

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

<b>PROS</b>	<b>CONS</b>
First real recognition of First Nation right to manage its lands and resources	We will take on the full responsibility for all future decision making and if wrong decisions are made, we could be liable.
Removal of reserve lands from the Indian Act	We cannot blame anyone else if we make mistakes.
Community control over land management and development	We are taking on the responsibility of the environment.
Inclusion of both off-reserve and on-reserve members in important decisions	Training will be a priority, staff and financial resources will have to be made available.
Increased accountability to members of the First Nation	There is no turning back to the Indian Act to get INAC to take over land decision making.
More efficient management of First Nation land	Community readiness – Is the community ready for our own decision making?
Recognition of First Nation legal capacity to acquire and hold property, to borrow, to contract, to expend and invest money, to be a party to legal proceedings, to exercise its powers and to perform its duties	Council/Staff experience – Does Council and staff feel up to the task to be decision makers?
Canada transfers previous land revenues to the First Nation	Typical growing pains of any government include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sufficient resources</li> <li>• Staff</li> <li>• Space</li> <li>• Policy and procedural development</li> <li>• Law making</li> </ul>
Recognition of the right to receive revenue from interests in First Nation land	We will be responsible for developing our own policies, procedures and laws
Protection against arbitrary expropriation of First Nation land	Working load will increase, lots of hard work will be required
Protection against loss of First Nation land through surrender for sale	
Ability to protect the environment	
Ability to address rules related to land during marriage breakdown and death of a spouse	
Recognition of significant law-making powers respecting First Nation land	
Removal of the need to obtain Ministerial approval for our laws	
Recognition in Canadian Courts of First Nation laws	
Recognition of the right to create modern offences for breach of our laws	
Ability to appoint Justices of the Peace	
Ability to create our own local dispute resolution process	
Increase in funding	