ᐱᑯ ᐅᑕᓂᓯᓂᓂ ᐱᒪᑎᓯᐃᓂᐊ ᒥᓇ ᐁᔭᓴᐸᓇᑲ ᐃᓂᓂᐃᔪᑦᒻᓵ

The sheltering, renewal and development of uses for the Traditional Territory cannot be delegated, but are interests that must form an integral part of any enterprise within the Traditional Territory. Any development, including the development of infrastructure, resource harvesting, mining, manufacturing and tourism, within the Traditional Territory must align with the Prevenient Interests of the people of the Kasabonika Lake First Nation in order to enhance the livelihood, foster the spiritual and cultural development, and ensure prudent growth in the communal wealth of Kasabonika Lake First Nation.

ᑲᑲᐯᓯᓇᓂᐊᑦ, ᑲᑭᐅᑫᑭᑦᑲᑌᑦ ᒥᓇ ᑲᒪᒋᑕᓂᐊᑦ ᐃᐃᒪ ᐊᓂᓯᓂᓂ ᐊᑭᑦ ᑲᐃᑐ ᑕᑭ ᐅᓇᑭᒋᑲᑌᓯᓄᑐ, ᓴᑯᒻ ᒧᒋ ᒥᓴᐁᑕᒧᐃᑐ ᑕᐅᑐᒋᒪᑲᑐ ᐃᐃᒪ ᓇᓇᑐᑦ ᒪᒋᑕᐃᓇᑐ ᐃᐃᐁ ᐅᑐᒋ ᐊᓂᓯᓂᒪ ᐊᑭᑲᑦᓵ ᑫᑯᓂᑐ ᐱᑯ ᒪᒋᑕᐃᑐ, ᐁᔭᓯᑎᓂᑲᑌᑦ, ᐊᑭᐃ ᒪᐧᐊᑐᓂᑫᐃᑐ, ᓄᑕᓯᓂᐁᐃᑐ, ᐊᓂᑭᐃᐃᓇᑐ ᒥᓇ ᐸᐸᒥᑦᑲᐃᓂᑦ ᑐᑲᑐ ᑲᑦᑫᐱᒋᑫᐃᑐ, ᐃᐃᒪ ᓗᑫ ᐊᓂᓯᓂᓂ ᐊᑭᑲᑦ ᒋᐅᓇᐸᓗᑌᑦ ᐃᓂᐁᓂᐊᑐ ᐅᑕᓇᑦ ᐊᓂᓯᓂᓂ ᒥᓴᐁᑕᒧᐃᓇᑐ ᑲᓇᑕᐁᑕᒧᐧᐊᒻ ᑲᓴᐸᓇᑲ ᐊᓂᓯᓂᓂᐊᑦ ᒋᑭ ᐅᑐᒋ ᒥᓄᐱᒪᑎᓯᐧᐊᒻ, ᑲᔪ ᐅᑕᒐᑯ ᒥᓇ ᐅᑕᓂᓯᓂᓂ ᒪᒋᑕᐃᓂᐊ ᒥᓇ ᒋᓇᑲᑕᐁᑕᒧᐧᐊᒻ ᐊᑐᒐ ᑫᐅᑐᒋ ᒥᓄ ᐱᒪᑎᓯᐧᐊᒻ ᑲᓴᐸᓇᑲ ᐊᓂᓯᓂᓂᐊᑦᓵ

This statement of Prevenient Interests is probably the closest we have come to being able to express our relationship to the land. It aligns with the Creator Law. The Creator Law governs our people and our land. It explains the responsibility we all have toward each other and creation. ᐅᐅᐁ ᐃᑕᒪᑫᐃᓇᑐ ᐅᑕᓇᑦ ᒥᓴᐁᑕᒧᐃᓇᑐ ᐊᒥᐅᓄᐁᓂᐊᑐ ᐁᐯᓯᓇᑲᑭᑐ ᒋᑭᐅᑐᒋ ᓄᒋᐃᑐᔪᑦᒻ ᐃᐃᒪ ᑭᑕᑭᒥᓇᑐᓵ ᐁᓂᓇᐸᓗᑌᑦ ᐃᓂᐁᓂᐊᑐ ᑭᑕᓂᓯᓂᓂ ᒥᓂᑯᐃᓂᓇᑐ ᒥᓇ ᑭᒪᓂᑐ ᒥᓂᑯᐃᓂᓇᑐ ᑭᔭᐸᒻ ᑭᒋᔪᑊᐊ ᑲᐱᒥ ᐃᑕᒪᑫᐊᒻ ᓄᑯᑦᓵ ᐃᐃᐁ ᑭᒪᓂᑐ ᒥᓂᑯᐃᓂᓇᑐ ᑭᑲᓇᐊᒥᑯᓇᑐ ᐁᔭᓂᓯᓂᓂᐃᐃᔪᑦ ᒥᓇ ᐃᐃᐁ ᐊᑭᓵ ᐃᓯᐃᑐᒋᑫᒪᑲᑐ ᐃᐃᐁ ᐸᐸᒥᓯᐃᑐ ᑲᐊᔭᔪᑦ ᐃᓂᐁᓂᐊᑦ ᐅᑐᒋ ᑯᑕᑭᔭᑦ ᐊᓂᓯᓂᓂᐊᑦ ᒥᓇ ᐃᐃᐁ ᓂᑕᐃᑭᒋᑫᐃᑐ ᒪᓂᑐᑲᑦ ᐅᑐᒋᓵ

We encourage anyone requiring further clarification to contact our resource policy administration office or view the policy document by **clicking below**. We note that we are currently updating our resource policy and expect to have a newly updated policy available by July 2014.

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