



Land Titles Initiative


A project to support
land clarification within
designated areas

July 2021



The Land Titles Initiative (LTI) is a government-led commitment to help residents in the communities of North Preston, East Preston, Cherry Brook/Lake Loon, Lincolnville and Sunnyville get clear title to their land. Government has committed to help residents with legal fees and other costs associated with clarifying land ownership.

Did You Know?

- The LTI now falls under the Office of Equity & Anti-Racism Initiatives. Follow us on Twitter @NSEquity!
 - New legislation, the *Land Titles Initiative Acceleration Act*, was enacted in April 2021 to speed up land title claims.
 - We are expanding our services and delivery team to ensure we are meeting the needs of our applicants and communities. The Department of Lands and Forestry have hired a new Survey Technician and Surveyor and are in the processes of hiring another Land Administration Officer (Designated African Nova Scotian) to accelerate the processing of Land Titles Clarification Act applications.
 - In support of the LTI, the Honourable Corrine Sparks and the Honourable Valerie Miller (retired) have been appointed as Commissioners to help resolve competing claims. A new compensation fund has been established which will facilitate the resolution of cases between parties who have competing interests in the same parcel of land. This will be used to compensate parties who have a proven claim in order to reach a settlement.
 - The new legislation provides exemptions for subdivision approval for Certificates of Title issued under the *Land Titles Clarification Act*. This will clear a barrier that prevented many claims from receiving title.
 - Lawyer and community leader Angela Simmonds has been appointed Executive Director of the Accelerated LTI. She will lead the work of streamlining processes by working across the various government departments and with external stakeholders.
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Community Liaison Committee



We are currently expanding our Community Liaison Committee!

If you are interested in taking part on the Committee and are from one of the current Land Titles Initiative communities, please contact a Community Navigator who will gladly give you more information and/or send you an application.

Community voice is a critical part of the process and success of the Initiative and we look forward to working with you!

Introducing the Land Titles Initiative Speaker Series

Please pre-register for the sessions with a community navigator. Meeting information will be provided in advance.

The LTI is presenting speaker sessions for community members in the LTI areas with topics that we hope to empower and engage community all while supporting the Initiative. Every 3rd Monday at 6:00pm we will hold a session. Below are the dates, speakers and topics we will be presenting in the upcoming months. We hope to see you all there!

Monday, July 19th, 2021 @ 6:00pm

The Importance of Wills and Estate Planning - Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia (LISNS)

Tune in to hear and learn about the importance of making a Will and estate planning in general. This will be a great opportunity to make sure you have your affairs in order (especially if you own land!)

Monday, August 16th, 2021 @ 6:00pm

Subdivision & Planning Do's and Don'ts with Trevor Creasar, Principal Planner, HRM

Tune in to hear what you need to know about subdivision and planning with clear title to your land.

Monday, September 20, 2021 @ 6:00pm

The African Nova Scotian Affairs Integration Office (ANSAIO) with Ayo Aladejebi, Senior Advisor

Tune in to hear about the role of ANSAIO, how HRM engages the African Nova Scotian community and how they support the Land Titles Initiative.

Please contact a Community Navigator to speak about your land title issues and register for our LTI Speaker Series.

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