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COMMITTEES**

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Joint Planning and Policy Development Forum Process

The Joint Planning and Policy Development Forum process, established in 1999, is a gathering bringing together First Nations and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) representatives in an open dialogue forum to discuss, listen and learn about First Nation goals and aspirations and make recommendations for departmental changes in planning, programs and service delivery in order to improve the quality of life in First Nation communities. The goal is to better reflect First Nations realities in INAC BC Region directions and activities

There have been seven joint forums since 1999. BC Region is committed to integrating First Nations' priorities identified through joint dialogue forums and joint committees into regional and operational decision-making processes.

Issues pertaining to national policy, program funding allocations and priorities, or requiring legislative amendments are currently outside of the purview of the Forum process. Issues of this nature can be communicated by the Steering Committee (SC) to national organizations for consideration.

The Joint Planning and Policy Development Forum Steering Committee

A joint Steering Committee composed of departmental staff and First Nations forum participant volunteers was struck in 1999. Following the 2001 Forum, the Steering Committee committed to overseeing the process of flowing Forum recommendations to appropriate Joint First Nation/DIAND committees in B.C.

The relationship of the Joint Forum Steering Committee to that of the Joint First Nation/DIAND committees is one of **facilitator***. *The Steering Committee has no mandate to direct the work of the joint committees, however, the joint committees have expressed a strong desire to work with the Steering Committee and each other to better coordinate their activities and address the recommendations arising from the Forums.*

*See next page for relationship diagram

Directory of Joint Committees

The attached list of joint First Nations/ INAC committees was compiled for your reference and to facilitate more direct First Nations participation in the development of DIAND policies affecting their communities.

These committees have technical expertise in areas such as social and economic development, education and capital.

The majority of the joint committees have existed for years and have undertaken their work independently from the relatively new Joint Planning and Policy Development Forum process. Other committees, such as the First Nation Public Service Committee were established as a direct result of Forum recommendations.

Policy or Funding Allocation Committees

Various committees focus on policy development, while others focus on funding review and allocation under various DIAND programs and initiatives. Funding allocation committees are largely proposal driven.

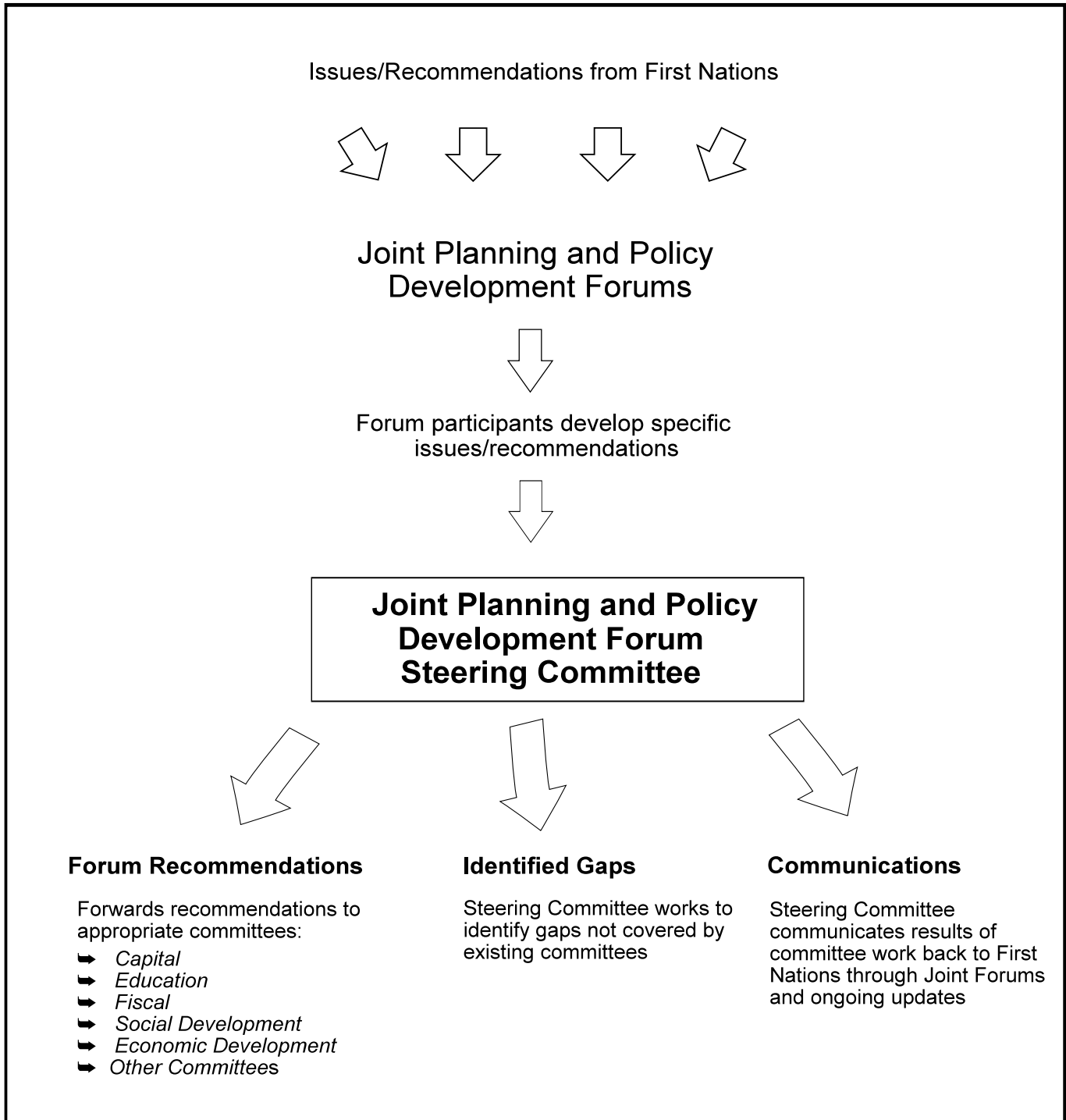
First Nations Participation

You are encouraged to forward comments/ recommendations respecting departmental policies, procedures or programs directly to the appropriate committee. These joint committees and the Joint Planning and Policy Development Forums represent two ways in which First Nation communities can participate in the development of departmental policies and procedures which affect their lives. We encourage you to take advantage of these avenues to ensure your views are heard.

Committees are sorted alphabetically in the index and according to function and topic in the Appendices. This document may be found on the Joint Forum website at:

http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/bc/jf/index_e.html

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Name of Committee: B.C. Capacity Initiative Council			
Type of Committee:	√ Reviews/Revises Policy & Procedures	√ Recommends funding allocations	√ Proposal Driven
Deadline for proposals:	December 9, 2005	Reports Due: For full year projects	Progress: September 30, 2005 Final: March 31, 2006
Year Established:	April 15, 1999	Frequency of Meetings:	Quarterly (additional teleconferences)
Source of Funds:	Claims Envelope	Duration of Funding Authority:	2004/05-2008/09;
Purpose:			
To recommend proposals that develop First Nations' land and resource negotiation capacity. Aboriginal groups who have asserted title, or their representative organizations or companies, are eligible for funding.			
To enhance the capacity and expertise of First Nations who have asserted Aboriginal title to consult and negotiate on land and resource interests within traditional territories, and to manage and implement the land and resources components of comprehensive land claims settlements.			
Committee Members:			
Clifford Atleo	Ahousaht First Nation		
Graham Dallas	Canadian National Railway (Delta)		
Howard Grant	First Nations Summit		
Bill Harper	BC Federation of Labour		
Ronald Ignace	Skeetchestn Indian Band		
Frank Parnell	Tribal Resources Investment Corporation		
Chief Leonard Thomas	Nak'Azdli Band		
Justin Wilson	Heiltsuk First Nation		
Term: 2004/05 to 2008/09		Selection Process: Solicited for expertise	
INAC Contact:	Doug Wanamaker	Telephone #	604-775-7101
	Alice Wong	Telephone #	604-775-5118
Website Address:	NA	Information Last Updated:	February 2005
How can First Nations become involved or provide input? By phoning or writing the Secretariat or a Council member.			

Name of Committee: BC Mould Technical Committee			
Type of Committee:	√ Reviews/Revises Policy & Procedures		
Deadline for proposals:	N/A	Reports Due:	Progress: N/A Final: N/A
Year Established:	1999	Frequency of Meetings:	To be determined.
Source of Funds:	N/A	Duration of Funding Authority:	N/A
<p>Purpose: In partnership with First Nations and other stakeholders, the Committee was created to discuss and to identify the causes and effects of mould in First Nations housing stock and community buildings. To develop a holistic management strategy to address the equitable and efficient application of resources available.</p> <p>To ensure through open dialogue, full disclosure and mutual understanding, that all recommendations and actions reflect each partner's interests, constraints and aspirations.</p>			
<p>Committee Members: Sheila Jackson Craig INAC Tom Siems CMHC Peter Mazey Health Canada</p>			
Term: As long as required		Selection Process: Those First Nations initially identified to be primarily affected by mould and representative(s) from all federal government departments who are involved in the process of building on reserve.	
Chairperson(s):	Sheila Jackson Craig, INAC	Telephone #	604-666-5799
INAC Contact:	Sheila Jackson Craig, A/Manager Special Services Unit, FS	Telephone #	604-666-5799
Website Address:	N/A	Information Last Updated:	April 2004
How can First Nations become involved or provide input? First Nations are represented on the Committee.			

Name of Committee: BC Aboriginal Housing Technical Steering Committee			
Type of Committee	Review and Advise on Aboriginal housing programs		
Deadline for proposals:	N/A	Reports Due:	Progress: N/A Final: N/A
Year established	2000	Frequency of Meetings	Quarterly
Purpose: 12 member committee comprised of 8 First Nations members, 2 members from CMHC, and 2 from INAC. To provide quality advice and strategic direction on aboriginal housing programs in BC. Primarily on joint CMHC/INAC assisted housing initiatives. To provide a community perspective related to housing issues, improving coordination between housing organizations and improving consultation processes with communities.			
Committee Members: Garry Merkel, Ktunaxa-Kinbasket Tribal Council (Chair) Sheila Jackson Craig, INAC Marge Fraser, Tahltan Gary Palfreyman, INAC Rod Ignace, Skeetchestn Jeff Loucks, CMHC Jim Munroe, Carrier Chilcotin Tribal Council Cliff Grant, CMHC Sylvia Olsen, Tsartlip Dan Rodgers, Gitxsan Government Commission Karen Terbasket, Lower Similkameen Vickie Thomas, Columbia Lake Ruth Williams, All Nations Trust Company			
Term: Overlapping 2 year terms		Selection Process: INAC/CMHC appoint their members and the committee collectively chooses aboriginal members based on an established selection criteria.	
Chairperson(s):	Gary Merkel	Telephone #	N/A
INAC Contact:	Sheila Jackson Craig, A/Manager Special Services Unit, FS	Telephone #	604-666-5799
Website Address:	N/A	Information Last Updated:	April 2004
How can First Nations become involved or provide input? Respond to invitation for expression of interest calls for the selection of 2 new members each year. Notices sent to Band offices usually in October each year or through the website.			

Name of Committee: Economic Development Project Review Committee (PRC)			
Type of Committee:	√ Reviews and recommends project proposals for funding		
Deadline for proposals:	On-going	Reports Due:	N/A
Year Established:	November 1999	Frequency of Meetings:	Bi-monthly
Source of Funds:	regional A-base	Duration of Funding Authority:	subject to annual appropriations and priorities
Purpose:			
To assess, review and recommend project proposals for funding from the Economic Development Opportunity Fund, Resource Acquisition Initiative and Major Business Development Program. The PRC evaluates all projects which have been recommended for funding by an independent business assessor. The PRC ensures that all aspects of program terms of reference have been complied with, and that businesses considered for funding are sound and viable.			
Committee Members:			
Ruth Williams	All Nations Trust Company		
Al Little	Nuu-Chah-Nulth Aboriginal Capital Corporation		
Vacant, Manager	Tale'awtxw Aboriginal Capital Corporation		
Angie Stewart	Tribal Resources Investment Corporation		
Allan Widdows	Aboriginal Business Canada		
John Harper	BC Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services		
Mathew Garrow	Human Resources Skills Development Canada		
David Hooper	Indian and Northern Affairs Canada		
Term: One Year		Selection Process: Organizations selected by INAC. Members selected by organizations.	
Chairperson(s)	Ruth Williams	Telephone #	250-828-9770
INAC Contact:	David Hooper	Telephone #	604-666-7762
Website Address:	N/A	Information Last Updated:	February 2005
How can First Nations become involved or provide input?		Input can be provided to any committee member to bring to the Project Review Committee.	

Name of Committee:		British Columbia Counsel for Aboriginal Economic Development	
Type of Committee:	√ Reviews/Revises Policy & Procedures		
Deadline for proposals:	N/A	Reports Due:	N/A
Year Established:	1999	Frequency of Meetings:	Quarterly
Source of Funds:	N/A	Duration of Funding Authority:	N/A
Purpose:		To encourage partnerships and networking related to Aboriginal economic development and to influence government policies to enhance program delivery to Aboriginal clients. The Counsel has organized economic development workshops/conferences with the objectives of providing a forum for networking, information sharing and First Nations' feedback regarding the effectiveness of government programs.	
Committee Members:			
Janice Rose	J.M. Rose & Associates Consulting, Ladysmith, BC		
Ray Gerow	Prince George Aboriginal Business Development Association (Chairperson)		
Chris Robertson	First Nation Consultant, Gibsons, BC		
Arthur Mercer	Nisga'a Lisims, Terrace, BC		
Kathi Dickie	Fort Nelson First Nation		
Frank Parnell	TRICORP, Prince Rupert		
Cliff Fregin	National Aboriginal Capital Corporation Association		
Geri Collins	Community Futures, Kamloops BC		
Tim Low	Indian and Northern Affairs Canada		
Term: Indefinite		Selection Process: INAC selected members of the provincial Native Economic Development Advisory Board. Additional members selected by initial member consensus.	
Chairperson(s):	Ray Gerow	Telephone #	250-562-6325
INAC Contact:	Tim Low	Telephone #	604-775-6278
Website Address:	N/A	Information Last Updated:	February 2005
How can First Nations become involved or provide input?		First Nations and entrepreneurs can provide input through any Counsel member.	

Name of Committee:		Education Partners Committee	
Type of Committee:	√ Policy Advice and Action Planning		
Deadline for proposals:	N/A	Reports Due:	N/A
Year Established:	1999	Frequency of Meetings:	Quarterly
Source of Funds:	N/A	Duration of Funding Authority:	N/A
Purpose: Bringing together education partners to share information and work collaboratively, within their mandates, to improve school success for Aboriginal learners in British Columbia.			
Committee Members: Tripartite Education Committee members First Nations Schools Association BC College of Teachers BC School Trustees Association BC Teachers' Federation BC Schools Superintendents' Association BC Principals and Vice Principals' Association INAC BC Ministry of Education FNESC UBCIC BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils			
Term: Indefinite		Selection Process: Executive representation	
Chairperson(s):	Rotating:	Telephone #	
	Chief Nathan Matthew	-	
	Steven Joudry RDG, INAC	604-666-5201	
	Emery Dosdall, Deputy Minister of Education	-	
INAC Contact:	Sara Cousins, IGA	Telephone #	604-775-8142
Website Address:	N/A	Information Last Updated:	February 2005
How can First Nations become involved or provide input? Through First Nation Education Steering Committee regional consultations or input to Tripartite Education Committee representatives.			

Name of Committee: First Nation Alliance 4 Land Management (FNA4LM)			
Type of Committee:	√Reviews/Revises Policy & Procedures		
Deadline for proposals:	Annually	Reports Due:	Progress: N/A Final: March 31, 2005
Year Established:	May 1999	Frequency of Meetings:	4 times a year
Source of Funds:	N/A	Duration of Funding Authority:	N/A
Purpose: To enhance the capacity and expertise of First Nations Land Managers to prepare for increased responsibilities in the land, resources and environmental management of reserve land. To create new and improved workshops and courses to enhance First Nations' capacity to consult, manage, negotiate and implement land, resources and environmental management of reserve land. Funding has been made available under Gathering Strength to FNA4LM to create a legal society and conduct workshops.			
Committee Members: Freda Jules Ian MacLeod			
		Kamloops Indian Band Manager, Lands Team 2, LTS, INAC	
Term: Extended to 2001/03		Selection Process: First Nation members become members by providing a Band Council Resolution to the Chairperson.	
Chairperson(s):	Freda Jules	Telephone #	250-828-9784
INAC Contact:	Ian MacLeod Manager, Lands Team 2, LTS	Telephone #	604-775-6108
Website Address:	www.fna4lm.ca	Information Last Updated:	February 2005
How can First Nations become involved or provide input? Attend workshops.			

Name of Committee:		First Nations Environmental Assessment Technical Working Group	
Type of Committee:	√ Reviews/Revises Policy & Procedures		
Deadline for proposals:	N/A	Reports Due:	Progress: N/A Final: N/A
Year Established:	1998	Frequency of Meetings:	3/year
Source of Funds:	N/A	Duration of Funding Authority:	N/A
Purpose:			
<p>To serve as a resource body on First Nation (FN) involvement in environmental assessment, assisting interested FNs, FN organizations, the BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) and interested provincial and federal agencies (including INAC) to advisory body, helping to remove key barriers that inhibit FNs' meaningful and effective involvement in environmental assessment processes.</p> <p>The Working Group operates to fulfill several purposes, as described below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advise FNs, the EAO and government agencies on issues relating to provincial and federal environmental assessment processes. 2. Develop and recommend initiatives and strategies to assist FNs, the EAO and government agencies in facilitating meaningful FN involvement in provincial and federal environmental assessment processes. 3. Provide a forum for FNs, the EAO, government agencies and industry for the purpose of information-sharing, improving communications and commenting on environmental assessment related initiatives of mutual interest. 4. Provide information and advisory services to FNs involved with project reviews, on their invitation. 5. Support FN environmental assessment capacity building. 			

Committee Members:**(organization is for mailing purposes only - not Working Group representation)**

Rick Krehbiel	Lheidli T'enneh Band
Bill Green	Canadian Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Commission
Dr. Charlene Higgins	Shuswap Nation Tribal Council
Lyle Leo	Mount Currie Indian Band/ Creekside Resources
Diane Hinkley	Cowichan Tribes
Martyn Glassman	BC Environmental Assessment Office
Laura Dear	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
Lisa Webster	Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Fred Fortier	Secwepemc Fisheries Commission
Susan Kelly	BC Treaty Negotiations Office
Susan Carlick	Taku River Tlingit First Nation
Michael Svoboda	Taku River Tlingit First Nation
Kathleen Johnnie	Snuneymuxw First Nation
Michelle Ellison	Ratcliff & Company
Norman Day	Tahlтан Band Council
Collier Azak	Nisga'a Lisims Government

Term: N/A**Selection Process:** Open to any FNs' environmental assessment practitioners (including consultants).**Chairperson:** N/A**Telephone #****INAC Contact:** Lisa Webster, Senior Environmental Specialist, LTS**Telephone #** 604-666-0596**Lead Contact on Committee:**
Bill Green, CCRIFC

250-417-3474

Website Address: N/A**Information Last Updated:** February 2005**How can First Nations become involved or provide input?**

Contact STET.

Name of Committee: First Nation Forestry Program (FNFP) Provincial Management Committee			
Type of Committee:	√ Reviews/Revises Policy & Procedures	√ Allocates Funding	√ Proposal Driven
Deadline for proposals:	Set yearly	Reports Due:	Progress: Frequency determined project by project. Final: Project end
Year Established:	1996	Frequency of Meetings:	Twice yearly for committee; ad hoc for sub-committee
Source of Funds:	DIAND and Canada Forest Service's A-bases (occasional partnership funding from Province)	Duration of Funding Authority:	subject to annual appropriations and priorities
Purpose:			
The administration, management and delivery of the FNFP in BC. The Committee develops its own policies for program administration and implementation, administers the FNFP using the FNFP Manual of Standards and Procedures as a guide, develops and implements a communications strategy, prepares annual work plans, and reviews and approves project proposals.			
Committee Members:			
Elaine Teske/ Nello Cataldo Canadian Forest Service, Natural Resources Canada Bob Hart Senior Natural Resource Specialist, LTS, INAC Richard Manuel Neskonlith Brian Williams Kispiox Chief Clarence Louie Osoyoos Earl Smith Hayes Forest Services Ltd. Leonard Joe First Nation Forester Ron Matthew North Thompson First Nation Vacant BC. Ministry of Forests			
(Each member has an alternate)			
Term: No established term		Selection Process: Participants are chosen for their knowledge of forestry issues and expertise through business or band enterprises. The board is comprised of nine First Nation representatives (three of which are Aboriginal business owners) and one representative each from INAC, Canadian Forest Service, and the provincial Ministry of Forests.	

Chairperson(s):	Elaine Teske Chief Nathan Matthew	Telephone #	
INAC Contact:	Bob Hart, Senior Natural Resources Specialist, LTS	Telephone #	604-666-6107
Website Address:	N/A	Information Last Updated:	February 2005
How can First Nations become involved or provide input?			
Contact Committee chair.			

Name of Committee: First Nations Public Service Initiative Committee	
Type of Committee:	√ Develops new initiatives
Deadline for proposals:	n/a
Reports Due:	Progress: N/A Final: N/A
Year Established:	2000
Frequency of Meetings:	As appropriate
Source of Funds:	N/A
Duration of Funding Authority:	N/A
Purpose: Created as a result of a recommendation of the Joint Planning and Policy Development Forum, this committee works to coordinate the development of a public service initiative that will meet the demand for a stable, professional public workforce among B.C. First Nations communities. The initiative seeks to anticipate and meet the challenge of creating a "made-in-B.C." First Nations public service, to strengthen skills to close present gaps, and to build new skills to anticipate future needs.	
Committee Members: Neill Sterritt Sterritt Consulting Ltd. Howard Grant First Nations Summit Victor Robinson Gitanmaax First Nation Patrick Kelly Director, Strategic Planning and Communication, INAC Ted Adnitt Director, Funding Services, INAC Thomas Howe Director, Land and Trusts Services, INAC Catherine Lappe Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, INAC Shelagh Ryan-McKnee Director, Human Resources, INAC Fern Hietkamp A/ Manager, Strategic Planning, INAC Bill Zaharoff Director, Capacity Building Initiatives, INAC	
Term: ongoing until project team developed	Selection Process: Joint Planning and Policy Forum Steering Committee members
Chairperson(s): Patrick Kelly Victor Robinson	Telephone # 604-775-7805 604-847-0755
INAC Contact: Ann Sterritt	Telephone # 604-666-5929
Website Address: N/A	Information Last Updated: February 2005
How can First Nations become involved or provide input? Through INAC contact or through Joint Planning and Policy Development Forum Steering Committee	

Name of Committee:		First Nations Social Development Steering Committee Society	
Type of Committee:			
Type of Committee:	√ Reviews/Revises Policy & Procedures		
Deadline for proposals:	N/A	Reports Due:	N/A
Year Established:	1998	Frequency of Meetings:	Monthly
Source of Funds:	N/A	Duration of Funding Authority:	N/A
Deadline for proposals:		Reports Due:	
Purpose:			
To improve Social Development programs and enable recipients to become self sufficient by providing ongoing advice and recommendations regarding Social development programs such as the National Child Benefit Reinvestment Strategy, Income Security Reform and Social Development Policy Framework. The FNSDSCS (formerly SDWG) also serves as the BC Region repository of effective practices and recommends communication and information sharing strategies.			

Committee Members:

Cheryl Anderson	Kootenay Region
Brian Baker (Ex-officio)	Squamish Nation
Andy Butler	Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Jeanette Costello (Ex-officio)	Nisga'a Lisims Government
Franki Craig	FNSDSCS
James George	Vancouver Mainland Region
Lyndale George	Gitksan Wetsuwetan Region
Donna Good Water	Townsend Region
Karin Hunt	Carrier Sekani Region
Geri McDougall	NorthWest Region
Jullian Narayan	Lilloet Region
Gary Palfreyman	Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Faline Pare	Fraser Valley Region
Eric Pelkey	South Island Region
Teree Rathje	Treaty 8 Region
Jack Spotted-Eagle	Okanagan Region
Linda Stiller	Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Delores Theodore	Williams Lake Region
Angie Thorne	Nicola Region
Nene Van Volsen	West Vancouver Island Region
Janet Webster	Canyon First Nation
Bernice Wilkes	Carrier Sekani Region
Francis Woodcock	North Island Region

Term: Indefinite**Selection Process:** Regional representation; past experience in the social development and/or child welfare programs.**Chairperson(s):** President**Telephone #** SDRC 1-800-991-7099**INAC Contact:** Linda Stiller**Telephone #** 604-666-5082**Website Address:** www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/bc/jf/index
www.resourcecentre.org**Information Last Updated:** February 2005**How can First Nations become involved or provide input?**

Through the committee member who is located in the geographical area closest to the First Nation.

Name of Committee:		Fisheries Dialogue Process	
Type of Committee:	√ Reviews/Revises Policy & Procedures		
Deadline for proposals:	N/A	Reports Due:	Progress: N/A Final: N/A
Year Established:	October, 2000	Frequency of Meetings:	Steering Committee - 4 times per year; Dialogue Forums - 2 times per year
Source of Funds:	N/A	Duration of Funding Authority:	N/A
Purpose:			
<p>Federal Government agencies and First Nations organizations who are signatories to the Joint Fisheries Dialogue for British Columbia Memorandum of Understanding agree to work together on the following policy areas while understanding that these discussions do not limit or replace any bilateral negotiations between them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing new policies which could include a review of emerging policy issues • Providing recommendations on proposed policies by reviewing such policies at the earliest possible opportunity, • Providing recommendations on existing policy, which could include a review of policy and legislative gaps. <p>To establish a joint process that allows Federal Government agencies and First Nations organization to engage in a dialogue on a broad range of policies related to fish, fisheries and related social, economic and environmental issues.</p>			

Committee Members:Steering Committee

Federal Government agencies and First Nations organizations will appoint an individual at the highest level within their organization to be a member of the Steering Committee. The Steering committee will meet quarterly. A Secretariat will be appointed and will meet as required to draft materials, propose ideas and provide logistical support to the forums. Signatories to the MOU are Fisheries and Oceans, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Environment Canada, Human Resource Development Canada, BC Aboriginal Fisheries Commission, First Nations Summit Task Force and Native Brotherhood of BC.

Forums and Working Groups

The Federal Government agencies and First Nations organizations agree to establish a process to facilitate their dialogue. Topics for discussion will be determined in forums and working groups. The work of these forums and working groups will be enabled by the Steering Committee described above.

Term: Ongoing		Selection Process: First Nation self selection	
Chairperson(s):	No chair. Facilitated by Diamond Management Consulting. Keeper of the process is Mike Staley	Telephone #	Mike 604-261-7065
INAC Contact:	Janet Harper	Telephone #	604-775-7108
Website Address:	N/A	Information Last Updated:	February 2005
How can First Nations become involved or provide input?			
Through BC Aboriginal Fisheries Commission 604 913-9060			

Name of Committee:		Funding Agreement Management Committee	
Type of Committee:	√ Reviews/Revises Policy & Procedures and recommends changes to agreements		
Deadline for proposals:	N/A	Reports Due:	N/A
Year Established:	2002	Frequency of Meetings:	By-monthly
Source of Funds:	N/A	Duration of Funding Authority:	N/A
Purpose:			
Working together to create a process for developing flexible federal funding agreements and management regimes that support joint goals and objectives by actively advocating for and supporting First Nations. To develop options and make recommendations to be considered for the development, communication, implementation and management of funding agreements.			
Committee Members:			
<p>Andy Butler, Manager, Funding Services - Operations West, INAC Betty Reece, Lax'kw'alaams Chris Bolton, Hartley Bay David Calver, Neskonlith Dennis Siska, Funding Services Officer, INAC Diane McRae, Gitksan Government Commission Earl Moody, Skidegate Ellis Ross, Haisla Elona Ewing, Nak'azdli Emma Palmantier, Lake Babine Gabrielle Ollinger, Manager, Funding Services - Opreations North, INAC Gerald Etienne, Shackan Gerry Nantel, Manager, FS - Operations South, INAC James Wilson, Cape Mudge Marilyn Slett, Heiltsuk Priscilla Henderson, Kwakiutl District Council Richard Papiernik, Sr. Advisory Transfer Payments, INAC Sue Wood, President, Aboriginal Financial Officers Association Ted Adnitt, Director, Funding Services, INAC Theresa Dennis, Lower Similkameen Vern Bob, Funding Services Officer, INAC Vickie Whitehead, Manager, Resource, Planning and Allocation, INAC Will Sandoval, West Moberly</p>			
Term: On-going		Selection Process: Volunteer and mandated by Council/Employer for 2 year commitment	
Chairperson(s):	Ted Adnitt Elona Ewing	Telephone #	604-666-5170 250-996-7171
INAC Contact:	Richard Papiernik, FS	Telephone #	604-666-1692

Website Address:	N/A	Information Last Updated:	February 2005
How can First Nations become involved or provide input? Contact INAC representative.			

Name of Committee: Indian Studies Support Program (ISSP) Committee			
Type of Committee:	√ Allocates Funding	√ Proposal Driven	
Deadline for proposals:	Mid-January	Reports Due:	Progress (for current year): December Final (for prior year): November
Year Established:	1990	Frequency of Meetings:	Quarterly
Source of Funds:	Regional A-base	Duration of Funding Authority:	subject to annual appropriations and priorities
Purpose: To promote, support, and enhance the development and implementation of post-secondary education and training programs which are socially and culturally sensitive in meeting the needs of First Nations people. A committee which operates to make recommendations regarding ISSP funding; including design and distribution of ISSP Funding Guidelines, establishment of a funding proposal process; review of funding proposals received, recommendation of annual funding allocations, and maintenance of accountability through the establishment of a reporting framework.			
Committee Members:			
Barbara Morin	Neskonlith		
Barbara White	Snuneymuxw		
Theresa Dennis	Keremeos	Gwen Point	Chilliwack
Lisa Wilson-Wells	Campbell River	Sharon Bird	Fort St. James
Brenda Leighton	Prince Rupert	Margery McRae	Hazelton
Deanna Nyce	New Aiyansh		
Term: 5 years		Selection Process: All First Nations, Tribal Councils, and post secondary institutes in a geographic area are canvassed to submit nominations to the Committee for that particular area. Decisions are made by the Committee.	
Chairperson(s):	Theresa Dennis	Telephone #	604-925-6087
INAC Contact:	Barbara Kavangh, Secretariat (FNESC)	Telephone #	604-925-6087
	Richard Papiernik, Sr. Advisor Transfer Payments		604-666-1692
Website Address:	N/A	Information Last Updated:	February 2005
How can First Nations become involved or provide input? May apply for funding via proposal.			

Name of Committee:	Joint DIAND/First Nation Capital Policy Development Committee		
Type of Committee:	√ Reviews/Revises Policy & Procedures		
Deadline for proposals:	N/A	Reports Due:	Progress: N/A Final: N/A
Year Established:	1999	Frequency of Meetings:	Bi-monthly, or as required
Source of Funds:	N/A	Duration of Funding Authority:	N/A
Purpose:			
<p>This group has been created in part to meet the department's continuing commitment to create a more inclusive environment for the development of policies that affect First Nations. To ensure that policies that are developed incorporate the realities and challenges that First Nations face on a practical level.</p> <p>Capital was one area that readily lent itself to policy making in partnership. The guiding principles of the group reflect our mutual concerns and also respects our respective corporate objectives. From this base, through a process of issue identification and prioritizing the committee is attacking several items that range from policy gaps to longstanding irritants, e.g. Freeze List, Capital Priority Ranking, Renovation Funding, Subdivisions, Capital Budgets Allocations, Service Standards etc.</p>			
Committee Members:			
David Seymour	Indian and Northern Affairs Canada		
Victor Robinson (Co-chair)	Gitanmaax First Nation		
Thomas Sampson	Esketemc First Nation		
Ray Fosbery	Westbank First Nation		
Jeneen Roberts	Cowichan Tribes		
Gary Lister	Sto:lo Tribal Council		
Bob Edzerlza	Tahltan First Nation		
Danny Watts	FN Consultant		
John Bennet	Old Masset Village		
David Crosby	Skidegate First Nation		
James Wilson	Cape Mudge First Nation		
Brenda Thomas	Saik'uz First Nation		
Vicki Thomas	Columbia Lake First Nation		
Ken McDonald (Co-chair)	Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (ohawa leave 1 year)		
Heather Yan	Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (pregnancy leave)		
Sheila Jackson Craig (Co-Chair)	Indian and Northern Affairs Canada		
Gerry Grunau	Real Property Services, Public Works Canada		
William MacArthur			

Term: Ken Sam On-going	TI' azt' en Nat ion s Selection Process: 1. Geographic representation 2. subject matter knowledge
Chairperson(s): Victor Robinson Sheila Jackson Craig INAC Contact: Sheila Jackson Craig, A/Manager Special Services Unit, FS Website Address: N/A	Telephone # (250) 842-5279 (604) 666-5799 Telephone # (604) 666-5799 Information Last Updated: February 2005
How can First Nations become involved or provide input? Through written submissions to co-chairs c/o Sheila Jackson Craig.	

Name of Committee:		Joint Planning and Policy Development Forum Steering Committee	
Type of Committee:	√ Coordination, facilitation & communications		
Deadline for proposals:	N/A	Reports Due:	N/A
Year Established:	November 1999	Frequency of Meetings:	4 times/year
Source of Funds:	N/A	Duration of Funding Authority:	N/A
Purpose:			
To facilitate First Nations and INAC BC Region in jointly making changes to INAC BC Region <i>operational policy and processes</i> in order to better serve First Nations in the areas of program and service delivery, and administration, (through the following):			
Reports regularly to First Nations and INAC on the progress of those policy initiatives identified as priorities;			
Facilitates the work of joint First Nation/INAC committees which make or recommend policy and process changes;			
Develops and maintains communication linkages between Forum participants and joint First Nation/INAC committees which are undertaking review, change and development of INAC operational policy and planning processes;			
Coordinates the efforts of joint First Nation/INAC committees to ensure overlaps, gaps and complementary issues are identified and addressed;			
Provides direction and guidance to joint First Nation/INAC committees as required;			
Monitors action or lack of action on the recommendations made at the Forum and provide direction as needed; and			
Makes recommendations to First Nation national organizations and INAC headquarters on issues of a national policy or legislative nature;			

Committee Members:

Victor Robinson	Gitanmaax First Nation
Ernst Porschenreider	Kitimaat Village Council
Howard Grant	First Nations Summit Task Group
Cameron Beck	Kluskus First Nation
Pearl Hunt	Whe-La-La-U Area Council
Shawn Atleo, Vice Chief	Assembly of First Nations (BC Region)
Mike Mearns	Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of BC
Ray Gerow	Counsel for BC Aboriginal Economic Development

Jennifer Guscott	Associate Regional Director General, BC Region, INAC
Catherine Lappe	Director, IGA
Richard Frizell	Director, Economic Development and Business Partnerships, INAC
Thom Howe	Director, Lands & Trust Services, INAC
Ted Adnitt	Director, Funding Services, INAC
Patrick Kelly	Director, Strategic Planning and Communications, INAC
Sheila Jackson Craig	A/Manager, Special Services Unit, Funding Services, INAC
Tim Lowe	Manager, Economic Development and Business Partnerships, INAC
Fern Hietkamp	A/ Manager, Strategic Planning, INAC
Joan Calderhead	Strategic Planning Officer, INAC

Term: February 2001 until next Joint Forum		Selection Process: volunteer	
Chairperson(s):	Rotating		
INAC Contact:	Joan Calderhead	Telephone #	604-775-5767
Website Address:	http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/bc/jf/index_e.html	Information	February 2005
		Last Updated:	

How can First Nations become involved or provide input?

New members to the Steering Committee are always welcome. In addition, First Nations are encouraged to directly contact technical working committees which are addressing topics of particular interest to individual First Nations, in order to provide their views and recommendations for policy/process changes.

Name of Committee: Pacific Region Joint Steering Committee for First Nations/Inuit Home and Community Care			
Type of Committee:	√ Reviews/Revises Policy & Procedures	√ Allocates Funding	√ Proposal Driven
Deadline for proposals:	2001 - Sept. 10, Oct. 29 2002 - Jan. 14, Mar. 25, May 13, June 14, Sept. 20, Oct. 25, Dec. 6	Reports Due:	N/A
Year Established:	May 2000	Frequency of Meetings:	Bi-monthly
Source of Funds:	Health Canada's regional A-base	Duration of Funding Authority:	subject to annual appropriations and priorities
Purpose:			
To facilitate consultation and coordinate the implementation of the First Nations Home and Community Care program in BC. Specific functions include:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Developing an overall process for needs, training, service development and capital 2) To develop a process to review issues and concerns raised by communities that involve policy development 3) Annual review of service delivery plans to review communities who have not accessed planning dollars and integrate other funding sources. 4) Developing regional guidelines to supplement National guidelines 5) Ensuring First Nations access to program and technical expertise 6) Sharing information and identify options for funding 7) Recommending policy changes to facilitate single window/coordinated access 8) Establishing and maintaining linkages and participation with national subgroups 9) Developing and implementing an ongoing communication and education strategy to ensure that relevant information and data systems are consistent with the First Nations Health Information System 10) Developing a detailed regional program evaluation 11) To review and recommend strategies as to the use of budget variances 12) To review the Terms of Reference annually. 			

Committee Members:

Alan Claxton	Chief's Health Committee (Co-Chair)
Donna Johnson	Chief's Health Committee (Co-Chair)
Kim Louie	Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Deborah Schwartz	BC Ministry of Health
Janet Currier	FN/Inuit Health Programs Branch
Elizabeth Flanders	FN/Inuit Health Programs Branch
Linda Guy	Indian and Northern Affairs, Alternate

Term: May 2000 - May 2002	Selection Process: By organization		
Chairperson(s): Alan Claxton Janet Currier	Telephone #		
INAC Contact: Kim Louie, IGA	Telephone #	604-666-7371	
Website Address:	Information Last Updated:	February 2005	
How can First Nations become involved or provide input?			
Contact Community Health Representatives regarding input into the Community Health Plan.			

Name of Committee:		TRIBAL COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
Type of Committee:	√ Reviews/Revises Policy & Procedures		
Deadline for proposals:	N/A	Reports Due:	N/A
Year Established:	October 1999	Frequency of Meetings:	Quarterly
Source of Funds:	N/A	Duration of Funding Authority:	N/A
Purpose: To create an exploratory review process with BC First Nations to review the program guidelines, service standards, funding formula and accountability mechanisms; identify priority areas for changes; and determine interest in making BC specific recommendations for change.			
Committee Members:			
Chief Joe Hall	Sto:lo Nation		
Pauline Terbasket	Okanagan Nation Alliance		
Priscilla Henderson	Kwakiutl District Council		
Chief Mavis Erickson	Carrier Sekani Tribal Council		
Chief Alan Weselowski	Ulkatcho First Nations		
Lucie Zaharoff	Indian and Northern Affairs Canada		
Term: Indefinite		Selection Process: Executive representation	
Chairperson(s):	Rotating: Jennifer Guscott , INAC	Telephone #	604-666-5206
INAC Contact:	Lucie Zaharoff	Telephone #	604-775-8016
Website Address:	N/A	Information Last Updated:	September, 2003
How can First Nations become involved or provide input?			
TBD			

Name of Committee:		Tripartite Education Committee	
Type of Committee:	√ Reviews/Revises Policy & Procedures		
Deadline for proposals:	N/A	Reports Due:	N/A
Year Established:		Frequency of Meetings:	Quarterly
Source of Funds:	N/A	Duration of Funding Authority:	N/A
Purpose:			
To promote open dialogue among the federal, provincial and First Nation governments on Aboriginal education issues and work collaboratively on provincial policies and guidelines that have an effect on Aboriginal learners to improve the quality of education and the education experience of First Nation learners.			
Committee Members:			
Chief Nathan Matthew	First Nations Education Steering Committee, Strategic Action Committee		
Debbie Jeffrey	President, First Nations Education Steering Committee		
Christa Williams	Executive Director, First Nations Education Steering Committee		
Stephen Joudry	Regional Director, INAC, BC Region		
Ted Adnitt	Director, Funding Services, INAC		
Catherine Lappe	Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, INAC		
Emery Dosedall	Deputy Minister, B.C. Ministry of Education (MOE)		
Leanne Martinson	Education Manager, Intergovernmental Affairs, INAC		
Trish Rosborough	Director, Aboriginal Education, B.C. Ministry of Education		
Term: Indefinite		Selection Process: Executive representation	
Chairperson(s):	Rotating:	Telephone #	
	Chief Nathan Matthew	-	
	Steven Joudry, RDG, INAC	604-666-5201	
	Emery Dosedell, Deputy Minister of Education	-	
INAC Contact:	Sara Cousins, IGA	Telephone #	604-775-8142
Website Address:	N/A	Information Last Updated:	February 2005
How can First Nations become involved or provide input?			
Through First Nation Education Steering Committee regional consultations or input to Tripartite Education Committee representatives.			

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