

First Nations Land Referrals Workshop



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Summary of Results

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Purpose Workshop

- To share information about various FN information management projects in BC
- Goal: To work together to share best practices for building sustainable land stewardship information management
- Approx. 80 people in attendance

Presentations

- Hupacasath
- Neskonlith (Skat'tsin Land & Resources)
- Ktunaxa Nation
- Treaty 8 Tribal Association
- Nesso Watchie Resource Management
- Tsilhqot'in Nation Government
- Carrier Sekani Tribal Council
- GeoConnections (NRCAN)
- Front CounterBC, ILMB
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)

Workshop Process

- Day 1 – Presentations
- Day 2 –
 - Presentation from Satsan (Herb George), National Centre for First Nations Governance
 - Break out groups
- Results:
 - 14 Recommendations
 - 8 Next Steps
 - Compiled in a Final Report (www.cstc.bc.ca)

Recommendations - Technology

- Technology Issues
 1. Create User Groups (FN LUP Communities of Practice) & improve existing ones (i.e. AMN)
 2. Getting all existing FN technology practices out to all FNs (FNTC as facilitator of the process)
 3. Information consolidation – data access, more workshops like this: training in policy/standards, operations & new technologies (i.e. Open Source)
 4. Develop cost analysis of FN systems that were demonstrated, and others in progress

Recommendations – Operations Policy/Capacity Building & Training

1. Develop feasibility plans for referrals management
2. Support FN administrative structures
3. Clarify policies (e.g. fee for service vs. accommodation, standards for relations or acceptable range of modes of accommodation, developing institutional & regulatory framework for permits/licensing)
4. Partnerships needed with businesses, government and business organizations to develop guidelines for accommodations, relationship building & policies
5. Create opportunities for fee structures and economic development using new technology tools

Recommendations – Strategic Policy

1. Clarify role of FNLC (limits, benefits) and role of FNs
2. Develop a Policy Working Group
3. Develop FN Lands, Water & Resources Working Group for 'on the ground' issues: shared decision-making, referrals practices, joint LUP, etc.
4. Create Consultation/Accommodation Ombudsman
5. Develop standardized provincial or regional fee-for-service systems to manage referrals, ensure government & industry pays for legal duty to consult

Next - Steps

1. Link this work to higher strategic initiatives
2. FN Technical Support Network being created by FNLC – for coordination/networking
3. Need follow up session to some topics discussed during this workshop (i.e. Referrals Policy)
4. Develop an Ombudsman Organization for intervening in consultation issues
5. Connect with other upcoming events (e.g. FNLC Forum)
6. Listing all events/forums in single website/listserve
7. Create