

Company Backgrounder

First Nations are saying they need to be a part of major projects that are occurring on their lands.

In past experiences when First Nations have negotiated an ownership position in major infrastructure projects on their lands, they have not been able to arrange financing to realize ownership, or at least at terms that would provide a meaningful return.

Several First Nations have formed the First Nations Major Projects Coalition (“FNMPC” or “Coalition”) for the purposes of examining: i) how ownership of major resource projects on their lands could be facilitated, and ii) how environmental practices can be improved to meet their needs.

The work of the FNMPC is directed through feedback received from the First Nations participating in the Coalition. There are numerous projects proposed in the territories of participating First Nations that could benefit from support provided by the FNMPC.

Purpose

The purposes of the FNMPC are to work collaboratively, cooperatively and cohesively towards the enhancement of the economic well-being of its members, understanding that a strong economy is reliant upon a healthy environment supported by vibrant cultures, languages and expressions of traditional laws, and in particular to:

- (a) Safeguard our air, land, water and medicine sources from the impacts of resource development by asserting its members’ influence and traditional laws on environmental, regulatory and negotiation processes;
- (b) Receive a fair share of benefits from projects undertaken in the traditional territories of its members; and
- (c) Explore ownership opportunities of projects proposed in the traditional territories of its members.

Vision

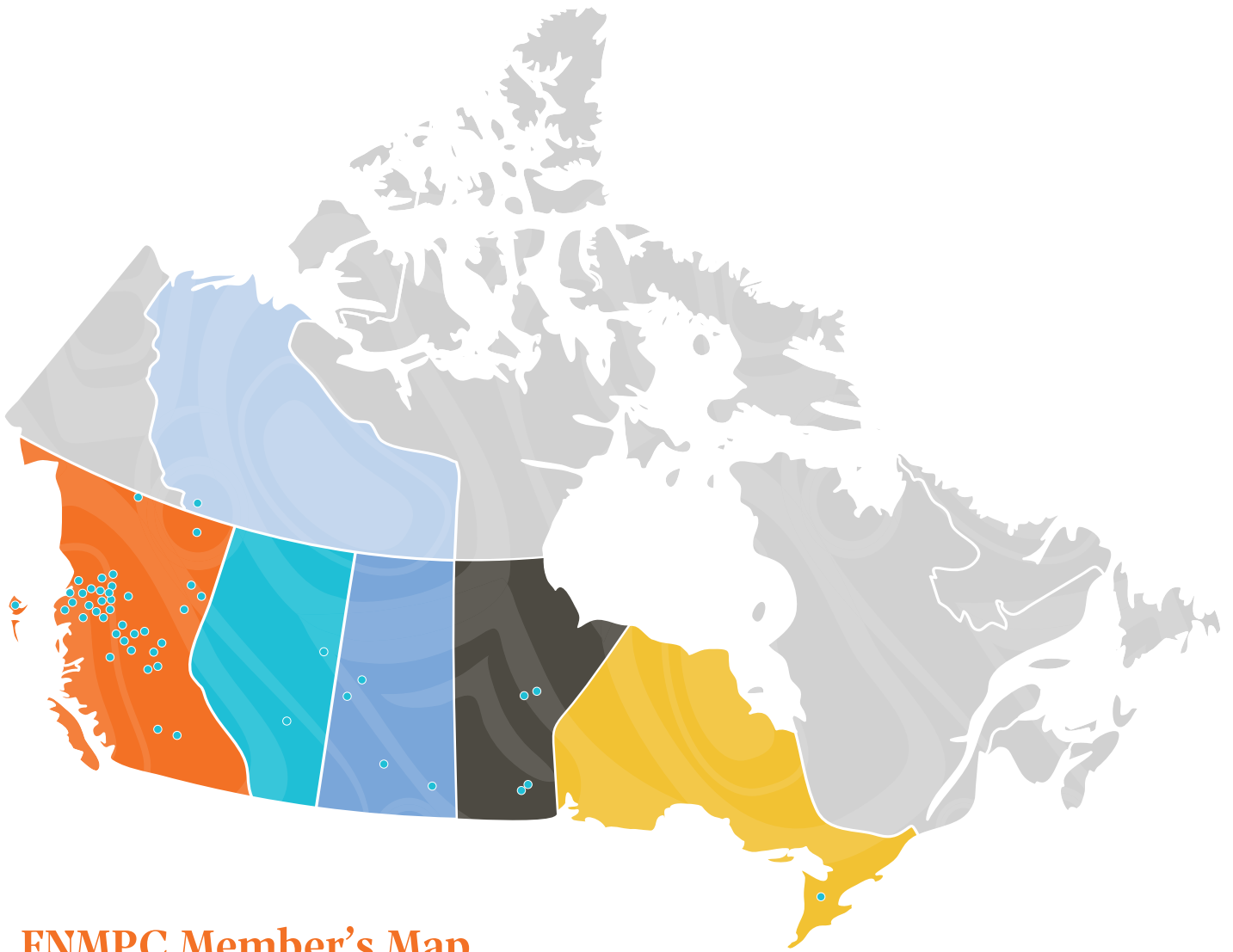
Member First Nations working collaboratively, cooperatively and cohesively towards the enhancement of the economic well-being of our respective memberships, understanding that a strong economy is reliant upon a healthy environment, supported by vibrant cultures, languages and expression of our traditional laws.

Mission

To achieve our Vision and fulfill our Mandate, the Board of Directors will:

- Manage our work in a fiscally responsible manner giving effect to direction provided by FNMPC members.
- Organize the FNMPC in a manner that is considerate of elected and hereditary leadership needs and aspirations.
- Validate our effectiveness and efficiency through ongoing measurement of the attainment of goals and milestones identified in our work plan.
- Encourage an increase in membership through ongoing outreach activities that are designed to proactively engage members where they live.
- Support First Nations in the application of models designed to build capacity in order to deal with major project opportunities.





FNMPC Member's Map

BRITISH COLUMBIA

- » Burns Lake Indian Band
- » Chee Xial Taaiixou (Hereditary Chief Roy Jones Jr.)
- » Cheslatta Carrier Nation
- » Fort Nelson First Nation
- » Gitanyow
- » Gitsegukla First Nation
- » Gitsegukla Chiefs (2 Chiefs)
- » Gitxaala
- » Gitxsan Govt Commission
- » House of Delgamuukw
- » Kaska Dene Council
- » Kispixo Band Council
- » Kitselas First Nation
- » Kitwanga Band Council
- » Kwadacha
- » Lake Babine Nation
- » Lax Kw'alaams First Nation
- » Lheidli T'enneh First Nation
- » Nadleh Whut'en
- » Nak'azdli Whut'en
- » Nazko First Nation
- » Nee Tahi Buhn
- » Nooaitch Indian Band
- » Okanagan Indian Band
- » Saik'uz First Nation
- » Simpcw First Nation
- » Skin Tyee
- » Stelat'en First Nation
- » Suskwa (8 Chiefs)
- » Takla Lake First Nation
- » Tk'emlúps First Nation
- » Tsideldel First Nation
- » Wet'suwet'en Matrilineal Coalition (5 Chiefs)
- » Xat'sull Development Corporation
- » Yekooche First Nation
- » Lhtako Dene
- » Lil'wat Nation
- » Wet'suwet'en First Nation
- » Witsset
- » Gitwangak (aka Kitwanga)

ALBERTA

- » Chipewyan Prairie First Nation
- » Samson Cree Nation

SASKATCHEWAN

- » Moosomin First Nation
- » Thunderchild First Nation
- » Des Nedhe Development Corporation
- » English River First Nation

MANITOBA

- » Fox Lake Cree Nation
- » Norway House Cree Nation
- » Bunibonabee First Nation
- » Manitoba USKE

ONTARIO

- » Chippewas of the Thames First Nation

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

- » Acho Dene Koe

