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Land Use Planning in the Transition

to a New Relationship

*key elements for success and
emerging challenges*

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In the past....

- Not all success
- Lack of recognition
 - Rights and title
 - FN governance system
- Lack of trust
- Consultative rather than engaging
- Driven by legal requirements
- Under resourced
- Lack of interagency coordination
- Lack of regional / headquarters coordination

Skeena Region

- First Nations represent a high proportion of the population;
- Wet'suwet'en, Gixtsan, Haisla, Nisga'a, Tsimshian, Tahltan, Kaska, Yekooche;
- Cassiar Iskut Stikine, Kalum, North Coast, Morice LRMPs;
- Kowesas, Dease Liard, and Nass SRMPs, Cranberry LUP;
- “Evolving Relationship”

Morice LRMP

- Engaged early
- Government to government
- Capacity funding provided
- Shared decision making
- Consensus seeking
- Table Participation
 - Need to engage with community
- G2G forum – address outstanding issues
 - Wet'suwet'en, Yekooche and Lake Babine

Morice LRMP - Wet'suwet'en

- Abstained from Table consensus
- Identified seven outstanding issues
- Relationship building
- Mining workshop
 - Information session
 - Included Chief's, elders, negotiating team, industry, Gov't
 - Process to develop Wet'suwet'en vision for mining
- Committed to ongoing G2G relationship
- Challenging decision making structure
- Beyond mandate, not yet success

Morice LRMP - Yekooche

- Declined participation in 2002
- Re-engaged in 2005
- Capacity funding
- Highly motivated
- Provided bridge to other agencies
- Video as a communication tool
- Functional decision making
- Commitment to continued involvement in land use planning

Dease Liard SRMP

- Kaska partnership with province to develop one plan
- Capacity provided
- Kaska support for SRMP model
- Social choice
- Meeting on their terms and in their territory
- Geographic scope of project jointly determined
- Outcomes jointly developed
- Consensus reached on all elements of the plan
- Kaska publicly refer to Dease Liard as “their” plan
- Commitment to long term relationship around planning

Gitanyow/Nass SRMP

- Highly motivated First Nation
- Partnership established
- MoF and ILMB working together
- Capacity provided
- Support SRMP model
- Builds on Cranberry planning process
- See it as co-management
- Early involvement in development of process
- Seen as more than another stakeholder
- Ability to make social choices

Proposed Tahltan LUP

- Engaged early
- Full partnership
- Interagency team (ILMB, MARR, MEMPR, MED, MoF)
- Sought out their perspectives (Reports, Web)
- Direct about provincial interests (i.e. increased mineral development)
- Adjusted process to meet Tahltan needs
- Open to “updating” CIS LRMP
- Capacity
- Joint development of project charter
- Proposing to hire Tahltan as auxiliary

New Relationship and Planning

- Key conditions for a **trusting** relationship:
 - Listen like you mean it
 - Respect
 - Direct
 - Collaboration on problem solving
 - Collective decision making
 - FN ownership
 - FN is willing and motivated
 - FN decision making system is functional
 - Transparency

New Relationship and Planning

- Key elements of a planning process
 - Recognize FN as a government
 - Partnership
 - Capacity funding
 - Early involvement
 - Joint process design
 - Joint project planning
 - Social choice
 - Joint decisions on process lead to easier content negotiations
 - Commitment to long term relationship around planning
 - Hire FNs rep onto project team
 - ILMB conduit to other natural resource agencies

New Relationship and Planning

- Emerging issues/Challenges
 - Expectations have increased dramatically
 - Shared decision making
 - Revenue sharing
 - Requires greater interagency coordination
 - MARR/ILMB coordinate
 - Capacity funding
 - Staff resources – enough? the right skill set?
 - Land use plan with no FNs participation