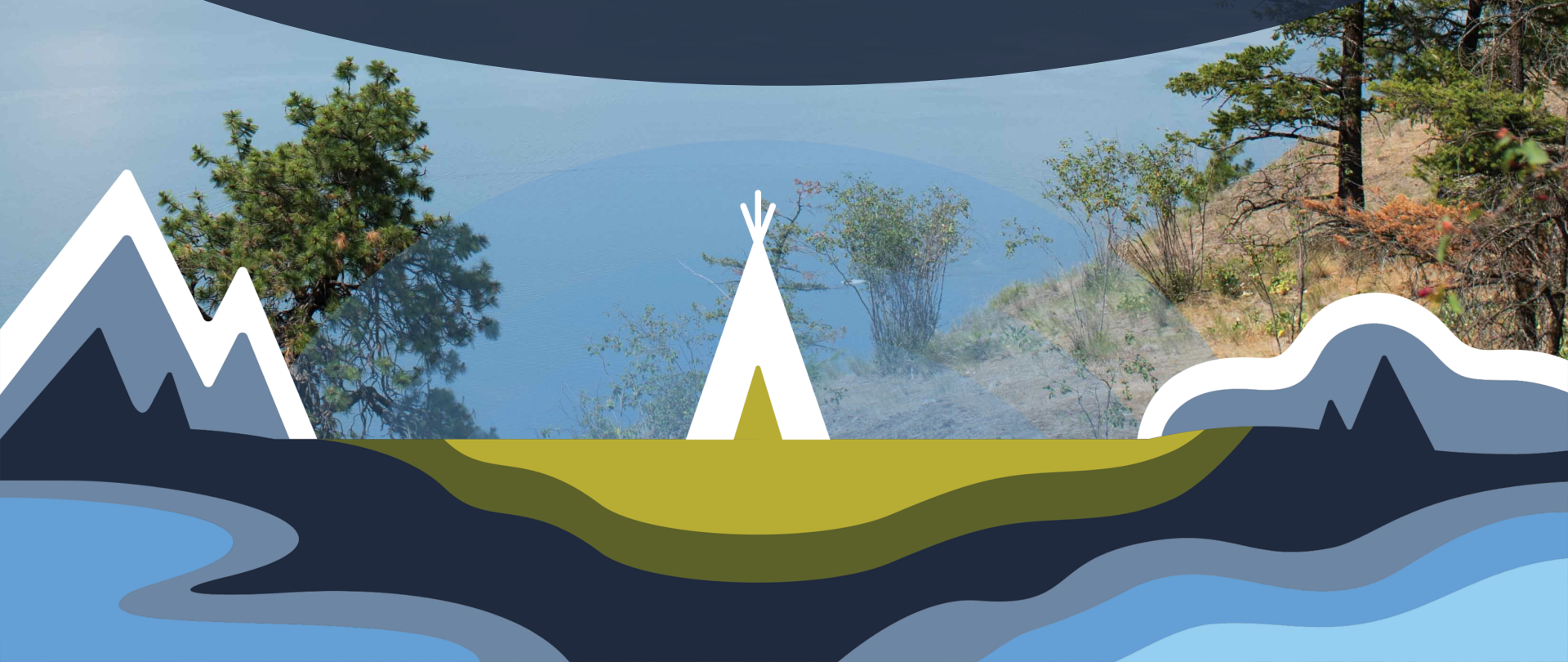


# The Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management

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# The Framework Agreement of First Nation Land Management

- **Signed in 1996**
- **Replaces the land provisions of the Indian Act with First Nation made laws**
- **Decolonization**
  - Paced
  - Flexible
  - Community developed and approved
- **No affect on treaty, aboriginal rights, title or taxation, or claims**
- Section 35 constitutional expression of self-government
- Lands remain Reserve Lands – No Fee Simple

# Recognizing the Inherent Right to Self Govern

- **Government to Government agreement with Canada;**
  - Ongoing partnership LAB – RC – First Nations and Canada
- Canada ratified the Framework Agreement through the passage of the First Nations Land Management Act (1999)
- **First Nations retaking control over Reserve lands and resources;**
- Land Code Development
  - **Law making, administration and enforcement**
  - **Land Management**



Dismantling the *Indian Act*;



Re-establishment of FN  
Governance



163 Signatories from NB, NS,  
NFLD, QC, ON, MB, AB, NT  
and BC



88 Land Codes Ratified

# Framework Agreement Successes



# What is the First Nations Land Management Resource Centre?

- First Nation Organization
- Incorporated in 2001
- Separate board of directors
- Discharge technical LAB responsibilities
- 40+ Field staff that work from coast to coast

# What are the services the RC provides?



**Operational & Developmental Technical Field Support**



**Capacity Building, Training & Professional Development**



**Environmental & Enforcement Support Services**



**Land Use Planning & Related Support Services**



**Land Description & Survey Support Services**



**Communications Development and Support Services**



# Land Code Vote Snapshot



TO DATE, 88 FIRST NATIONS  
HAVE PASSED LAND CODES



TWO VOTES IN CANADA  
WERE APPROVED WITH  
100% APPROVAL OF  
MEMBERS



84% IS THE AVERAGE  
APPROVAL RATING FOR ALL  
LAND CODE VOTES IN  
CANADA

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Removes the authority of the Minister of Indian Affairs over Reserve lands and resources;

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FN resumes its inherent right as the recognized as a government

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The FN has recognized law making powers and jurisdiction.

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An operational FN can exercise those governmental powers without Federal and Provincial governmental interference;

## What Changes under a Land Code?

It replaces the Indian Act land provisions with its own FN made laws;

It puts decision making back into the hands of the community and its members;

It protects reserve lands from never being diminished in size;

It provides increased accountability to the members and citizens of the community;

Decision making at the speed of business;

FNs decide their own future and to implement what they want to happen over their lands and resources without being hand-held or dictated to by government.

## What changes under a Land Code?

# Overview of Land Management/Governance First Nation Support Organizations



NATIONAL ABORIGINAL LANDS  
MANAGERS ASSOCIATION (NALMA)



LANDS ADVISORY BOARD



FIRST NATIONS LAND MANAGEMENT  
RESOURCE CENTRE

	<b>NATIONAL TECHNICAL BODY</b> PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR	<b>NATIONAL POLITICAL BODY</b> PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR	<b>NATIONAL TECHNICAL BODY</b> PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR
MANDATE	LAND MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING TECHNICAL SUPPORT, NETWORKING AND COMMUNICATION	IMPLEMENTATION OF THE <i>FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON FIRST NATION LAND MANAGEMENT (FAFNLM)</i>	IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FAFNLM LAND CODE DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES & LAND CODE RATIFICATION LAND CODE OPERATIONAL SUPPORT FAFNLM Specific Training, Mentoring and Professional Development
BOARD	<b>8 BOARD MEMBERS</b> ELECTED BY REGIONAL LANDS ASSOCIATIONS (RLA)	<b>15 BOARD MEMBERS</b> ELECTED REGIONALLY BY OPERATIONAL FIRST NATIONS	<b>4 BOARD MEMBERS</b> ELECTED BY LAB MEMBERS
MEMBERS	<b>8</b> REGIONAL LANDS ASSOCIATIONS (RLA) (195 FIRST NATIONS/INUIT MEMBERS AT LARGE)	<b>163</b> SIGNATORY FIRST NATIONS TO THE FAFNLM	<b>163</b> SIGNATORY FIRST NATIONS TO THE FAFNLM
PRIMARY SUPPORT AUDIENCE	LANDS MANAGERS/PLANNERS COMMUNITY FIRST NATION ORGANIZATIONS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	SIGNATORY/INTERESTED FIRST NATIONS TO THE FAFNLM CHIEFS & COUNCILS	SIGNATORY CHIEFS & COUNCILS STAFF AND COMMUNITY



# Thank You!

*Any First Nation, if it wishes, should have the opportunity to exercise its inherent right to self govern its lands and resources through the Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management.*

The LAB and RC are committed to assisting all First Nations to successfully achieve this goal.