

BACKGROUND

The Lands Advisory Board is an elected board made up of 15 Directors and a Chair. The Board represents three regions: BC, the Prairies and the East. It is the Directors who are mandated to conduct the business of the Lands Advisory Board.

The mandate, as set out in the *Framework Agreement*, includes responsibilities to:

- Develop a method for allocating operating funds (30.2)
- In consultation with First Nations, negotiate a funding method (39(i))
- Propose amendments to the *Framework Agreement* (39(h))
- Adopt rules for the procedure at its meetings (39.2)

WHO MAY INTRODUCE RESOLUTIONS?

Only LAB Directors can move or second a resolution.

WHO MAY VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS?

Technically, only LAB Directors can vote on resolutions, but it has become customary to extend voting privileges on resolutions to First Nation representatives who are in attendance at LAB meetings. The LAB Directors normally pass their own resolution to this effect.

Extended voting means that votes on resolutions may be cast by:

✓ **Operational First Nation Representatives**

Chiefs or Proxy holders from First Nations who have ratified the *Framework Agreement* by enacting a land code.

✓ **Developmental First Nation Representatives**

Chiefs or Proxy holders from First Nations that are signatories to the *Framework Agreement* but who have not ratified it by enacting a land code.

Proxies

A letter from the Chief of a First Nation designating a Proxy should be delivered to the Chair of the LAB, Robert Louie at or before the meeting. Any questions about proxies should also be directed to the Chair.