



LITTLE SHUSWAP LAKE BAND

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## Notification

### Cultural Heritage Resource Protection – Permitting Requirements: Leased and Unleased Lands

Little Shuswap Lake Band (Little Shuswap) requires proponents (i.e., business and residential users) on both leased or unleased lands to follow all Little Shuswap laws and policies, as determined by Chief and Council, including land/water development approval procedures.

As part of responsible development practices, an archaeological heritage assessment is required to be completed, prior to any construction or development, including residential buildings, mobile homes, boat ramps, pathways, gardens, garages, driveways, underground utilities and septic components, including capped areas. Any development that causes ground disturbance within a known archaeological site and/or an area with presumed archaeological potential will trigger the need for an assessment.

The archaeological heritage assessment serves to ensure potential impacts to Little Shuswap cultural heritage resources (e.g., ancient sites, culturally modified trees, cultural depressions, cache pits, trails, stone and bone artifacts, etc.) are assessed, protected and/or mitigated, prior to any proposed development (ground altering disturbances) on Little Shuswap Indian Reserves. The types of archaeological heritage assessment required may include one or more of the following:

- 1) Archaeological Overview Assessment/Preliminary Field Reconnaissance;
- 2) Archaeological Impact Assessment;
- 3) Systematic Data Recovery; and/or,
- 4) Construction Monitoring.

All heritage related assessments must be undertaken by Little Shuswap archaeologists, as determined by the Cultural Heritage Protection Department, and guided by the Little Shuswap Heritage Permitting system, and Little Shuswap Lake *Draft* Heritage Policy.

Archaeological Heritage Sites and/or cultural materials and objects, including human remains, may not be disturbed without the completion of a proper archaeological heritage assessment. Failure to comply may result in a fine no less than \$10,000.00 or greater depending upon the severity of the damage.

For more information, please contact the Manager (Nola Markey, M.A., RPCA), Cultural Heritage Protection Department at [nmarkey@lslb.ca](mailto:nmarkey@lslb.ca) or Archaeologist (Maggie Poirier, M.A.) at [mpoirier@lslb.ca](mailto:mpoirier@lslb.ca).

Respectfully,

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