

THE LANDS ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)

Mission: “First Nations working together to resume jurisdiction over their Lands Environment and Resources.”

LAB Mandate and Role: LAB functions are prescribed in the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management (“Framework Agreement”)* and include the provision of technical and advisory services to the signatories.



STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN 2018-2023

THE FIRST NATIONS LAND MANAGEMENT RESOURCE CENTRE (FNLMRC)

Mission: “Supporting First Nations to exercise their Inherent Right to govern their Lands, Environment and Resources.”

Resource Centre Role: The Resource Centre was created to discharge the LAB’s technical and support service functions to First Nations for the developmental and operational phases of the *Framework Agreement*.

ULTIMATE GOALS SERVED BY THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

All First Nations will be aware of the option to resume their right to govern their reserve lands, environment and resources	Each First Nation community will decide how to govern its reserve lands, environment and resources	Each First Nation will have the capacity to govern its reserve lands, environment and resources effectively	Effective land, environment and resource governance will become a cornerstone of community development and decolonization community by community	Government-to-government relationships will strengthen First Nation Communities
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FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT GOALS TO MARCH 31, 2023

- **Framework Agreement and FNLMA Amendments:** The *Framework Agreement* and the FNLMA will be updated as appropriate, to expedite the opportunity for First Nations to resume and exercise their inherent right to govern their reserve lands and resources.
- **Government to Government:** The LAB / RC will advocate for, facilitate and support implementation of the *Framework Agreement* in the context of a government-to government relationship between the signatory First Nations and Canada.
- **LAB/RC Facilitation:** The structure and processes of the LAB will enable an increasing number of First Nations to collaborate in advancing sectoral self-government with respect to reserve lands, environment and natural resources.
- **Resource Advocating:** First Nations will have affordable and sustainable access to the resources required to govern and manage their reserve lands consistent with the operational funding principles articulated by the *Framework Agreement*.
- **Increased Responsibility and Support Services:** The LAB / RC will assume additional responsibilities as mandated by the signatory First Nations, to the extent required to maintain the integrity of the *Framework Agreement*.
- **Increased Independent Decision Making:** The LAB / RC will support First Nations to make more appropriate and timely laws, policies and other governance decisions concerning the conservation, protection, management, use and possession of their reserve lands.



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- **First Nations Support:** Maintaining the confidence of an expanding number of signatory First Nations in their LAB and RC.
- **Growth:** Accommodating continuing expansion of the *Framework Agreement*:
 - Extending and expanding essential support to a growing number of operational First Nations which require sustained services for the resumption of governance of their lands, environment and resources;
 - Providing support for additional First Nations in the developmental process.
- **Resourcing:** Establishing and maintaining an adequate core funding base to sustain our scope of services, service standards, and resulting workload.
- **Working Relationship with Canada:** Maintaining an appropriate government-to-government relationship with Canada that supports the resumption and exercise by an increasing number of First Nations, of the right to govern their reserve lands and resources.
- **Effectiveness:** Maximizing the effectiveness of the LAB and the RC.

STRATEGIC AND RISK MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES

1. **Update the *Framework Agreement* and the FNLMA**, as appropriate, through amendment.
2. **Update the LAB governance processes** to accommodate an increasing number of First Nations.
3. The LAB / RC will advocate for, facilitate and support implementation of the *Framework Agreement* through **effective partnerships with the signatories**, at both political and administrative levels.
4. The LAB / RC will **enhance the potential benefits of the *Framework Agreement* to First Nations and Canada through effective relationships and communication** with Parliament, other orders of government, other sectors of Canadian society and the general public.
5. **The LAB / RC will assume additional responsibilities** as mandated by the signatory First Nations, to the extent required to maintain the integrity of the *Framework Agreement* and sustain effective First Nations governance and management of reserve lands, environment and resources.
6. **The LAB will advocate for appropriate terms and conditions for the five-year renewal of the federal funding authority** for implementation of the *Framework Agreement* in the context of a government-to-government relationship that can accommodate an increasing number of First Nations on a sustainable basis including an appropriate method for funding First Nations.