

Questions from attendees (answers provide by Darren Flynn where otherwise indicated):

Who will determine the price of the lot?

If there is a “yes” vote or a “no” vote, the way the price of a land lot is determined will remain the same as it is now. Under the municipal bylaws of the hamlet [councils] in Nunavut, the price of the lot is set at the costs to develop that lot, including things like hydro, electrical and roadways. In Igloolik right now, that is 19.02 per square metre, the hamlet [of Igloolik] cannot lease a lot to you for any more money than what it cost to develop that lot.

If there is a yes vote, can we buy land now at Igloolik point? Many people have cabins there.

Whatever lands are within the municipal boundaries of the hamlet [of Igloolik] would be available for sale if there was a yes vote. So, yes, you would be able to buy land at Igloolik Point, but you need to remember that this cannot be sold to someone until it is properly surveyed and documented.

Would cabin owners be able to purchase land outside the [municipal] boundary?

No, this land is not available for purchase and this will not be changed in this vote. Right now, that land is being held in trust by the Commissioner of Nunavut who is holding that in the interests of the people. If in the future Igloolik expanded its boundaries, the Commissioner would turn that land over to the hamlet so that it could develop it for expansion.

What would happen if I wanted to sell my land?

If you owned the land and had simple fee title to it, you can determine what the value of that land is when you sell it, that would be your prerogative.

Who will be able to buy the land? We have a lot people who are not from here coming in here to buy land.

The hamlet [of Igloolik] can determine who will be able to buy land in Igloolik if there was a yes vote. They could place residency restrictions as a way to do this, meaning you would have to be a resident here for a certain period of time before you could buy land.

If there is a yes vote, would that be better for business owners?

It would be difficult for me to speculate on this, I'm not an authority on what might happen in Igloolik because of the results of this vote. It is possible that if a person or business owner owned a land lot, they might be able to get financing more readily because this is the system that is typical in the rest of Canada. If this situation comes about is yet to be determined.

If I have a cabin on surveyed land, could I lose that land to someone else?

No, that process would have to go through the Land Titles Office and the hamlet [of Igloolik] would be involved in that process. That's because the survey documents would have to be reviewed before the registration [at the Land Title's Office] and the sale could go through.

If I owned many lots and I had invested \$100,000 to purchase these, would that be the market price?

No, that is your buying price, what you would decide to sell it for after you own it would be your decision.

How about Social housing? What's the effect to the tenants there?

There will be no change to tenants of social housing as a result from either a no vote or a yes vote. The land these buildings are on it being used for public use and will not be considered in the municipal lands that would be affected by this referendum.