

First Nation Land Management

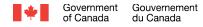
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First Nation Land Management - A Federal Perspective

A government-to-government relationship

First Nations opt-out of nearly 1/3 of the *Indian Act*

FNLM

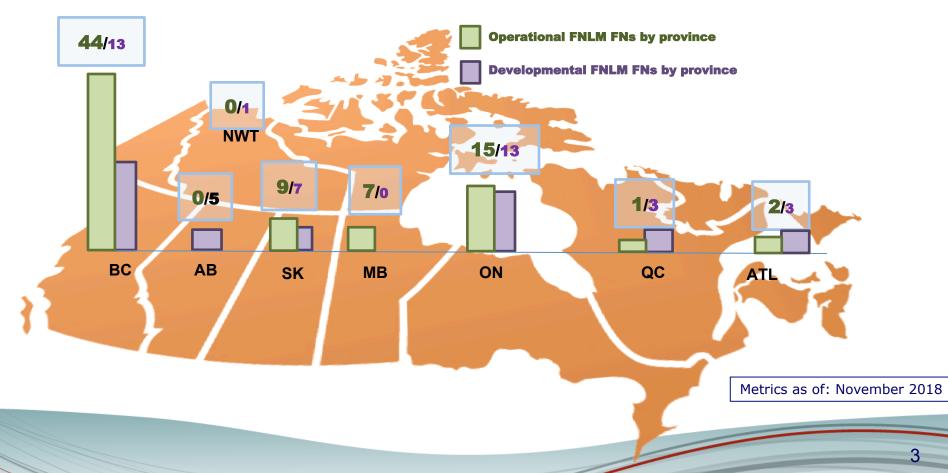
Governed by the Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management and the *First Nations Land Management Act* (FNLMA)

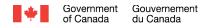
First Nation-led Sectoral self-government An incremental pathway to increased self-determination Aligns to federal Indigenous commitments



FNLM – A National Picture

- There are currently 123 First Nations that Canada considers "active" under FNLM:
 - o 78* Operational First Nation communities
 - *81 First Nations have ratified a land code, but three have moved to full self-government
 - o 45 Developmental First Nation communities





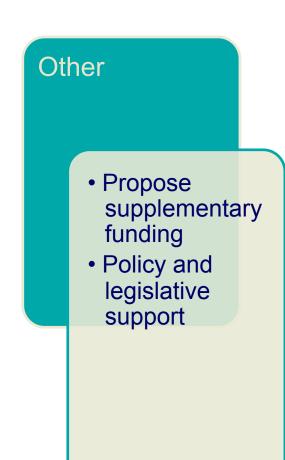
Canada's Role in FNLM

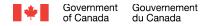
Developmental Phase (working toward a Land Code

- Environmental Site Assessment
- Land Description Report
- Individual Agreement
- Funding of 150K managed by LABRC

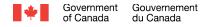
Operational Phase (under a Land Code)

- Host the Land Registry
- Provide operational funding

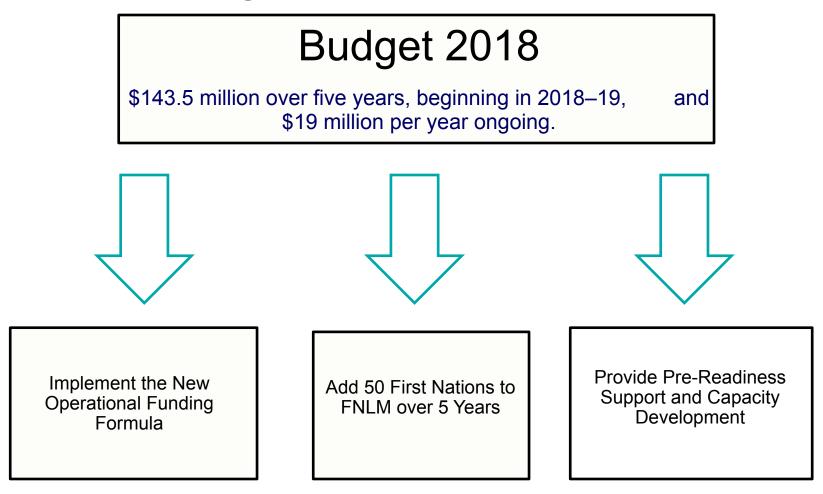


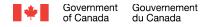


2018 Budget Investments



Overview of Budget 2018 FNLM Investments

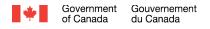




Implementing the New Operational Funding Formula

Core Contribution Categories Over Five Years (1% Inflation)					
	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Category 1	\$272,258	\$274,981	\$277,730	\$280,508	\$283,313
Category 2	\$348,699	\$352,186	\$355,708	\$359,265	\$362,858
Category 3	\$457,283	\$461,856	\$466,474	\$471,139	\$475,851
Category 4	\$491,005	\$495,915	\$500,874	\$505,883	\$510,942

First Nations are assigned a category based on a workload assessment that looks at transactions registered in the ILRS and FNLRS, adjustments for population, land mass, etc.



FNLM Expansion

- Funding to support 50 new Framework Agreement signatories.
- By 2022-23, nearly 200 signatories to the Framework Agreement with at least 100 operational under Land Code.

New FNLM Entrants Over Five Years					
	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Targeted # of Entrants	5	15	10	10	10

 Interested communities can contact regional Resource Centre field staff or Regional ISC contact.

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• Consult labrc.com for details on accessing FNLM.



Funding will support capacity development among communities interested and participating in FNLM.

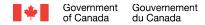
- Capacity development funding.
- Land Use Planning funding.

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• Technical Survey training and Dispute Resolution projects funding.

Two working groups have been established to guide the implementation of this funding:

- Working Group #1: developing criteria and a funding methodology to help prepare First Nations for land management under a land code through training, skills development, project funding, and other capacity developing activities.
- Working Group #2: developing prioritization and selection criteria for up to 70 land use plans and participation in the technical surveying skills development project.



Legislative Agenda



Proposed amendments to the Framework Agreement of First Nation Land Managment and the *First Nations Land Management Act* (FNLMA)

Part of Bill C-86

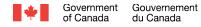
Developed in partnership with the LAB and the Resource Centre Reflects prior amendments to the Framework Agreement

First Nation-driven, pragmatic, and administrative improvements, such as:

Modifying the ratification process to facilitate successful votes.

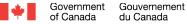
Enabling joint reserves to be managed under FNLM

Transferring control of all Indian Moneys to First Nations.



ANNEX - Framework Agreement/FNLMA Proposed Amendments

Theme	From	То
UNDRIP	FNLMA is silent regarding UNDRIP.	 Acknowledge Canada's endorsement of UNDRIP.
Lands Eligible for Management Under FNLM	 Only reserve lands can be managed under the FNLM. 	 Include federal land categorized as "lands set aside" (in Yukon) as eligible for FNLM.
Ratification	• The voting threshold requires both a minimum participation threshold and a majority of votes to ratify a land code (i.e. double majority).	 Require a simple majority only, with participation thresholds possible, as decided by the First Nation.
Verifier	• A verifier (independent third party appointed by Minister and the First Nation) is mandatory throughout the entire process of developing and voting on a land code.	 The voting process may instead be managed by a Ratification Officer.
Monies	• Revenue monies held by Canada as Indian monies are transferred to the First Nation once the land code is in effect.	• Include both revenue and capital monies as part of the transfer on the coming into force of the land code.
Additions to Reserve	• New reserve lands must first be brought under the <i>Indian Act</i> before coming under a First Nation's land code.	 Amend the FNLMA to: Provide for pre-reserve zoning. Manage third party interests. Ensure added lands are brought under Land Code authority automatically.



Framework Agreement/FNLMA Proposed Amendments (cont'd)

Theme	From	То
Expansion	 FNLMA and the Framework Agreement are silent regarding bringing jointly held reserves under a land code. 	 Acknowledge ability of First Nations to manage jointly held reserves and provide guidelines to that effect.
Matrimonial Real Property (MRP)	 Mandatory community consultation and one-year lawmaking requirement for MRP laws. 	• Align with the <i>Family Homes on Reserves and</i> <i>Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act</i> and allow for MRP community consultation via land code processes and lawmaking.
Enforcement Powers	 Language for enforcement of First Nation laws is general. 	Enable cooperative enforcement and valid collection remedies.
First Nations Land Registry	Canada administers the land registry.	Create legislative frame to create the possibility of third-party management of the registry.
Protection for Band Officials	FNLMA and the Framework Agreement are silent on protections for band officials.	 Provide for similar protections to those employed by other local governments (i.e. Provincial).
Administrative	 Certain provisions in the FNLMA are no longer relevant, lack clarity, or administratively onerous. 	 Update, modernize and clarify language. Scheduling by Ministerial Order rather than Order in Council. Clarify that prior Indian Act designations no longer apply under FNLM Regime. Clarify Operational and Developmental status in Schedule. Update to align with other federal Acts.