



Stewardship and Sustainability in the Secwepemcul'ecw – Information Session

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Canim Lake Band Conference

NEW RELATIONSHIP

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New Relationship Milestones

- ◆ Nov 2004 - BC engaged 3 BC FN Coalitions – First Nation Summit, UBCIC and Assembly of First Nations (the Leadership Council) after the *Haida* decision
- ◆ April 2005, the parties developed “The New Relationship” document (Vision Statement)
- ◆ Reason for this approach:
 - Haida decision and potential need to consult on thousands of decisions.
 - Desire by both parties to avoid further litigation
 - Streamline the consultation/accommodation process



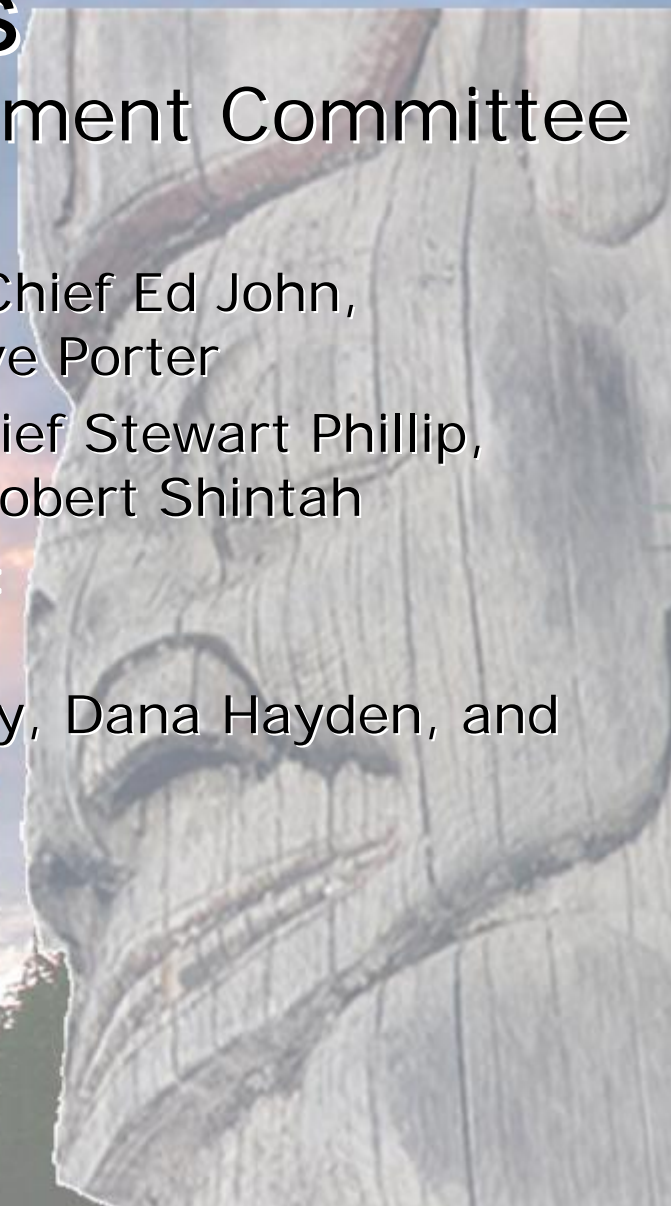
New Relationship Milestones cont'd

- ◆ Sept 2005 budget speech - \$100 million New Relationship Trust
- ◆ Nov 2005– First Ministers Meeting – raised New Relationship at national level – Transformative Change Accord signed between Leadership Council, BC and Canada



Existing New Relationship Products

- ◆ New Relationship Management Committee meets monthly:
 - **First Nations Summit:** Grand Chief Ed John, Grand Chief Doug Kelly, and Dave Porter
 - **Union of BC Indian Chiefs:** Chief Stewart Phillip, Chief Mike Retasket, and Chief Robert Shintah
 - **BC Assembly of First Nations:** Regional Chief Shawn Atleo
 - **Province of BC:** Lorne Brownsey, Dana Hayden, and Rob Lapper





Existing New Relationship Products cont'd

- ◆ FRA "template" revised - FRO
 - currently being implemented
 - addresses differing perspectives on rights and title, and FN issues with existing template
 - new consultation protocols
- ◆ \$100 million New Relationship Trust - Legislation Spring 2006 - for building capacity to address such issues as consultation, land and resource management, and planning



Projected New Relationship Elements

- ◆ FN Secretariat – structure and activities
- ◆ New Consultation Framework
- ◆ New Relationship Trust
- ◆ Elements of New Relationship:
 - Greater FN role in land use decision making
 - FN engagement in policy decisions
 - Revenue sharing arrangements
 - Institutional change
 - Capacity building
- ◆ Transformative Change Accord focus on Social, Education and Health – “Closing the Gap”





Negotiated Forest and Range Agreements (now FROs)

Provincial Commitments:

- ◆ Revenue Sharing from forest sector
- ◆ Timber (facilitated by Revitalization Act and takeback of 20% of major licensee AAC)
- ◆ Consultation process to be developed

First Nation Commitments:

- ◆ Acceptance of economic benefits as interim accommodation, with potential for other accommodations

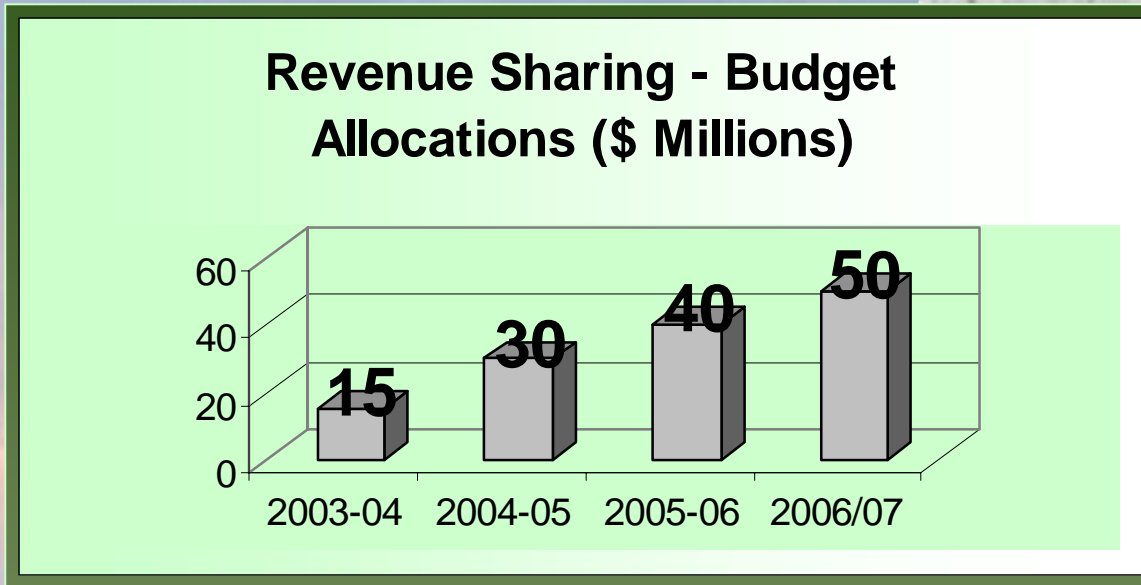


Progress Report – Forest and Range Opportunity Agreements

- ◆ 103 First Nations have signed forestry agreements to date, offering:
 - \$116 million revenue sharing over the term of these agreements
 - 16.6 million m³ of timber
- ◆ MOFR continues to negotiate FROs with First Nations and direct award of timber, including MPB timber
- ◆ \$50 million FRO budget for 06/07



First Nation Forest Strategy: Revenue Sharing



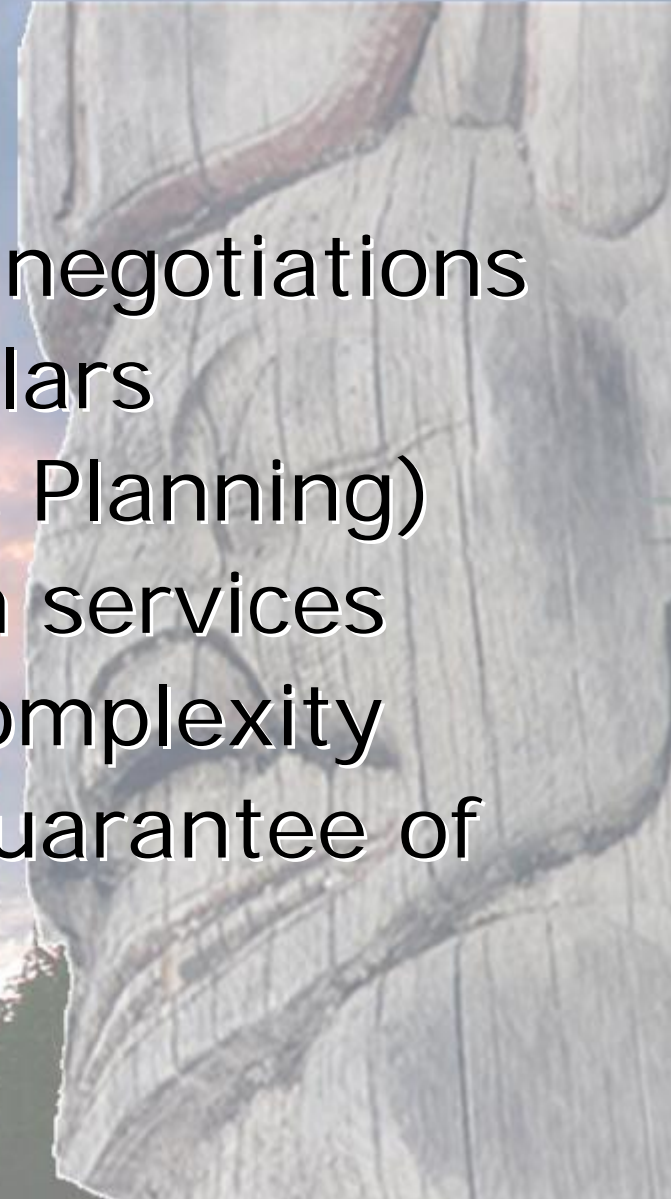
- No Strings on First Nations expenditures
- May support capacity, business development and any other meaningful initiatives to First Nations
- First Nations are free to access other provincial funding sources



Challenges

Negotiating agreements

- Resources–prioritizing negotiations
- Limited timber and dollars
- Capacity (eg. Business Planning)
- Partnerships/extension services
- Timber re-allocation complexity
- Cyclical market – no guarantee of financial success





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