




Bridging Reconciliation and Integrating First Nations and Western Approaches to Community Forests

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Today we Acknowledge....

Land

Acknowledge our lands, water, all living things including the animals and plants.

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Acknowledge the things we do not see, our ancestors, spirit animals and beings that cross over

Ancestors

Acknowledge our ancestors who passed on the protocols, practices & laws we value and use today

Leaders

Acknowledge our leaders who are around us in the present doing the work that needs to be done

Future

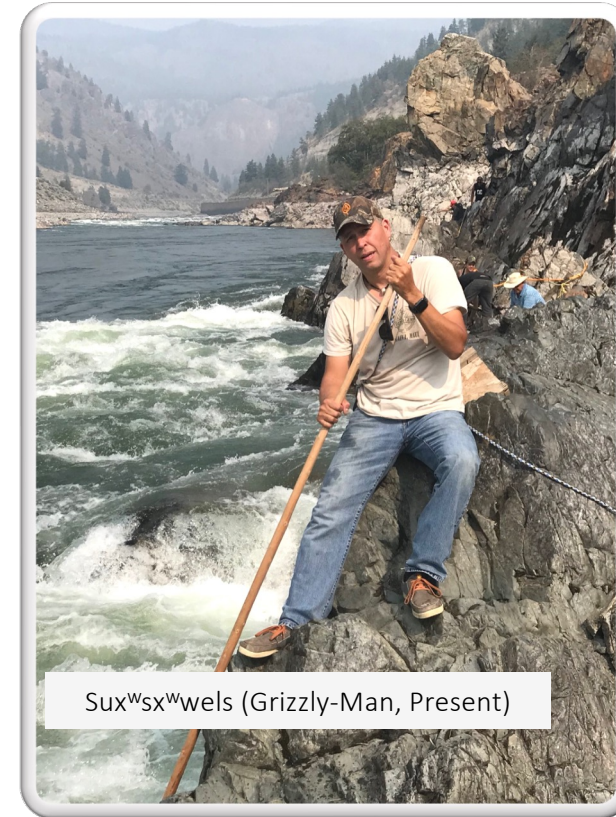
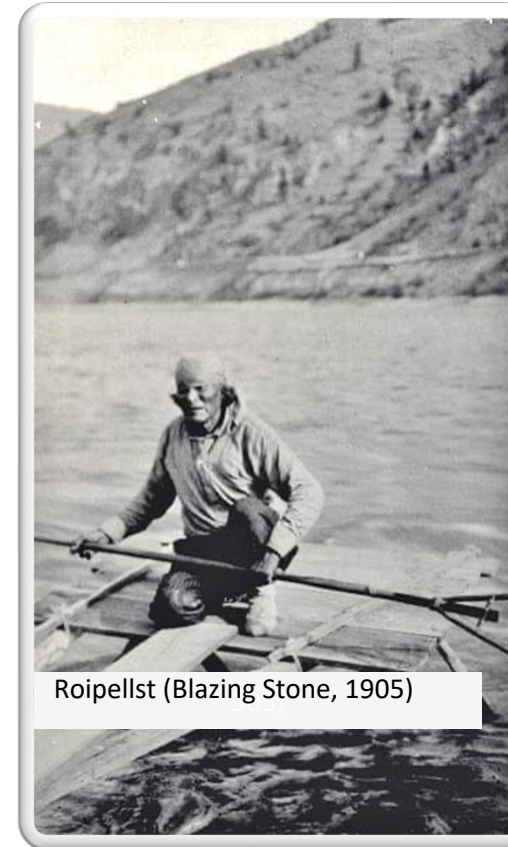
Acknowledge our future generations of whom we are responsible for. We look after the land for the future generations

We utilize all that is around us...we evolve with our surroundings but are tied to the cycles of our traditional lands....that is who we are.

Responsible for carrying forward the corporate memory of the nte?kepmx.

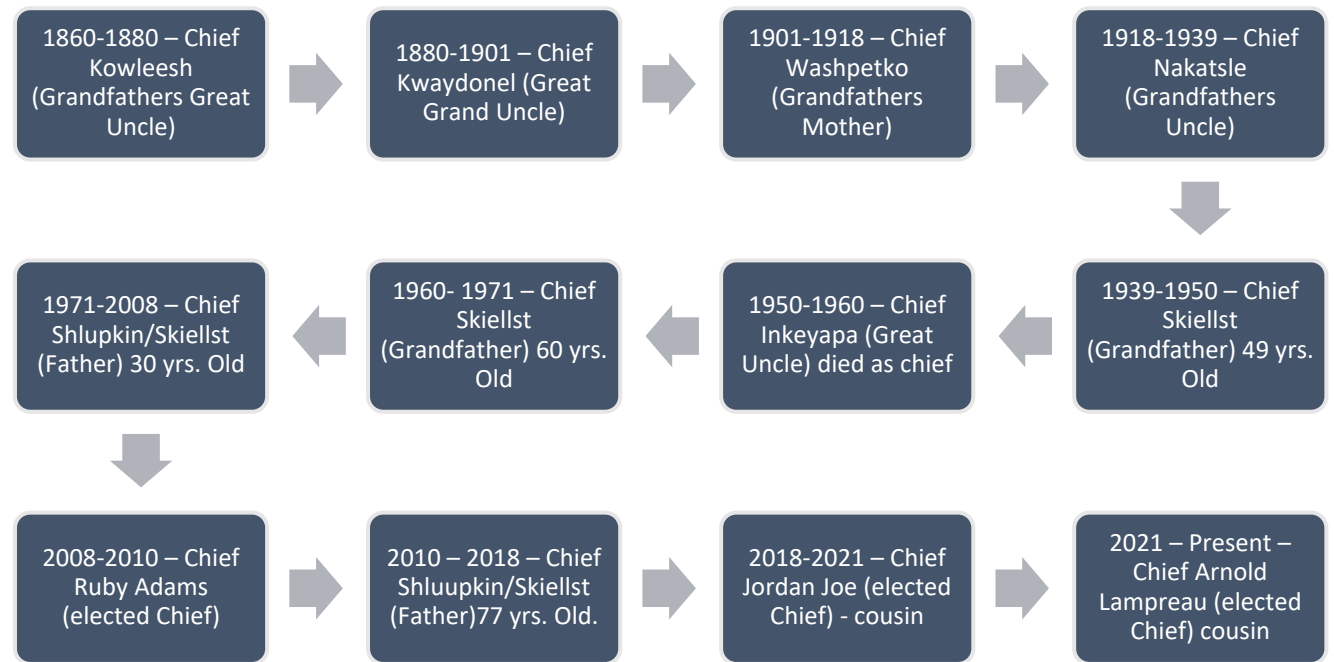
“Look after your house, know who your guests are and treat them well, but don’t let them move the furniture.” **Skiells (Anthony Joe) - 1950**

“We are finally at a time where we can share and incorporate our traditional land laws into the modern world – A Time For Transformative Change.” **Sux^wsx^wwels (Lennard Joe) - 2023**





Corporate Memory



Reconciliation

The Past



FN's values not considered, If they were they were non-FN Interpretations.



Already baked cake approach



Transactional & Accommodation in nature

Today



Proactive approach – FN's involved right at the start.





Iterative approach based on collective collaboration – shared




Partner based approach – revenue sharing & access to resources

THE TRUST EQUATION

 THEY KNOW
THEIR STUFF


 THEY ALWAYS
DELIVER

 I FEEL SAFE
WITH THEM

$$\text{TRUST} = \frac{\text{C} + \text{R} + \text{I}}{\text{S}}$$

CREDIBILITY RELIABILITY INTIMACY

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SELF-ORIENTATION

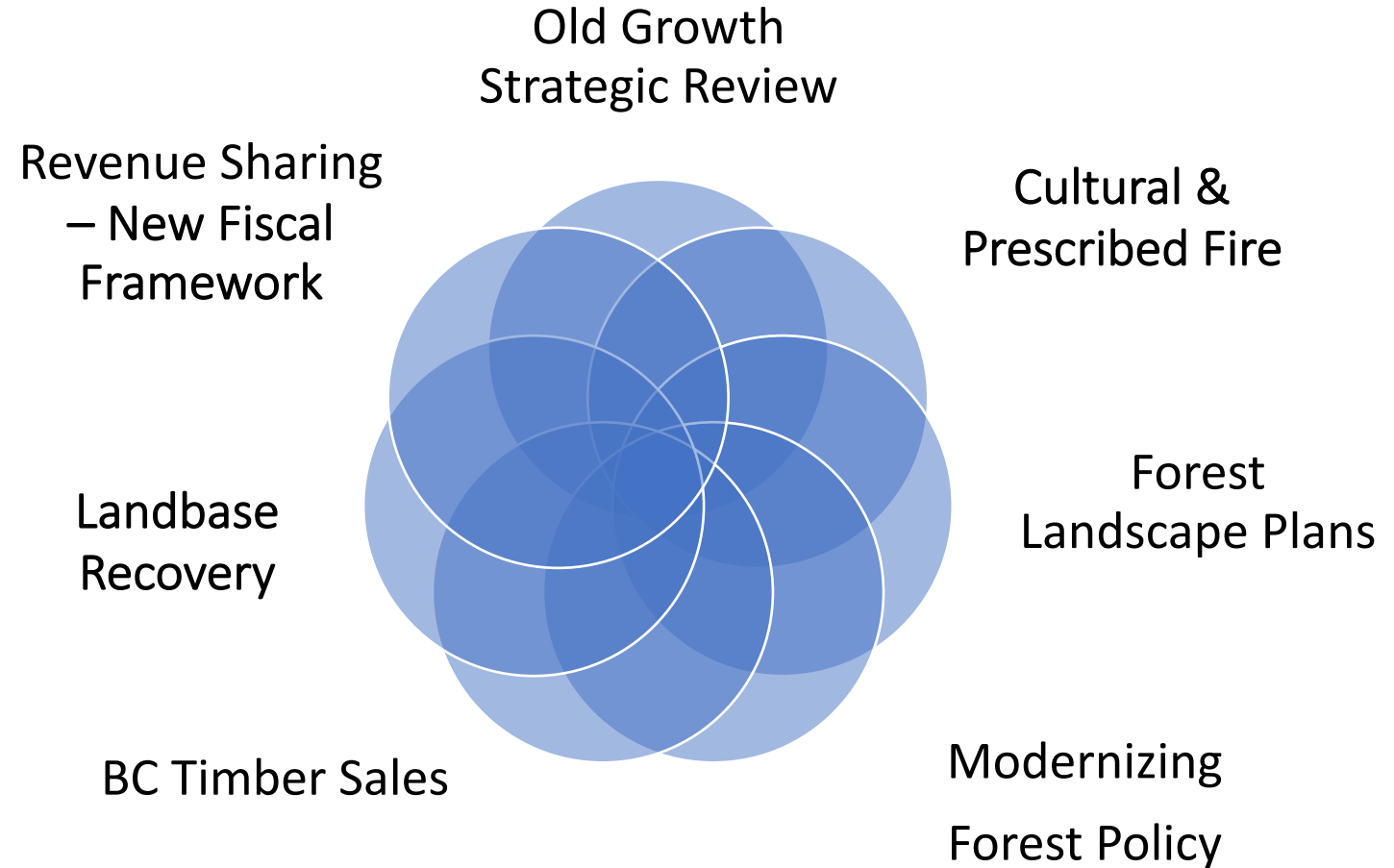
 ARE THEY FOCUSED
ON MY INTERESTS
OR THEIRS

BUILDING MUTUAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Mutual Trust Goes Both Ways
- Collective decision making
- Building on Relationships
- Creating Safe Spaces
- Acknowledge Past Trauma

Working Together – The Transformation Journey

- Collective engagement with 205 First Nations
- FNFC-FOR Working Groups
- Industry Think Tanks
- BC Communities

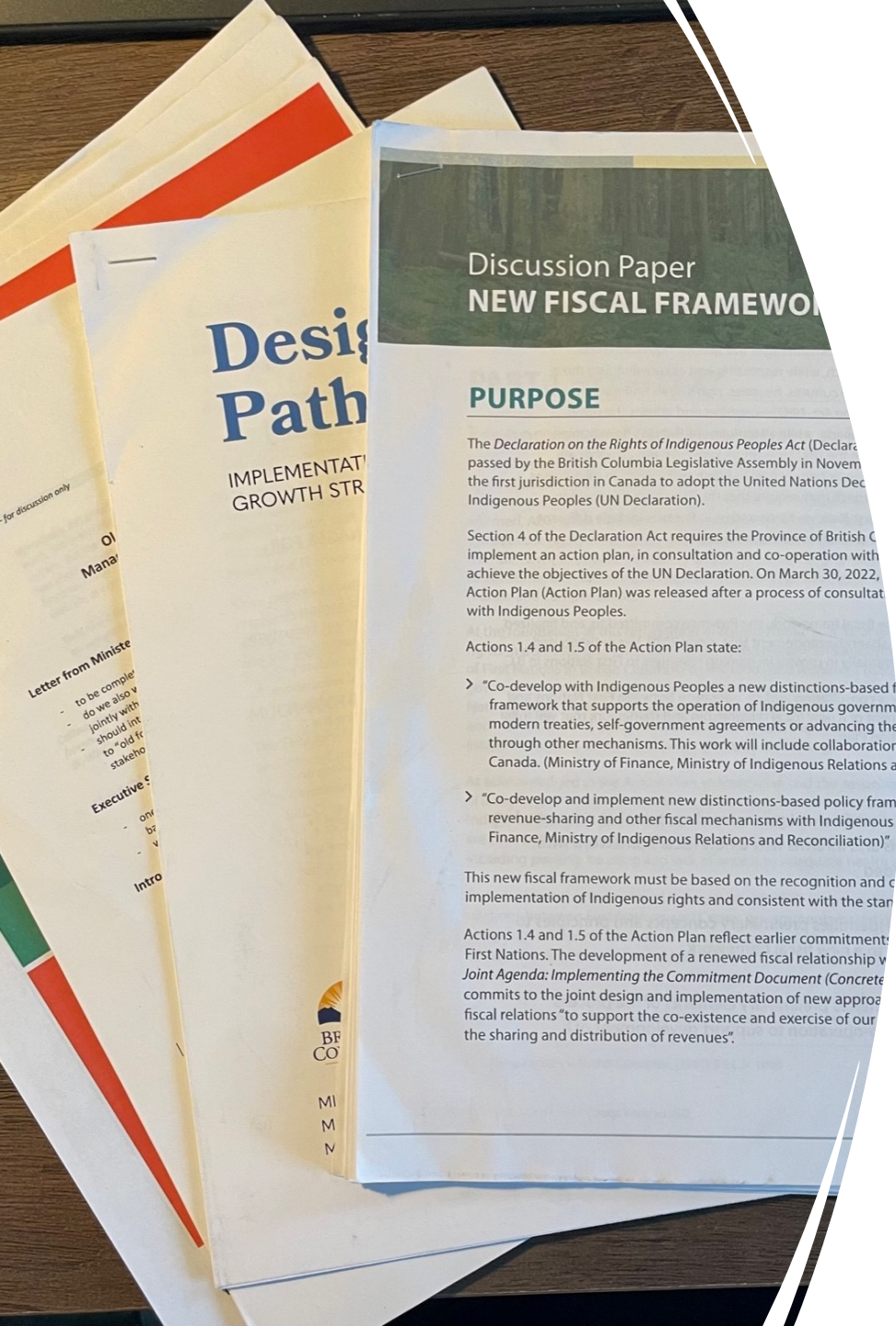


Cultural Survival Area Management Strategies



Capacity – Readiness – Assurance

- Assess Capacity, It is not just FN's but everyone
- Develop Readiness, set goals and objectives
- Assurance – measurables and understanding of process and ensuring things are happening.
- Conditioning – we are all conditioned to accept our current beliefs “we are here and are comfortable”. Need to expand to “what is possible”.



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Thank you

