

Land Titles Initiative

September 2022



The Land Titles Initiative (LTI) is a government commitment to right a historical wrong by helping residents in North Preston, East Preston, Cherry Brook/Lake Loon, Lincolville and Sunnyville (the LTI communities) gain clear title to their land. The LTI covers legal fees and other costs associated with clarifying land ownership through three streams:

- Land parcel migration under the *Land Registration Act*.
- Estate administration for deceased family members under the *Probate Act/Intestate Succession Act*.
- Land claims based on use and occupation under the *Land Titles Clarification Act (LTCA)*.

Government is looking to adjust and possibly expand the boundaries covered under the *Land Titles Clarification Act* for the communities currently served by the LTI for multiple reasons:

- The original boundaries were drawn after the LTCA was enacted in 1963.
- The boundaries were redrawn for East Preston in 1977 and North Preston in 1980 to add more lands, but the boundaries have not been updated since then.
- The existing boundaries do not reflect the current state of the communities, meaning that some residents are not able to access LTI services.

We want feedback from residents in the LTI communities on updating and expanding the boundaries, so more African Nova Scotians have access to the LTI services. LTI staff with the Office of Equity and Anti-Racism Initiatives will be holding in-person and virtual consultation sessions in each of the five LTI communities.

Engagement will focus on these elements:

- Identifying concerns with the current LTCA boundaries in each community.
- Identifying which existing boundary maps best reflect genuine community boundary lines.
- Hearing feedback or concerns regarding boundary expansion.

Current LTCA boundaries and proposed new boundaries can be found here: [Land Titles Initiative | Equity and Anti-Racism Initiatives \(oaengagement.ca\)](https://www.oaengagement.ca/land-titles-initiative-equity-and-anti-racism-initiatives)

Community Consultations will be held:

In person:

Tuesday, September 27th, 2022, at 4 p.m. at the Sunnyville Community Hall, Guysborough
Tuesday, September 27th, 2022, at 6 p.m. at the Lincolville Community Centre, Lincolville
Tuesday, October 4th, 2022, at 6 p.m. at the Black Cultural Centre, Cherry Brook
Wednesday, October 5th, 2022, at 6 p.m. at the North Preston Recreation Centre, North Preston
Tuesday, October 11th, 2022, at 6 p.m. at the East Preston Recreation Centre, East Preston

Virtually:

Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 6 p.m. via MS Teams

To register for a Community Consultation session, or to receive MS Teams link email communitynavigator@novascotia.ca or phone 1-833-424-6100

ENGAGEMENT ON BOUNDARY EXPANSION

1. Do you have questions or concerns about the existing LTCA boundaries in your community?
 - a. Yes (please explain)
 - b. No

2. In your opinion, which of these options best reflects your community's boundary lines?
You can view each of the maps at [Land Titles Initiative | Equity and Anti-Racism Initiatives \(oeaengagement.ca\)](https://oeaengagement.ca)
 - a. Municipal boundaries (Halifax Regional Municipality and Municipality of the District of Guysborough)
 - b. Other _____
 - c. None

3. Do you have any concerns about the proposed expansion of the LTCA boundaries?
 - a. Yes (please explain)
 - b. No

This engagement relates to expanding the boundaries in the current communities under the Land Titles Clarification Act. Expanding to additional communities will be considered in a future phase of the project.

Please contact us at communitynavigator@novascotia.ca or 1-833-424-6100

