



CURRENT SETTLEMENT LAND OCCUPANTS

How do KDFN Beneficiaries and Citizens currently living on settlement land get a lease or allocation on that parcel of land?

KDFN Beneficiaries and Citizens currently living on settlement land should contact KDFN to discuss their land needs and interests and submit an application.

If a current occupant owns their house, do they need to apply for an allocation or lease?

Yes. An allocation or lease guarantees an occupant exclusive rights to live on, sell or pass on their parcel of settlement land.

Can KDFN Beneficiaries and Citizens living in KDFN rental housing apply for a lease?

KDFN is working on a management approach for its rental housing. It will consider ways to let residents own their homes and receive an allocation or lease for the land. Currently, this won't apply to houses in the McIntyre, Crow and Swan subdivisions.

How are applications from current occupants reviewed and approved?

KDFN is finalizing its application review process, but generally the review considers:

- the current use of the land (residential etc.);
- concerns with the current use of the land (environmental, heritage or site issues to be resolved);
- input from the community;
- zoning issues;
- land use plans; and
- an applicant's eligibility (KDFN Beneficiary or Citizen, or a Non-Beneficiary or Non-Citizen).

KDFN works with applicants to create an application based on their land interests and needs.

Standard terms and conditions on settlement land may include requirements for:

- setbacks from water or roads;
- site clean up or remediation within a certain time period;
- site improvements; and
- payments.

What happens if a current occupant's application is denied?

If an application is denied, applicants will be able to request that the director of Heritage, Lands and Resources reconsiders the decision.

Are current occupants required to pay for settlement land?

KDFN Beneficiaries and Citizens may have to pay development costs on their parcel. Development costs could include a survey of the land or road upgrades. There is no cost for the settlement land itself.

What other costs are current occupants required to pay?

As homeowners, current occupants have to pay property taxes to the City of Whitehorse or the Yukon government, as well as utilities, insurance, home maintenance costs.

Who is considered a current occupant under the Act?

KDFN is working with Council on a definition of current occupant.