

Matachewan LUP & CCP Introductory Meeting

December 2, 2024



On December 2, 2024, Matachewan First Nation (MFN) held a community meeting to inform and gather feedback from band members about MFN's plans to create a Land Use Plan (LUP) and Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP). During this meeting community members were introduced to the objectives and benefits of LUPs and CCPs and were able to ask questions and give suggestions.

Band members were given the option to attend the meeting in-person or online (via Zoom), where 9 members participated in person and 14 members attended virtually.

During this meeting there were several recommendations and comments shared by community members including:

- Increased community awareness for future meetings.
- Incorporate more culture and ceremony into the meetings.
- Insure that off-reserve members can participate.
- Opportunities for community members to comment on the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the planning committee. It was noted that the Terms of Reference for the planning committee was in draft and that suggestions for its improvement were welcome.
- Recognizing that the traditional territory boundary that was created by Wabun is much broader. MFN also have unceded lands in the Robinson Huron Treaty area.
- Opportunities to purchase further lands to be incorporated into reserve lands.
- Ensuring that Treaty Rights and relevant UNDRIP articles are recognized and uplifted throughout the LUP and CCP process.
- Interest in expanding the LUP into a regional LUP to better protect territorial lands.
- Making sure that the LUP and CCP are respectful of neighbouring First Nations.
- The project team committed to meeting with Merv Buffalo in Timmins to discuss planning / land protection concerns.
- There was interest in deeper review of other LUPs completed for other First Nations by the planning team. A commitment was made to see if those documents would be shared.