

LAND TITLES INITIATIVE

A project to support
land clarification within
designated areas

February 2021



For generations, many residents in African Nova Scotian communities have faced barriers to getting clear title to the land they live on. That is why the Land Titles Initiative project was created in 2017 to help clarify the land title process.

The Land Titles Initiative (LTI) is a government-led commitment to help residents in the eligible communities of North Preston, East Preston, Cherry Brook/Lake Loon, Lincolnville and Sunnyville get clear title to their land – **at no cost**.

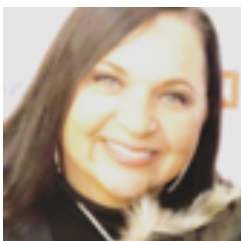
LTI helps residents in eligible communities:

- get clear title to their property (Land Title Clarification Act)
- migrate their property to the new land registry system (Land Registration Act)
- complete estate administration when someone dies (Probate Act, Intestate Succession Act)

Updates

As of January 1st, 2021, more than **527** applications have been received and over **188** land parcels have been cleared. Two more Certificates of Title have been issued in North Preston.

Community Navigators

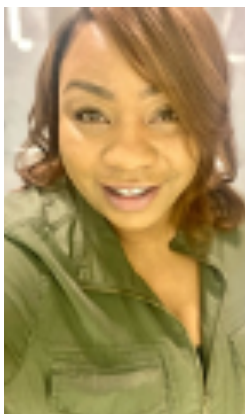


Community Navigators are in place to work directly with residents to help guide them through the land claims process. Navigators will help you get on the right path and will track the progress on your case.

Tamar Brown: 902-428-2038 or Tamar.Brown@novascotia.ca

Toll free: 1-833-424-6100

Email: communitynavigator@novascotia.ca



Karalee Oliver

In December 2020, we welcomed a new Community Navigator – Karalee Oliver. Karalee was born and raised in Upper Hammonds Plains. She is a graduate of Eastern College with a diploma in Criminology. Before joining African Nova Scotian Affairs as a Community Navigator, Karalee worked for eight years at the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia (Family Division) as a Justice Officer assisting families in the court process. She enjoys working in her community and serves as the Assistant Secretary of the Upper Hammonds Plains Community Development Association.

Karalee Oliver: 902-424-5381 or Karalee.Oliver@novascotia.ca



Kym Sweeny

We would like to welcome the new Nova Scotia Legal Aid Staff Lawyer as of **January 4, 2021**—Kym Sweeny. With roots in Yarmouth, Kym studied in Ontario before attending Dalhousie University law school where she first worked with the Preston Land Initiative Pro Bono group as a summer student. Since graduating in 2017, she has worked for a private law firm, a First Nation Band Council, and the Provincial Government. Passionate about community justice and equality, Kym is looking forward to working with her new team and joint stakeholders in the delivery of legal services to our LTI clients.

Kym Sweeny: 902-420 8833 or Kym.sweeny@nslegalaid.ca



Community Liaison Committee

A Community Liaison Committee (CLC) was established to facilitate and support the work of the Land Titles Initiative. The committee supports the project by monitoring progress, bringing the community perspective and voice, and providing advice to government. The CLC also provides an effective and positive mechanism for the Land

Titles Initiative to demonstrate accountability and transparency, as well as raise awareness of potential issues with the LTI process, access to justice and the administration of justice.

The Committee consists of 10 members including two residents representing each of the five designated Land Titles Clarification Areas.

Back row (left to right): Ivan Wyse, Cherry Brook (ivanwyse@gmail.com); Melissa Downey, North Preston (mdown9301@gmail.com); Spencer Colley, East Preston (ecolley@eastlink.ca); Joe Colley, North Preston (Amanda.joe@live.com) Front row (left to right): Robert Pelley, Sunnyville (tonyapelley@hotmail.com); Karen Hudson, Cherry Brook (HUDSON2@NS.SYMPATICO.CA); Juanita Byard, Lincolnville (juanita.byard@theblackeducators.ca); Sabrina Skinner, Sunnyville (sabrina.skinner@srce.ca); and Kaye Medley, East Preston (kaye.nbmns@gmail.com)

Community Liaison Committee

We are currently seeking a new Community Liaison Committee member from the community of Lincolnville. If you are interested in being on the Community Liaison Committee, please contact a Community Navigator who will gladly give you more information and/or send you an application. **The deadline to apply is March 15th, 2021.**



Virtual Land Titles Initiative Community Meeting

Date: Monday, March 1st, 2021 **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

To RSVP, please contact a Community Navigator to receive the call-in instructions.

More information about the Land Titles Initiative can be found at ansa.novascotia.ca/landtitles.