Land Code Development & Ratification Process

RC Training, Support & Resources Workshop

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ON FIRST NATION
LAND MANAGEMENT

A First Nations organization dedicated to serving and supporting First Nations communities who want to re-establish control over their lands, natural resources, and environment through the historic government-to-government *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management*.

RC was established by the LAB to undertake its technical responsibilities to FNs, through:

Signatory Support

Signatory Assistance

"Supporting First Nations to exercise their Inherent Right to govern their Lands, Environment and Resources."

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OPERATIONAL

DEVELOPMENTAL

PATH TO THE DEVELOPMENTAL PHASE

BCR submitted confirming interest to be added as a signatory to the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management*

Land Governance Community Profile Form submitted

Adhesion to the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management* signed by First Nation and Canada
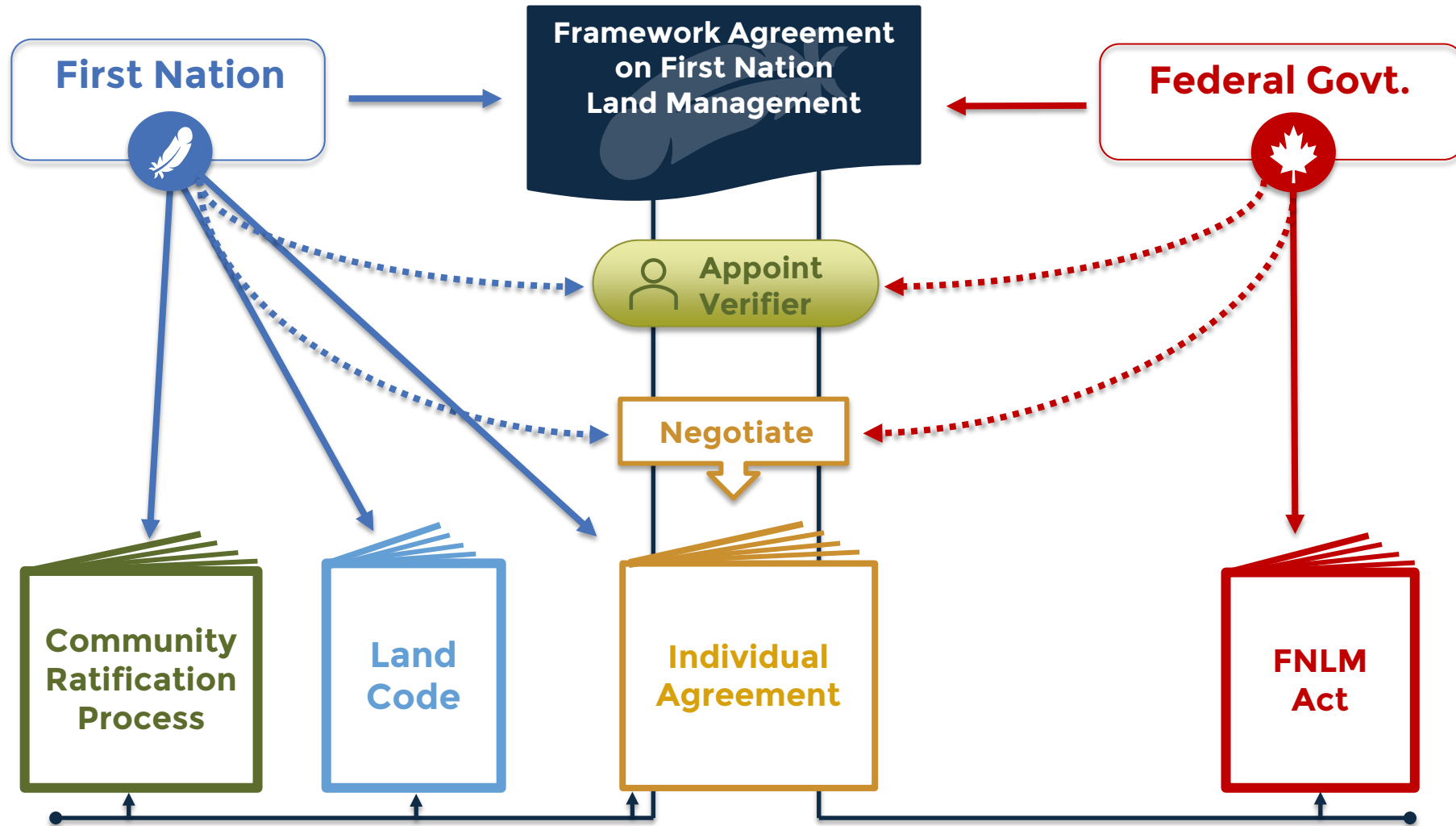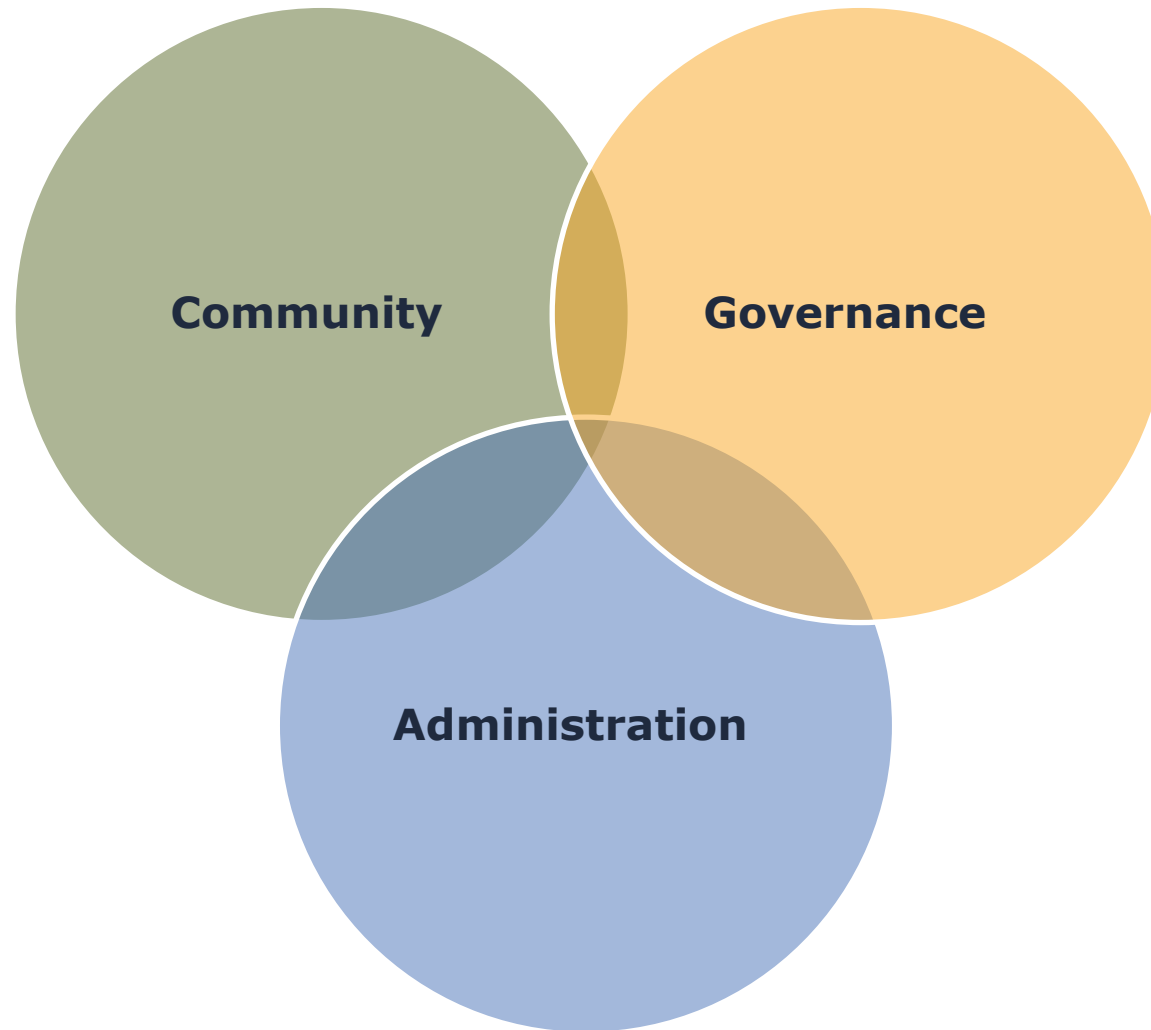
Developmental Funding Agreement signed by First Nation, Canada and Resource Centre

Developmental Phase begins

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LAND CODE DEVELOPMENT

ROLES IN THE DEVELOPMENT PHASE

LANDS ADVISORY BOARD

Elected political body comprised of 10 Board Members plus the Chairman. 3+ regions in Canada (Fraser Valley, BC, Prairies, East) supporting First Nations in accordance with the Framework Agreement.

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Technical body established by the Lands Advisory Board, providing support for LAB activities, financial administration, and technical advice. Also provides support to developmental and operational First Nations in day-to-day operations.

VERIFIER

Independent person, recommended by LAB, and jointly appointed by the First Nation and Canada to monitor and confirm that the Community Ratification Process and Land Code are consistent with the Framework Agreement.

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Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)

- Works with each First Nation to prepare the Individual Agreement for member approval
- Provides information about interests & licences that have been issued under the *Indian Act*
- Identifies amount of Revenue and Capital Monies for transfer to the FN
- Provides funding for the development and implementation a Land Code

Surveyor General Branch (SGB or NRCan)

- Conducts historical review from when a First Nation's reserve lands were created until today
- Confirms the exterior boundaries of a First Nation's reserve lands
- Prepares land description reports for inclusion to the Individual Agreement

ISC Environmental Specialists

- Supports a First Nation to conduct a Phase I Environmental Site Assessments for their reserve lands for inclusion in the Individual Agreement

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DEVELOPMENTAL PHASE SUPPORT SERVICES

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DPFA	Facilitate the Developmental Phase Funding Agreement (DPFA)
Land Code	Support Land Code drafting and engagement
Engagement	Assist with Community/Council/Staff engagement and working sessions
Individual Agreement	Facilitate the completion and signing of the Individual Agreement
Verifier	Assist the Verifier as needed
Ratification Vote	On the ground support for voter participation and awareness
Transition	Support for the transition from Indian Act into to the Operational Phase

- ➤ **Meetings**
  - ➤ **Virtual**
  - ➤ **In-Person**
  - ➤ **Elders**
  - ➤ **Family**
  - ➤ **Youth**
  - ➤ **Staff**
- ➤ **Phone calls**
- ➤ **Emails**
- ➤ **Door-to-door**
- ➤ **Social Media**
- ➤ **Newsletter**
- ➤ **Website**
- ➤ **Video**
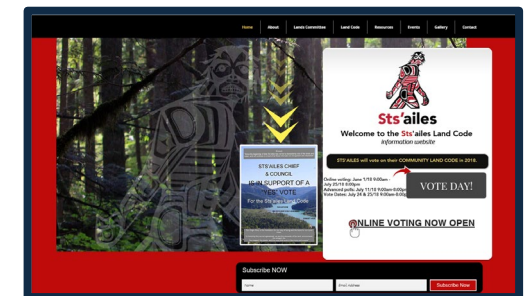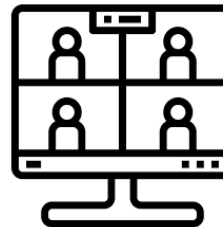
COMMUNITY RATIFICATION PROCESS

➢ Every eligible voter 18 yrs + as of last voting day must have the opportunity to freely vote

➢ Inclusive of on/off reserve voters

➢ In person polling stations, mail in ballots or electronic voting

➢ The community decides the voting methods and can also determine thresholds for approval and participation

VOTING METHODS

Questions & Discussion