

FIRST NATION LEADERSHIP ESSENTIALS

Effective leadership is vital to successful Nation rebuilding and creating positive change in your community. In this workshop, you will take a critical look at the law and at leadership roles and responsibilities. This workshop empowers chiefs and councils to achieve effective governance and consider the opportunities for Nation rebuilding.

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY APPROVAL

It is vital that First Nations determine the best ways for their citizens to contribute to important decisions. What matters most is that the process of decision making be open, inclusive, appropriate to the community, and that issues are widely understood. Citizen engagement is a process for giving people an opportunity to understand issues and provide meaningful feedback. Community approval ensures that the important decisions made on behalf of your First Nation are vested with legal authority. This workshop is for First Nations that want to engage their citizens and plan for successful community approval.

COMMUNITY VISIONING & STRATEGIC PLANNING

The people are the foundation of our Nations. They share language, creation stories, community history and family relationships. Together they hold collective memories. When they gather to create a shared vision they are making intentional, political statements about their past, present and the possibilities of their future. In this workshop you will work with your community's citizens to develop a shared vision and learn how to support your vision with a strategic plan so that it is implemented effectively.

TERRITORIAL RIGHTS

A deep connection to the land is vital to First Nations. It is the land that gives us our deep sense of place and our sense of self. In recent years, Canadian courts have recognized First Nation interests in their land. The law is evolving quickly and many First Nations are now considering consultation and accommodation to gain greater control over their traditional lands. This workshop presents a framework to leverage the law for your maximum benefit.

CULTURE, TRADITION & EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

The challenge for First Nations today is to ensure that governance continues to reflect community norms, values, culture, and language while remaining effective. This workshop is for First Nations that want to explore the meaning and relevance of culture and tradition in effective governance.

INTRODUCTION TO CONSTITUTIONS

The development of a constitution is a fundamental step in the process of Nation rebuilding. For a First Nation to truly establish effective self-governance today, it must fulfill the basic elements of a constitution. The development of a constitution is a significant step for First Nations in the implementation of self government, the assertion of aboriginal title, and the fulfillment of aboriginal and treaty rights. In this workshop you will review real life examples of First Nation constitutions and find out what it takes to develop a constitution for your Nation.

LAW & POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Moving beyond the Indian Act and implementing self governance requires you to design new institutions, assume jurisdiction, and make laws and policy that reflect your own priorities and values. This workshop provides a framework for thinking about law and policy development and builds the skills you need to develop your own institutions of governance. Learn to identify key areas that matter to your community, identify problems in existing law & policies and develop a proper response to those needs through good law & policy development. These skills are an essential asset for Nation rebuilding.

COMMUNITY FORUM: GOVERNING TRADITIONAL LANDS

Where have we come from, where are we now and what can we do to include our traditional territories in our governance? This forum is for all citizens and starts with setting the context for governing your traditional territories. A day and a half of guided dialogue allows your citizens to identify issues and opportunities, and contribute to a plan for the future.

WHERE DOES YOUR NATION WANT TO GO? DEVELOP A VISION AND PLAN

Learn how to engage your citizens in developing a vision that encompasses your inherent rights and becomes the foundation for your future plans. The Centre offers four workshops to help your leaders, administrators, and citizens develop a vision to restore your nation.

GOVERN BEYOND THE RESERVE GOVERN YOUR TRADITIONAL LANDS

Learn how to expand jurisdiction to your traditional lands and develop the capacity to engage government and industry.

GOVERN BEYOND THE INDIAN ACT CREATE YOUR OWN LAWS

Learn how to develop laws and policies for the effective governance of your nation.

EFFECTIVE SELF-GOVERNANCE NATION REBUILDING WORKSHOPS

First Nation Leadership Essentials | Citizen Engagement and Community Approval | Culture, Tradition & Effective Governance | Community Visioning & Strategic Planning | Community Forum: Governing Traditional Lands | Territorial Rights | Law & Policy Development | Introduction to Constitutions



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