

AKAITCHO PROCESS

COMMISSIONER'S LAND WITHDRAWAL



City of Yellowknife

Legend



withdrawn lands



Potential Site
Specific Withdrawal
(1 hectare)

Canada 



Akaitcho



Northwest
Territories

The Interim Land Withdrawal of Commissioner's Land in Yellowknife arose from an agreement between the Akaitcho Dene First Nations (ADFN), and the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT). This agreement is an important step in the Akaitcho Process, wherein three parties, the Government of Canada, the ADFN and the GNWT are negotiating a lands, resources and governance agreement.

Interim Withdrawal of Commissioner's Land in Yellowknife.

Signed November 2, 2006.

The withdrawal allows for approximately 1034 hectares of Commissioner's Land within the City of Yellowknife to be protected from further alienation for a period of 5 years.

What are Commissioner's Lands?

Commissioner's lands are lands acquired by the Government of the Northwest Territories from the federal government, on or after June 27, 1969.

How is an Interim Land Withdrawal different from land selection?

Interim Land Withdrawals are not the same as land selections. Interim Land Withdrawals are a way to prevent the creation of new interests on withdrawn lands while negotiations proceed. An Interim Land Withdrawal does not mean that all lands withdrawn can or will be selected. Land Selection negotiations generally occur closer to the completion of an agreement.

What is the Purpose of an Interim Land Withdrawal?

The purpose of this withdrawal is to protect lands of interest to the Akaitcho from being sold, leased or otherwise disposed of while negotiations are underway. This means that no new interests can be created on the withdrawn lands for a period of five years or until an Akaitcho agreement is reached, whichever comes first. It also ensures that any existing interests on these lands are protected during the period of the withdrawal.

The GNWT and ADFN have reached an understanding whereby ADFN may acquire some withdrawn lands prior to the effective date of the Akaitcho Agreement. This would happen once the ADFN and the GNWT reach agreement on a particular site(s).

The Interim Withdrawal of Commissioner's Land brings clarity to some of the Akaitcho Dene's interests within the City of Yellowknife. It provides assurance that those lands will remain available, during the life of the withdrawal, for possible selection and inclusion in an Akaitcho Agreement once completed. Neither the interim land withdrawal nor the understanding regarding acquisition, by the ADFN, of withdrawn lands prejudice either the existing regulatory regime, or the outcome of Akaitcho Agreement Negotiations.

“...as long as the sun shines, the rivers flow and the grass grows ...”

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