

# Kwanlin Dün First Nation

## Lands & Resources Fact Sheet

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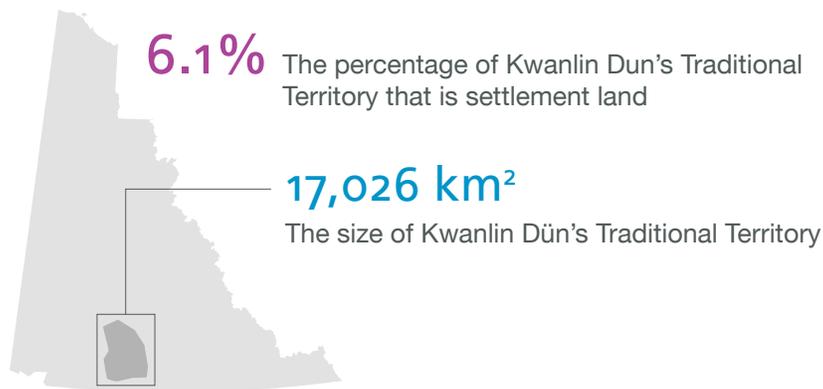
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### What is a Traditional Territory?

This is an area of land in the Yukon that people of a First Nation have traditionally used.

### What is Settlement Land?

This is the land KDFN owns within its Traditional Territory.



## TYPES OF SETTLEMENT LAND

### Rural Lands

- Generally larger land parcels located outside the City of Whitehorse.
- 51 parcels ranging from 65 to 13,800 hectares.
- Total area of 1004 km<sup>2</sup> or 96.4% of all KDFN settlement lands.

### Community Lands

- KDFN's Community Lands are located within or near the City of Whitehorse.
- 103 land parcels ranging from 1 to 500 hectares.
- Total area of 30.38 km<sup>2</sup> or 2.9% of all KDFN settlement lands.

### Site Specific Lands

- Smaller parcels of land that have been selected because of their heritage and cultural importance, such as family cabins or campsites.
- Most Site Specific lands are located outside the City of Whitehorse.
- 109 land parcels.
- Total area of 5.9 km<sup>2</sup> or 0.58% of all KDFN settlement land.

## CATEGORIES OF SETTLEMENT LAND

### Category A (648.5 km<sup>2</sup> or 62.2%)

- KDFN owns surface and subsurface rights of the land, including all forest resources on the land and minerals below the surface.
- Many of KDFN's R-Blocks are Category A lands.
- No one except KDFN beneficiaries can hunt or fish on Category A lands without Kwanlin Dün's permission.

### Category B (394.3 km<sup>2</sup> or 37.79%)

- KDFN owns surface rights of the land, but does not own what is below the surface.
- All C-Lands, S-Sites and many R-Blocks are Category B lands.
- Anyone can enter and stay on KDFN's undeveloped Category B lands for non-commercial hunting and fishing without Kwanlin Dün's permission. Outfitters and their clients require consent from KDFN.

### Fee Simple (0.09 km<sup>2</sup> or 0.01%)

- KDFN's ownership of this land is similar to how an individual owns private property.
- Most Fee Simple lands have been privately owned at some time.
- KDFN does not maintain any aboriginal rights, titles or interest on Fee Simple lands.
- All Fee Simple lands are within the City of Whitehorse.

## TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES OVERLAP

The Traditional Territory of Kwanlin Dün is overlapped by the traditional territories of five other neighboring First Nations.

- Carcross/Tagish
- Champagne & Aishihik
- Little Salmon/Carmacks
- Ta'an Kwach'an
- Teslin Tlingit



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**5.69%** The percentage of land within the City of Whitehorse that is owned by Kwanlin Dün

## SELF-GOVERNMENT POWERS WITHIN WHITEHORSE

The *Kwanlin Dün First Nation Self-Government Agreement* establishes three types of KDFN land parcels within the City of Whitehorse. Different self-government powers can be exercised on each type of parcel.

### Type 1 Lands

- On its Type 1 lands, KDFN is able to exercise all its self-government powers including those powers related to planning, zoning and land development. A total of 15 land parcels are classified as Type 1 lands.

### Type 2 Lands

- On its Type 2 lands, KDFN is able to exercise planning, zoning and land development powers that are consistent with the designated land uses prescribed in the City of Whitehorse's Official Community Plan. KDFN is able to exercise all the rest of its self-government powers on Type 2 lands and may adopt existing Yukon or City laws relating to health and safety. A total of 59 land parcels are identified as Type 2 lands.

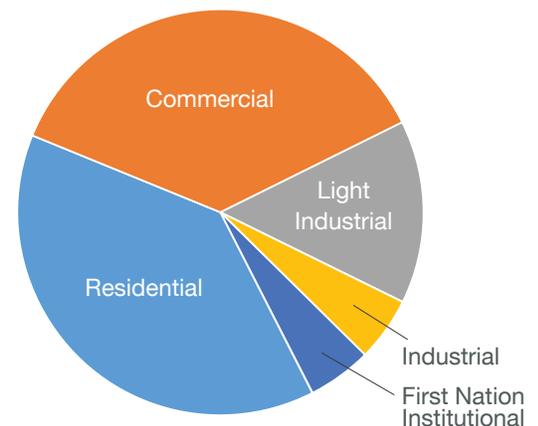
### Type 3 Lands

- On its Type 3 lands, KDFN is not able to exercise its planning, zoning and land development powers nor may it exercise powers related to public health and safety. KDFN is able to exercise all the rest of its self-government powers on Type 3 lands. A total of 15 land parcels are identified as Type 3 lands.

## TYPE 2 LAND DESIGNATIONS

- The *Kwanlin Dün First Nation Self-Government Agreement* determines the kind of land use allowed for all Type 2 land parcels within the City of Whitehorse.
- Each Type 2 parcel is classified as either residential, commercial, light industrial, industrial or First Nation institutional.
- Type 2 parcels may have more than one designation (ie. residential and/or commercial).

Land Parcels by Designation



## TAXATION ON SETTLEMENT LAND

Property taxes help pay for the upkeep and delivery of municipal services like snow removal, street lighting and recreational facilities.

### Did you know?

- KDFN currently pays property tax on all developed KDFN settlement land within Whitehorse. By 2020, whether land is developed or not, KDFN will pay taxes on all its settlement land within Whitehorse other than those land parcels with a tax exemption.
- Property taxes do not have to be paid on unimproved rural settlement land. Unimproved means it is not used for commercial purposes and has no buildings on it other than traditional use buildings, such as cabins, fish racks, caches or tent frames.