Urban Reserves

Muskeg Lake Cree Nation Experience

History MLCN

- * 1984
- * Started to look at alternatives for economic development
- Found a piece of land in Saskatoon
- * Claim was filed in 1984
- * Federal government concern over jurisdiction and service agreement with City of Saskatoon
- * City of Saskatoon supportive and cooperative in the negotiation of service agreement (zoning, taxation and service agreement)
- Achieved reserve status 1988

MLCN Urban Reserve



Benefits

- * Self generating revenue
- Employment opportunities
- Creation of other First Nation businesses
- Reduce dependence
- Standard of living
- Reducing social service needs
- * Centralized location
- Municipal government's increased revenue
- * Stronger relationship with municipal government
- Positive impact of the economy

Land Use Planning

- * Why?
- Develop tools and capacity to maximize economic, social and cultural benefit
 - * Governance, management, decision making, environmental protection, social and cultural values, economic development opportunities, and community engagement.

Planning



FIGURE 4.1 PROPOSED SITE PLAN

Federal, Provincial, Municipal Governments

- Federal Government
 - Indian Act Land Regime
 - First Nation Land Management Act
 - * First Nations Operating Under Self Government Regime
- * Provincial Government
 - * Treaty Land Entitlement Framework Agreements
- Municipal Governments
 - * Taxation
 - * By Laws
 - Service Agreements

Investors, Developers, Financial Institutions

- * Understanding
 - * First Nations Culture and Values
 - First Nations Goals and Objectives
 - Capacity of First Nation
 - Process of acquiring lands
 - * Leasing Lands
- * Misconceptions

