

4th Indigenous Resource Opportunities Conference



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS**

BCAFN Mandates

- *Advance the rights and interests of First Nations people in BC;*
- *Restore and enhance the relationship among First Nations peoples in BC, the Crown and people of Canada;*
- *Develop and promote policies and resources for the benefit of First Nations people in BC including but not limited to economic, social, education, health and cultural matters;*
and
- *Work in coalition with other organizations that advance the rights and interests of First Nations peoples.*



First Nations Chiefs in BC
(Members of BCAFN)



BCAFN Regional Chief Terry Teegee

Board of Directors (5 Chiefs)



Chief Rebecca David
*Pauquachin
First Nation*



Chief Marilyn Slett
*Heiltsuk
First Nation*



Chief Harvey McLeod
*Upper Nicola
First Nation*



Chief Charles Morven
*Nisga'a Village
Government of
Gitwinksihlkw*



Chief Willie
Blackwater
Gitsegukla

AFN Portfolios

- Economic Development
 - Trade and Commerce – NAFTA, TPP other Trade
 - Training and Education – ASETS, ISETS (New)
 - Cannabis – Jurisdiction, Licensing and Legal implications
 - Gaming – Revenue Sharing, Licensing and Legal implications
- Fisheries – Assertion of First Nations Rights, Jurisdiction Coastal and In-Land Fisheries
- Justice – Legal precedence (Gladue Reports) First Nations representation in Legal System, proper resourcing for First Nations



BCAFN Priorities



1. Establish Relationships and Improve Communications

- Ongoing advocacy with UBCIC and FNS (as FN Leadership Council) - sub-Councils
- BCAFN App, Protocols with organizations (FNMPC, BCBC)



2. Education

- Supporting Jurisdiction and Curriculum Development
- Federal funding improvements



3. Economic Development

- Chair of National AFN Chiefs Committee on Economic Development
- National portfolio lead: Cannabis, Gaming
- BCAFN Sustainable Economic Development and Fiscal Relations Initiative



4. Children and Families – Support MMIWG Inquiry, child welfare reform including jurisdictional controls

- Tripartite Working Group on Children and Families



5. First Nations Jurisdiction and Decision-making

- Environmental Assessment Reform (provincial and federal)
- UNDRIP in law and regulations

Resolutions from Chiefs
– *provides the mandates
and focus*



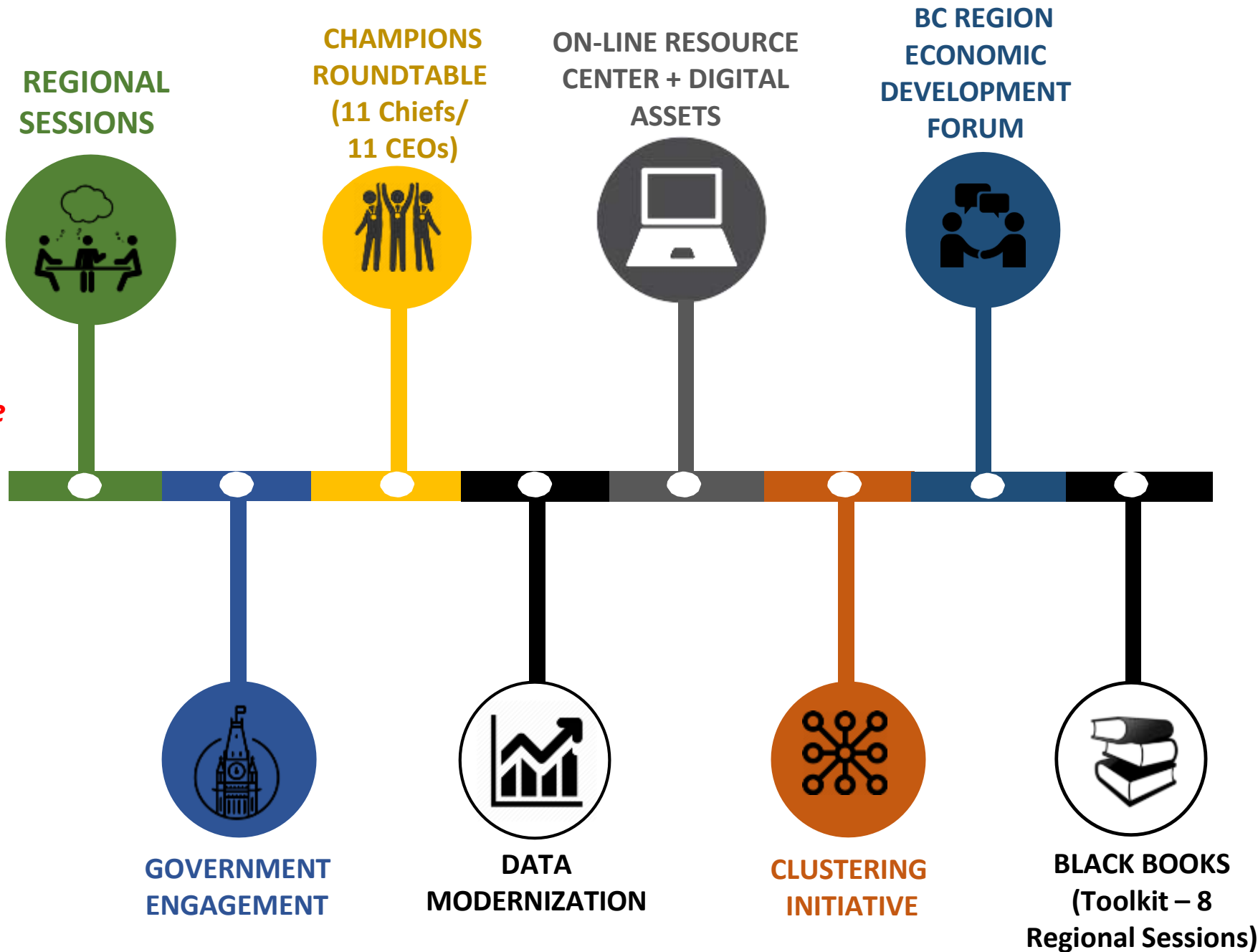


Role of First Nations Peoples

- *Decision and policy makers based on their laws*
- *Beneficiaries from all resources extracted, protected and restored*
- *Investors and supporters of projects that meet their standards and follow their laws*

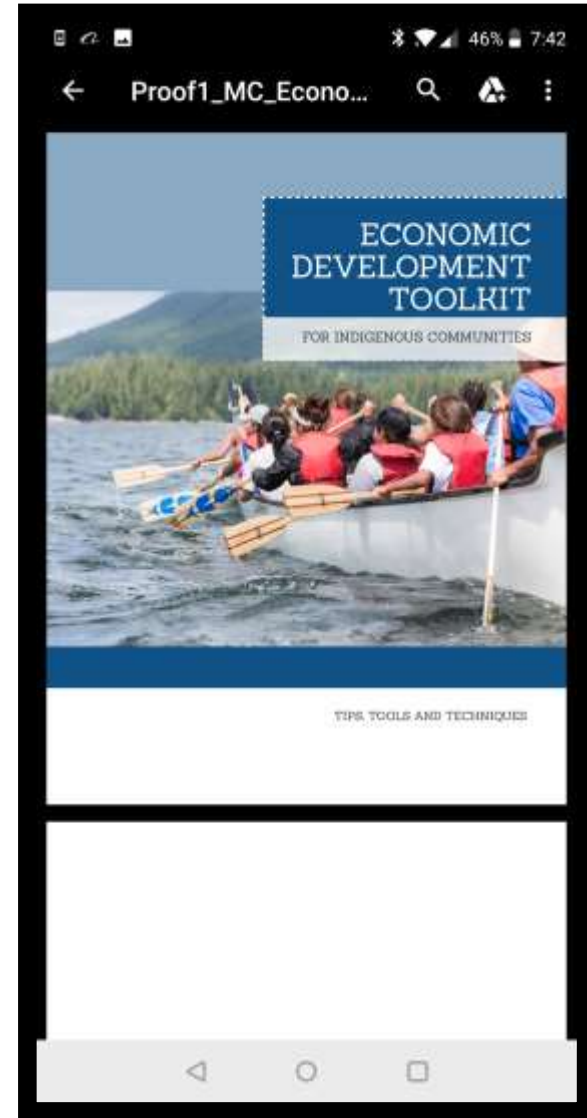


**BCAFN Sustainable
Economic
Development
Initiative
2017 - 2020**



BCAFN App

- It allows you to search based on communities and regions
- You can bookmark items
- It is a great resource to stay current on what is going on.





“RECOGNIZING AND ACCELERATING THE OPPORTUNITIES AND ECONOMIC RECONCILIATION BETWEEN FIRST NATIONS AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN BC”

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - signed in 2017
- Champions Table Membership: Chiefs and Industry Leaders - 11 from BCBC and 11 from BCAFN (Co-Chairs RC Teegee and BCBC President Greg D’Avignon)
- Creates a unique space to discuss issues affecting First Nations in BC



Champions Table Meeting with BC Premier and Key Ministers. 2018



Champions Table Work

Indigenous Intern Leadership Program

- Hosted by VIU, Internship opportunities for Indigenous Post Secondary students with prominent BC Companies.



Pilot Project (2019-2020)

- Working with Tsilhqot'in to develop supports needed for economic development on their title lands



The BLACK BOOKS

BCAFN Economic Development Guidebooks

IN THE BLACK SERIES FRONT BACK AND SPINE
ALL DARK BLACK LETTERING AND INDIGENOUS DESIGN IN SPOT VARNISH



- Blackbooks are based on the feedback from First Nations (over 16 regional engagement sessions)
- Designed for First Nations leaders, First Nations entrepreneurs, and First Nations owned companies

IN THE BLACK SERIES FRONTS ONLY



Regional Engagement

What We Have Heard

- The recognition of Title & Rights and Treaty Rights is our starting point;
- Assertion of Rights, Title and Treaty Rights are essential to communities success;
- The definition of 'economic reconciliation' and its related indicators includes equality for First Nations in the economic sector;
- Our Nations, communities and citizens must be actively involved;
- Collaboration is critical to our shared success;



What We Have Heard cont.

- We heard that First Nations had vibrant economies prior to contact. At the intersection of our ‘traditional economies’ and the ‘mainstream economy’ there are opportunities to:
 - Develop our own First Nation institutions and in;
 - Implement our own tax regimes and fiscal arrangements such as the Aboriginal Resource Tax;
 - Build up, and if necessary re-establish, our own decision-making structures and create economic self-sufficiency that will benefit current and future generations whilst never ceding or surrendering our title or rights.





Where do we need to go?

Prosperity from our lands and resources!

1. What is the future state of First Nations economies and our nationhood?
2. What are the labour force needs?
3. What are the institutions and supports required?



The Future (its here, NOW!!)

Governance

Based on inherent rights, title (acknowledged that title includes economic component)

Financial Management

Managing wealth, institutions and banking access capital, etc.

Technology Leaders

Youth population interest in linking new technologies to protect and restore the land; values-based use of tools

Innovators and Inventors

Climate change realities create new ways of thinking – from classrooms to boardrooms.

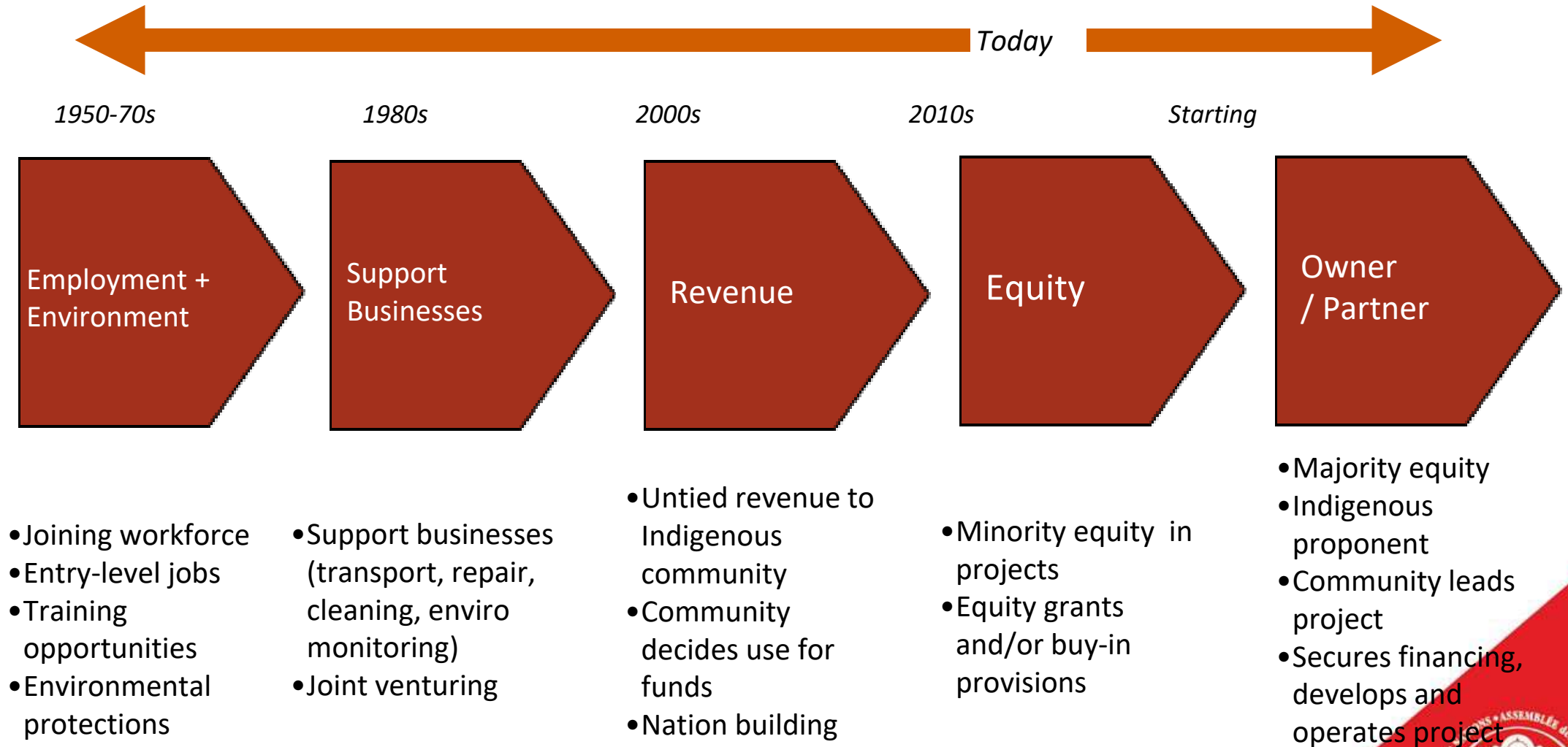


Institutions and Supports – Future State

- First Nations banking, capital and venture capital
- Trading partners and foreign trade - First Nations as equal partners
- First Nations jurisdiction in all areas
- Wealth management resulting from privately owned First Nations companies, and collectives (i.e. Joint-Ventures, LLPs, etc.).
- Provincial level corporate structures created by First Nations
- First Nations training and education institutions



Evolution of Global Indigenous Impact Benefit Agreements



Moving Forward...

- Assertion of Rights, Title and Treaty Rights is your leverage!
- Asserting jurisdiction and “filling the space” essential to control your resources!
- Building Communities-capacity, revenue sharing!
- Working together!
- Equity is now part of our lexicon and our future involvement!
- Consent should be the standard!



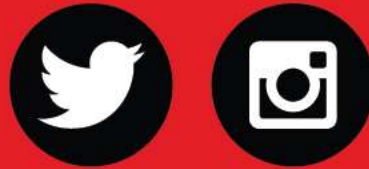
Provincial Commitment

- BCAFN has a commitment from the Province for continuing the Economic Development work for the next 2 fiscal years.
- The Key Deliverables include:



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