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CHEAM FIRST NATION

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Dear Cheam Members,

We are pleased to share an important update from the Lands Committee regarding the Cheam First Nation Land Use Plan (LUP). Since 2018, Administration has been working diligently to develop this plan, ensuring it reflects the values, priorities, and long-term vision of our community.

Building on the foundation of earlier work, we are now in the final stage of the process – gathering input from members before finalizing the LUP. This is a key opportunity for all Cheam members to help shape how our lands will be used, managed, and protected for generations to come.

The Land Use Plan is a foundational tool that will help guide decision-making on housing, infrastructure, cultural protection, environmental stewardship, and economic development. Once adopted, it will:

- **Identify areas suitable for future housing development** to address current and future needs, helping members live and thrive in community;
- **Support new economic development opportunities** by designating appropriate zones for commercial and light industrial uses, increasing local employment and revenue potential;
- **Preserve culturally and environmentally important areas**, ensuring they are protected for future generations;
- **Strengthen community self-determination** by clearly outlining how we, as a Nation, intend to use and manage our lands.

To ensure the plan truly reflects the needs and aspirations of our members, we are circulating the *Draft Land Use Plan* for community review and input.

We will also be hosting an in-person presentation at the July 2nd Townhall Meeting, where we will walk members through the plan, answer questions, and gather feedback directly.

Feedback will be accepted until July 15th, 2025

You can submit your comments via email to cheamlands@cheamband.com, or provide written feedback or request a one-on-one meeting if preferred. We want to ensure all members have a chance to participate.



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We strongly encourage all members to review the draft plan and take part in this important process. Your voice is critical in shaping a plan that reflects our collective vision and supports a strong, self-reliant future for Cheam.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Cheam First Nation Lands Committee

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