

Planning Considerations & Options for Operational Communities

- » **There is no one-size fits all approach to Planning; the Framework Agreement does not establish formal planning requirements. First Nations have options!**
- » Self-government & Land Code is a journey, every First Nation embarks from a unique place and with unique capacities, needs and challenges
- » Planning is most beneficial when there is consensus, capacity, and commitment within an organization
- » Challenges with Planning often come at the implementation stage
- » Planning should be reflective of the legal jurisdiction of the governing body doing the planning (i.e. Land Code)
- » There is an option under Land Code to connect Plans and Laws. Higher Level Plans can be enacted via a Land Code Law, if a First Nation chooses
- » Higher level, community-driven Plans set expectations and can constitute Public Promises made by a governing body to its constituents

- » The Planning Profession has largely been informed by Western Planning practices, including municipal, city and regional planning
- » Planning consultants are often most familiar with municipal-style, Western approaches Planning
- » **Indigenous people have been planning for thousands of years. Two-eyed seeing approach is recommended**
- » Lands Managers/Lands Governance Directors or Lands Department staff are often directly responsible for facilitating Lands-related Planning and decision-making processes

