

# **First Nation Survey Authority**

## **2025 LAB Leadership Briefing**

### **Regional Pre LAB AGM Leadership Meeting**

BC/FV Region - East Region - Prairie Region  
River Rock Resort - Rama Resort - Dakota Dunes Resort

# LAB Proposal

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In response to systemic challenges, the Lands Advisory Board is proposing to establish a new First Nation Survey Authority (FNSA).

Modelled after successful provincial bodies like BC's LTSA, the FNSA would work in tandem with the First Nation Land Governance Registry (FNLGR) to create a modern, integrated, and First Nation-led land system.

# Purpose of the FNSA

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- First Nations-led authority to approve land surveys
- Applies to Land Code and participating Self-Governing First Nations
- Supports self-determination and land development
- Integrates with FNLGR

# Why Change is Needed

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- Current delays from Surveyor General approval
- Poor alignment with First Nation timelines
- Increased costs and legal confusion
- Based on successful models (e.g., BC LTSA)

# Vision, Mission & Key Benefits

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Vision: Trusted, Nation-led survey authority

Mission: Modernize approvals, build capacity, enable development

Benefits:

- Faster approvals for housing/leasing
- Aligned survey & registry data
- Cost savings (~3 FTE federal surveyors)
- First Nation-specific standards
- Capacity-building with Association of Canada Lands Surveyors (ACLS)

# Governance & Legal Framework

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- Operates independently under LAB oversight
- Shared infrastructure with FNLGR
- Legal authority through:
  - Amendments to FA / FAFNLMA
  - Changes to Canada Lands Surveys Act
- Plans still recorded in CLSR

# Next Steps

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1. Finalize legal and regulatory path
2. Identify pilot First Nations
3. Formalize ACLS and federal partnerships
4. Expand training and capacity building

# Closing & Contact Info

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"Survey systems should work for First Nations, not against them."

For more information or to discuss participation:

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