

First Nation Land Governance Registry

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Welcome

INTRODUCTIONS

First Nation Land Governance Registry (FNLGR)

The FNLGR is a pivotal initiative established under the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management*. It empowers First Nations to govern their land and resources independently, free from the constraints of the Indian Act.

The FNLGR aims to create a First Nation-controlled and independent land registry for Operational First Nations under the Framework Agreement and participating Self-Governing First Nations.

The current Canada-operated registry is outdated, unreliable, and difficult to navigate, with substandard service compared to other systems. Both First Nations and external stakeholders have expressed concerns over its instability and the quality of its data.



FNLGR Partners



Lands Advisory Board

LAB Finance Committee

First Nations with Land Codes

Participating Self-governing First Nations



BC LTSA

Trusted leader in land title and survey systems

Expertise in registry system design & innovation



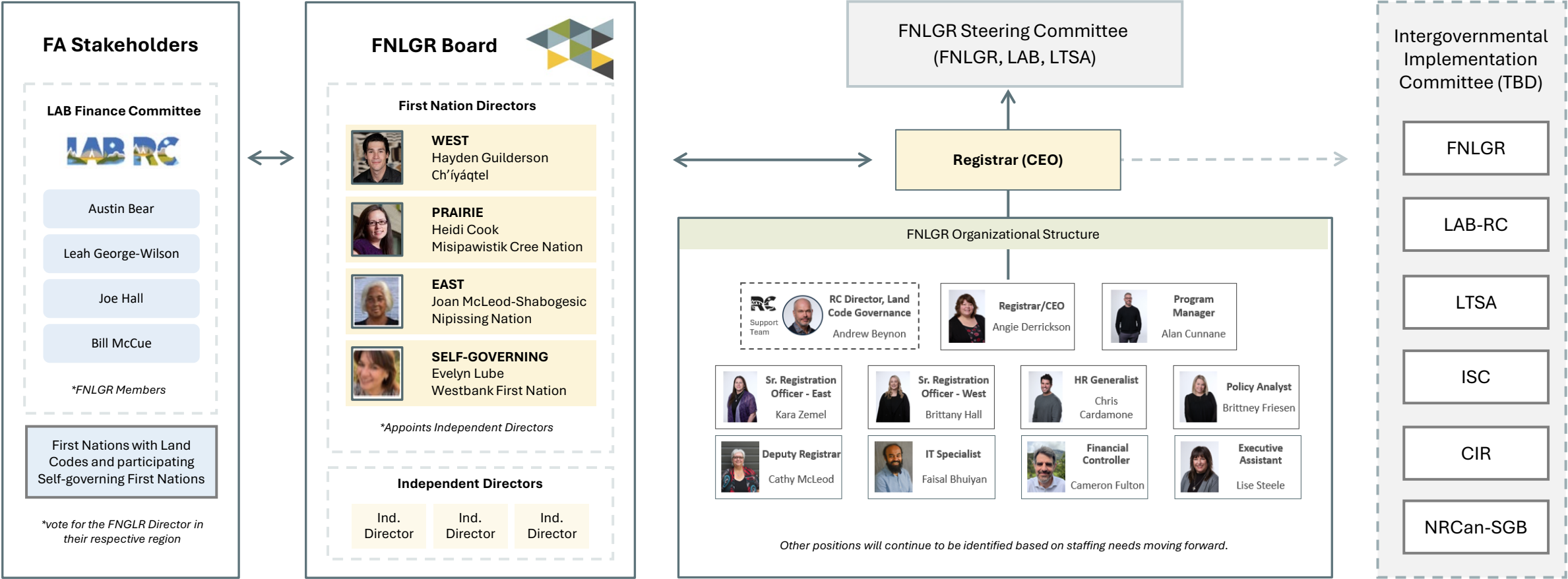
FNLGR Steering Committee

FNLGR, LAB, RC, LTSA

CIRNA, ISC, NRCan-SGB

FNLGR Corporate & Organizational Structure

First Nation Land Governance Registry Inc.
Registre des terres gouvernées par les Premières Nations Inc.



Framework Agreement

LAND CODE
GOVERNANCE
POWERS

First Nations across Canada 617

Yukon	16
Northwest Territories	26
British Columbia	198
Alberta	45
Saskatchewan	70
Manitoba	63
Ontario	126
Quebec	39
New Brunswick	15
Prince Edward Island	2
Nova Scotia	13
Newfoundland	4



Overview of Jurisdiction

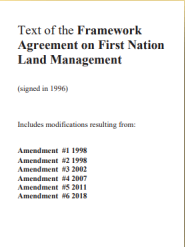
Indian Act

Indigenous Service Canada

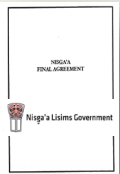
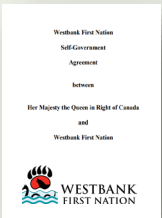


Framework Agreement

First Nation Self-Government
over Reserve Lands



Comprehensive Self-Government & Modern Treaty Agreements



LAND REGISTRY SYSTEMS



ILRS
Indian Lands
Registry System



FNLRS
First Nation Lands
Registry System

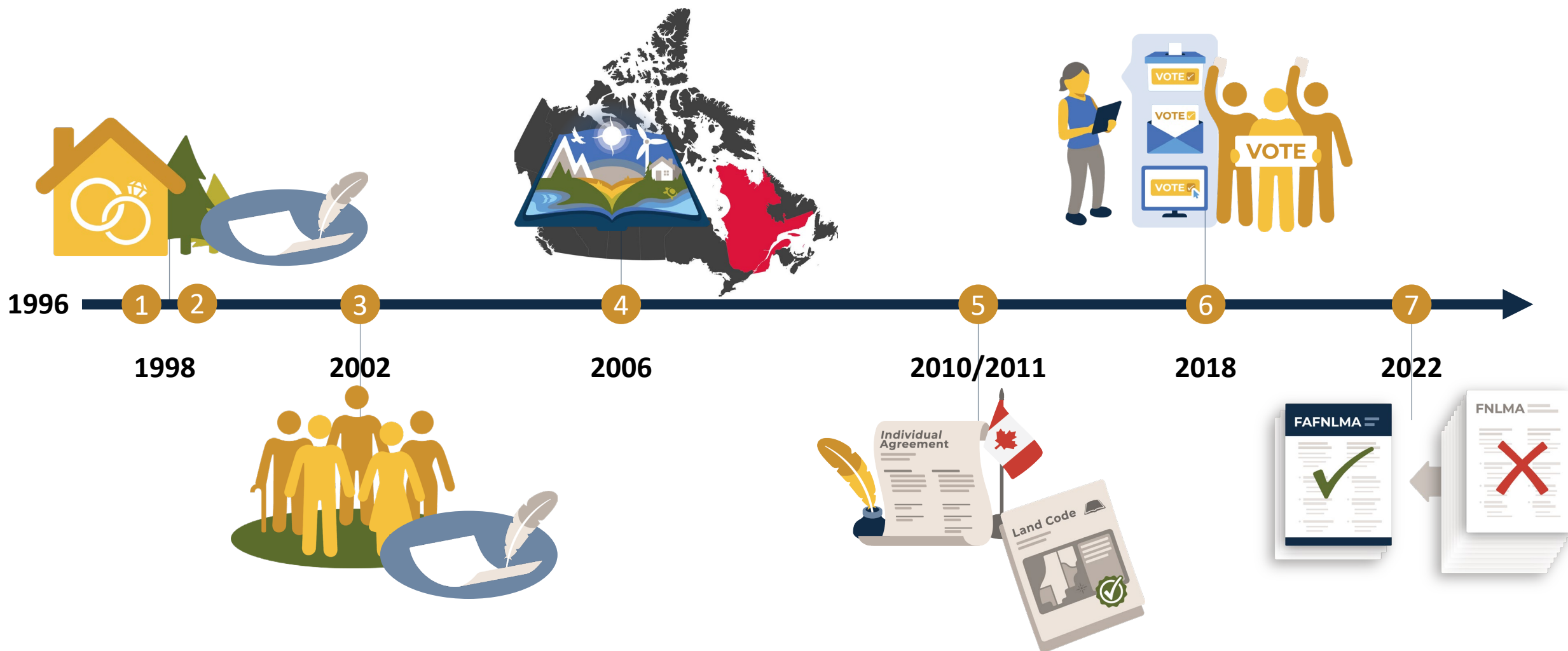


SGFNLRS
Self-Government
First Nation Lands
Registry System



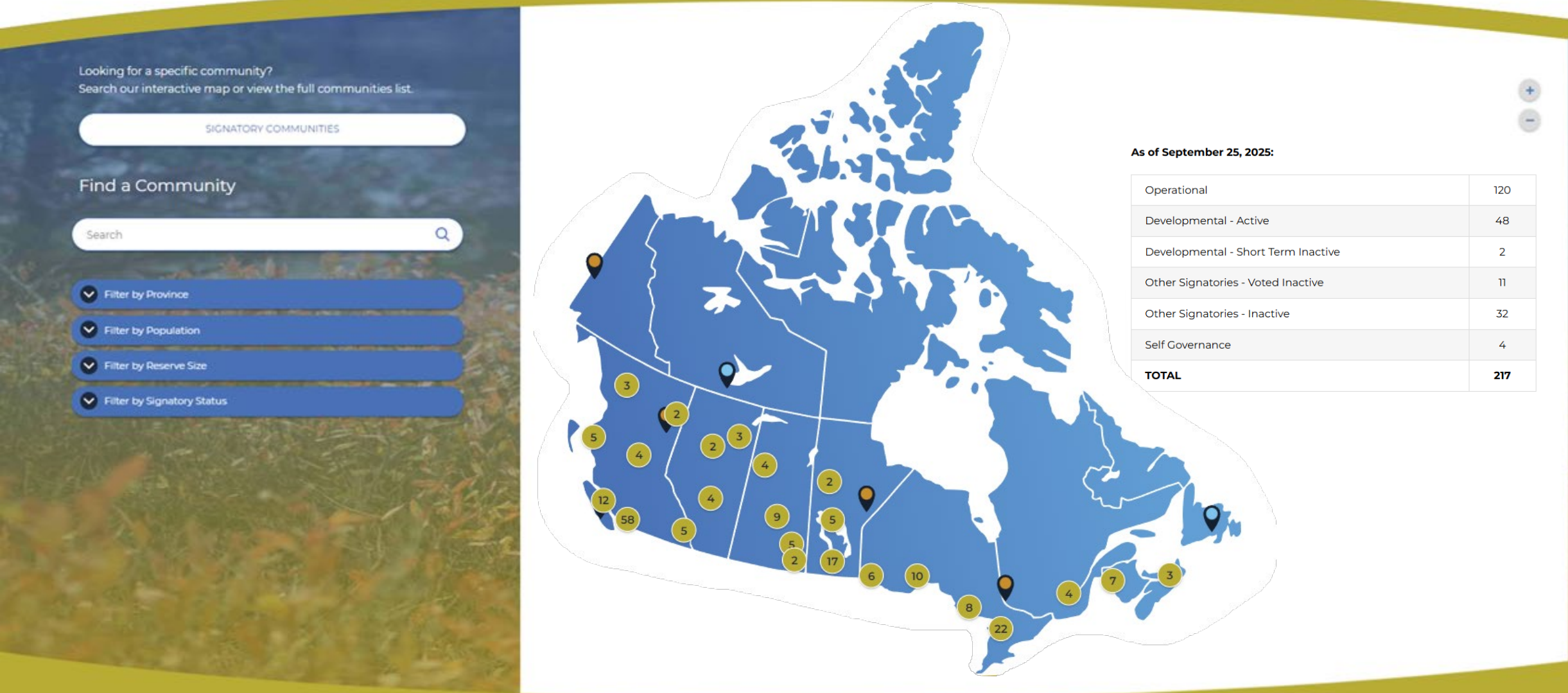
LTO
Provincial
Land Titles
Office

History of Framework Agreement Amendments



Framework Agreement Amendments

Framework Agreement Signatory First Nations across Canada



Economic Benefits for First Nations

1 in 3



1/3 of First Nations in Canada are:

- Implementing land codes
- Developing land codes
- Interested in starting the process

More Opportunities

- Over 10,000 employment opportunities on and off reserve
- Numerous training and apprenticeship opportunities
- Increased economic development opportunities
- Benefits not only the Nation but the broader national economy

The Framework Agreement **IT'S WORKING**



44 Sections of the Indian Act (land management)

Under the *Framework Agreement*, 44 land related provisions of the *Indian Act* no longer apply to operational First Nations.



- Reserves (ss. 18-19)
- Possession of Lands in Reserves (ss. 20, 22-28)
- Trespass on Reserve (ss. 30-31)
- Sale or Barter of Produce (ss. 32-33)
- Roads and Bridges (s. 34)
- Lands Taken for Public Purposes (s. 35)
- Surrenders and Designations (ss. 37-41)
- Distribution of Real Property but not personal property on intestacy (ss. 49 and 50(4))
- Management of Reserves and Surrendered and Designated Lands (ss. 53-60)
- Management of Indian Moneys (ss. 61-69)
- Farms (s. 71)
- Removal of Materials from Reserves (s. 93)
- Regulations made under section 57 of the Indian Act; and
- Regulations under sections 42 and 73 of the Indian Act to the extent that they are inconsistent with the *Framework Agreement* or the land code or the laws of the First Nation

Framework Agreement & First Nation Land Codes



Empower First Nations to take jurisdiction over their lands through land codes and member ratification votes.

Enable councils to make land laws governing development, management, and conservation of their lands.

Reflect traditional governance practices while ensuring high standards for accountability and transparency.

Provide flexibility to incorporate cultural practices and unique land tenure systems.

Allow creation of regulations, policies, and enforcement measures, including environmental laws and penalties for non-compliance.



Introduction

NEED FOR A
FIRST NATION
LED REGISTRY

What brought us to this point?



Government
of Canada



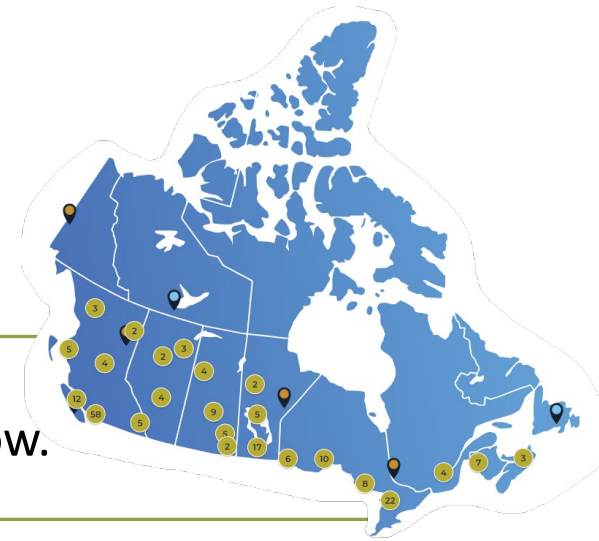
Canada initially
unwilling to give up
control of land
records/registry

Canada's land registry
unreliable - access &
privacy issues

First Nations have built
capacity & experience
registering documents

Since 2020, AGM
Resolutions to explore a
First Nations led land
registry

What we heard from First Nations



Impact of 5-Month Registry Downtime

Challenges and disruptions faced by land managers in governance and workflow.

First Nations Running Their Own Registry

Importance of self-governance and the potential for a more reliable and relevant system.

Benefits of a New Registry

Increased efficiency, user-friendliness, and security for Land Governance Offices.

Suggestions for FNLRS Changes

Key improvements recommended for accessibility, functionality, and support services.

Voices of Land Managers

Insights from land managers, bankers, assessors, and other professionals shared during interviews and calls.

A First Nation-Led Land Registry: Advancing Self-Governance and Economic Growth



Problems with the current federal registries



Obsolete



Poor standard of service



Major delays & system outages



FN land registry capacity is increasing while Canada's capacity is declining



The Solution



Respects self-government and specialized First Nation organizations



Responds to needs identified by leadership and First Nations lands staff



Responds to evolving First Nations approaches



Invest in a First Nation-led approach instead of the current federal land registry

A dependable land registry is a cornerstone of economic development

FNLGR Vision

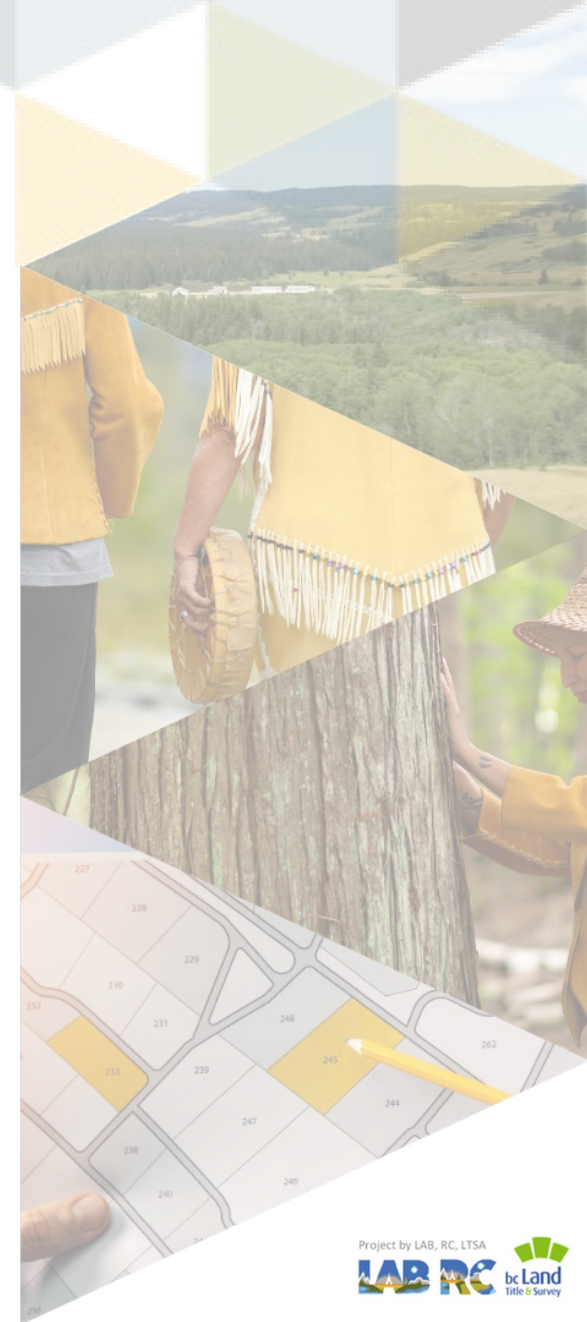
First Nations
Governed

Service
Oriented

Trusted

Comprehensive

Sustainable



FNLGR OPEN HOUSE

Regional Perspectives to
support the advancement
of land governance and
economic development
on First Nation lands

TODAY'S SESSION

- ❖ Land Registry Modernization on First Nation Lands
- ❖ Legislative & Regulatory Matters | Civil Code Alignment
- ❖ FNLGR System Demonstration
- ❖ FNLGR Registry Innovations, Data Transition & Pilot Engagement
- ❖ Panel Discussion: Unlocking Economic Potential with a Modern Land Registry
- ❖ Participant Reflections & Regional Recommendations

Presentation & Materials Online:

<https://labrc.com/event/portes-ouvertes-regionales-du-rtgpn-region-du-quebec-first-nation-land-governance-registry-fnlgr-quebec-open-house/>