Agenda

• Treaty First Nations membership on Regional District Boards
• Engaging First Nations on Statutory Approvals
Treaty First Nations and Regional District Membership
In 2007 the LGA was amended to:

- Create a new category of RD membership for a Treaty First Nation (TFN)
  - Part 24 (Division 3.1)
- Describe the characteristics of TFN membership
Characteristics of TFN Membership

- TFN will appoint an elected rep to RD Board
- TFN director will be the same as other directors
- TFN will participate in regional services
- RD membership rules apply to TFN
- TFN membership is “municipal like”
Engaging First Nations on Local Government Statutory Approvals
Statutory Approvals

Requests for Cabinet approval of:

- Municipal boundary extensions
- Restructure of local governments

Requests for Ministerial approval (where applicable):

- Official Community Plans
- Land Use Bylaws
- Subdivision servicing bylaws
Benefits of early engagement

• Early identification of issues can save time and resources in developing proposals
• Support of First Nations can significantly enhance proposals
• Local governments can encourage developers to consult with First Nations
Suggested Engagement Steps

1 Identify potentially affected First Nations

2 Notify First Nations of proposed activity

3 Consider responses of First Nations

4 Engage in further discussions as required

5 Submit record of engagement to the Ministry
Further Engagement

• Face-to-face meetings
  – To confirm issues
  – To build relationship

• Joint problem solving
  – To resolve issues
  – To build opportunities
Value of engagement

Okanagan Indian Band held Community-to Community forums with Vernon, Kelowna and Lumby. This helped improve the contact between Chief and Council and the Mayors and led to a joint venture between Okanagan Indian Band and Lumby.”

— Okanagan Indian Band