



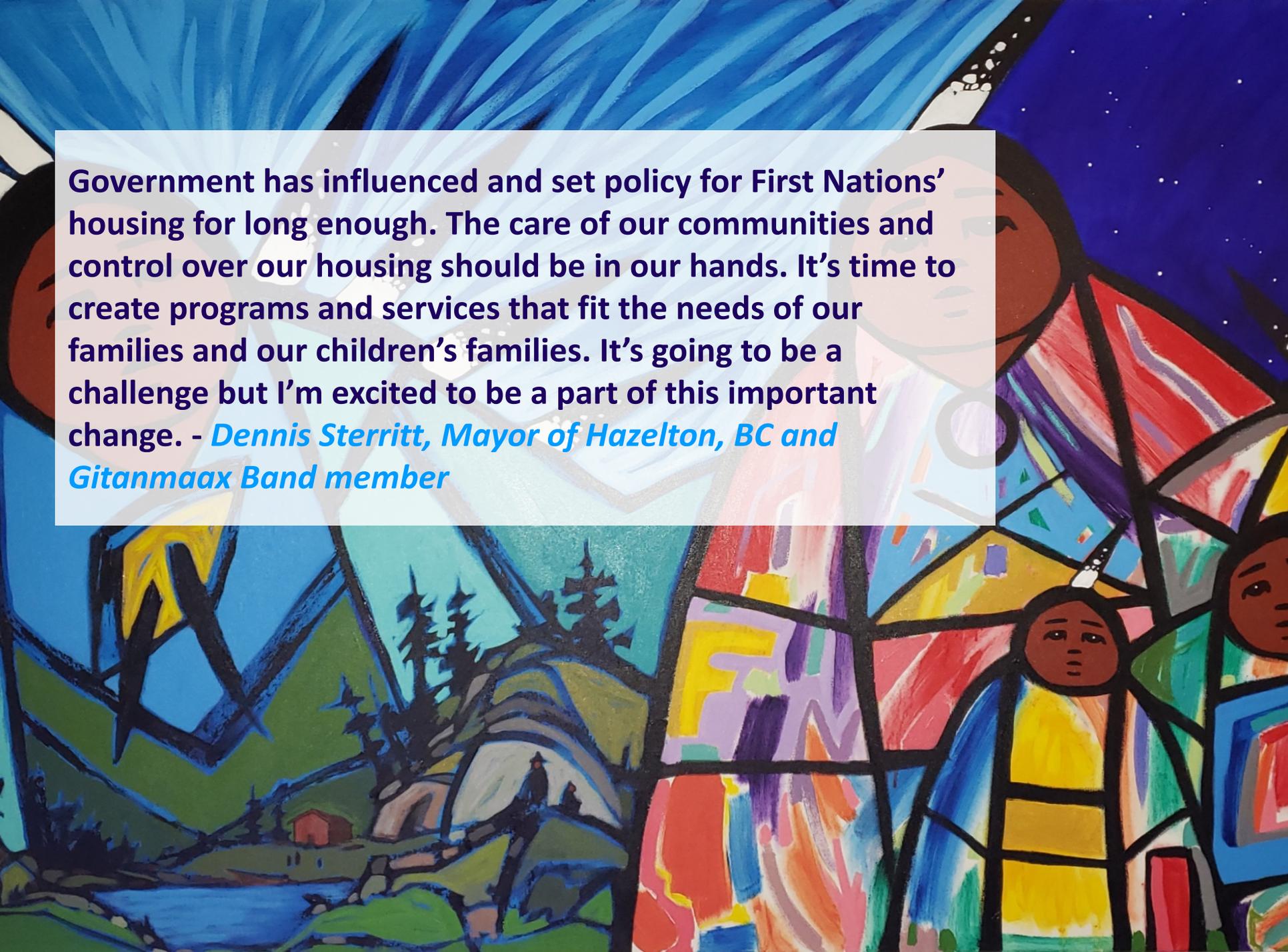
BC First Nations Housing & Infrastructure Council

Update on HIC's Activities

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BC FIRST NATIONS
HOUSING &
INFRASTRUCTURE
COUNCIL



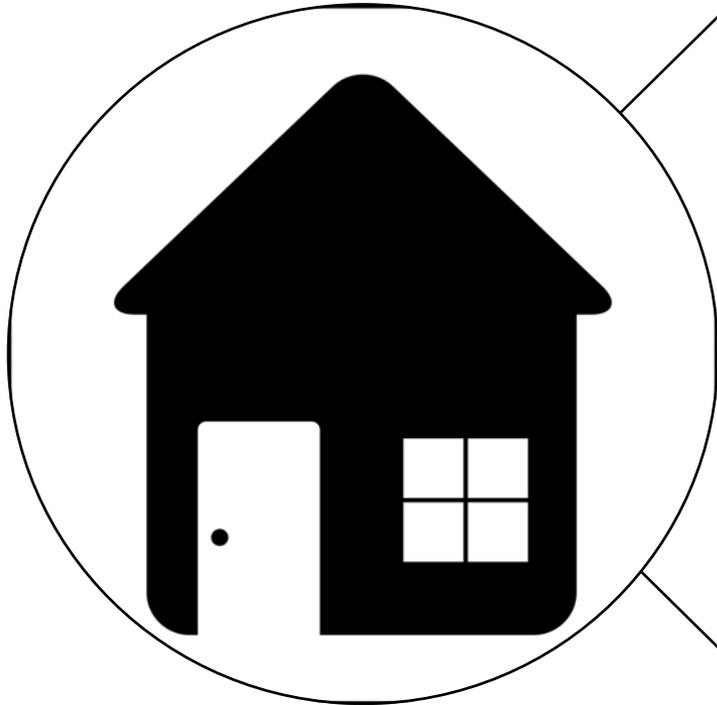
Government has influenced and set policy for First Nations' housing for long enough. The care of our communities and control over our housing should be in our hands. It's time to create programs and services that fit the needs of our families and our children's families. It's going to be a challenge but I'm excited to be a part of this important change. - *Dennis Sterritt, Mayor of Hazelton, BC and Gitanmaax Band member*



- **HIC has been engaging with communities since 2016.**
- Phase 1 of engagement focused on listening to the issues.
- A delivery model design session was held in 2018, with:
 - 45 experienced housing & infrastructure representatives from a range of specialties:
 - community management and leadership, federal government, off-reserve provincial government, BC Housing, homeless advocates
 - Brainstormed different delivery models
 - These models are examples of how a delivery model *could* look
 - This will be an iterative process until an agreement in principle is done and ratified by BC First Nations



First Round



BC First Nations want an authority to be:

- Community-based
- Inclusive (on & off reserve, Bands, self-governing FNs)
- Service-oriented
- Flexible
- Build internal readiness
- Long-term and sustainable
- Transparent, accountable and trustworthy



A NEW VISION



OUTCOMES

SELF-DETERMINATION



First Nations with full responsibility for their own H&I
-
change of paradigm from dependency to self determination

TRANSFORMATION



Improved H&I services for First Nations across the housing continuum from housing the homeless to creating financing mechanisms for people who want to design and build their own home

INSTITUTION-BUILDING



A First Nations designed and managed institution that uses cutting edge H&I specialists from across the country

NO FIRST NATION LEFT BEHIND



Services that close the gap between on and off reserve
-
Services that close the gap between have and have not First Nations

CLOSE THE GAP



Services that close the gap between First Nations and the BC mainstream





A NEW VISION



New Services,
Support &
Training



New Financial
Tools &
Mechanisms



Better
Management &
Communications



A NEW RELATIONSHIP



A NEW RELATIONSHIP



A New Relationship with Canada

Streamlined funding and maximized resources designed to meet the needs of First Nations.



A New Relationship with BC

New funding opportunities and harmonized services designed to close the gap on and off reserve.



A New Relationship with First Nations

Bottom-up, supportive and participatory framework enhancing accountability to First Nations.



CORE DIRECTIVES



Community-Based

Community-led & community-driven



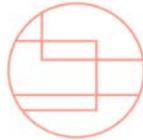
Inclusive

No First Nation left behind



Service-Oriented

Delivering efficient & effective services directly to First Nations



Flexible & Adaptive

No one-size fits all approach



Sustainable

Long-term solutions



Transparent

Accountable & trustworthy



Build Readiness

Enhancing capacity at the community-level



During the first phase of engagement, HIC heard from community members across BC. These draft Core Directives are based on First Nations input, and will continue to be refined through engagement sessions.

TIMELINE



What is the timeline?



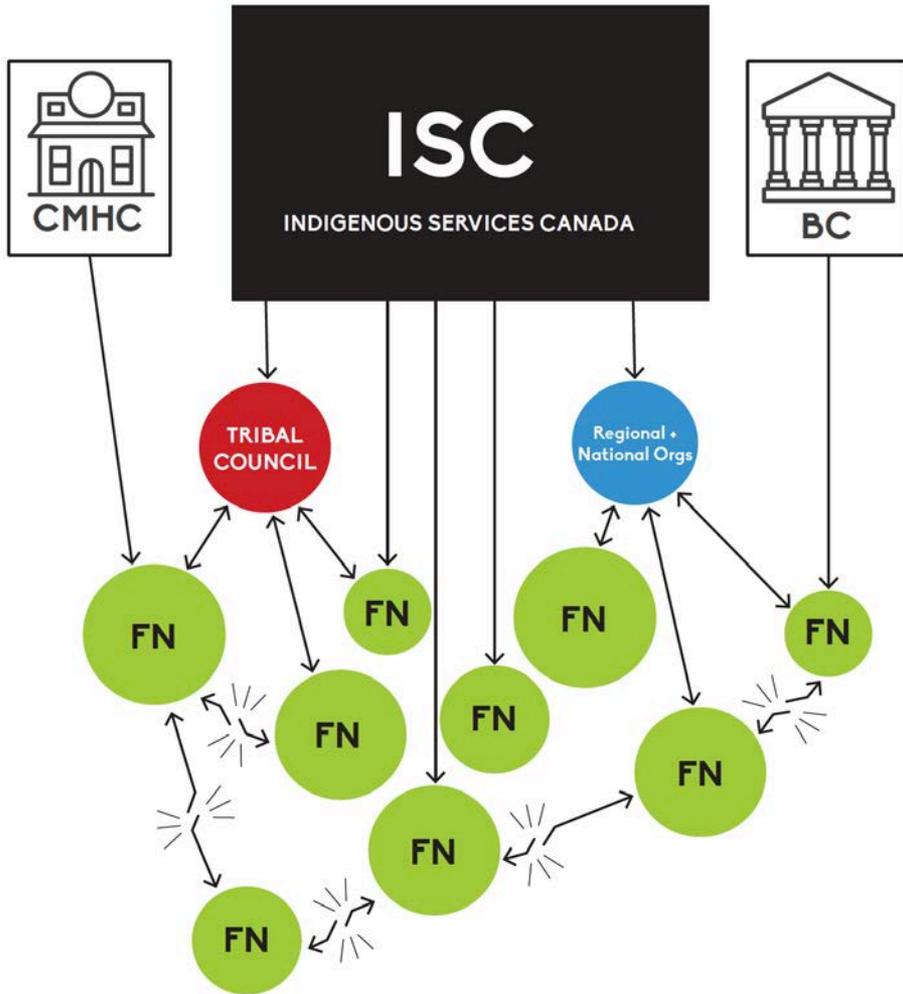
Delivery Model Design



- Focusing on key design elements of the system including:
 - Culture and values
 - Governance
 - Priorities, policy & procedure
 - Location & structure
 - Suite of services
 - Fiscal relationships
 - Harmonization/integration
 - Capacity development and staffing
- Program and individual service level delivery will be determined when the authority is in place – based on community input



EXISTING SYSTEM

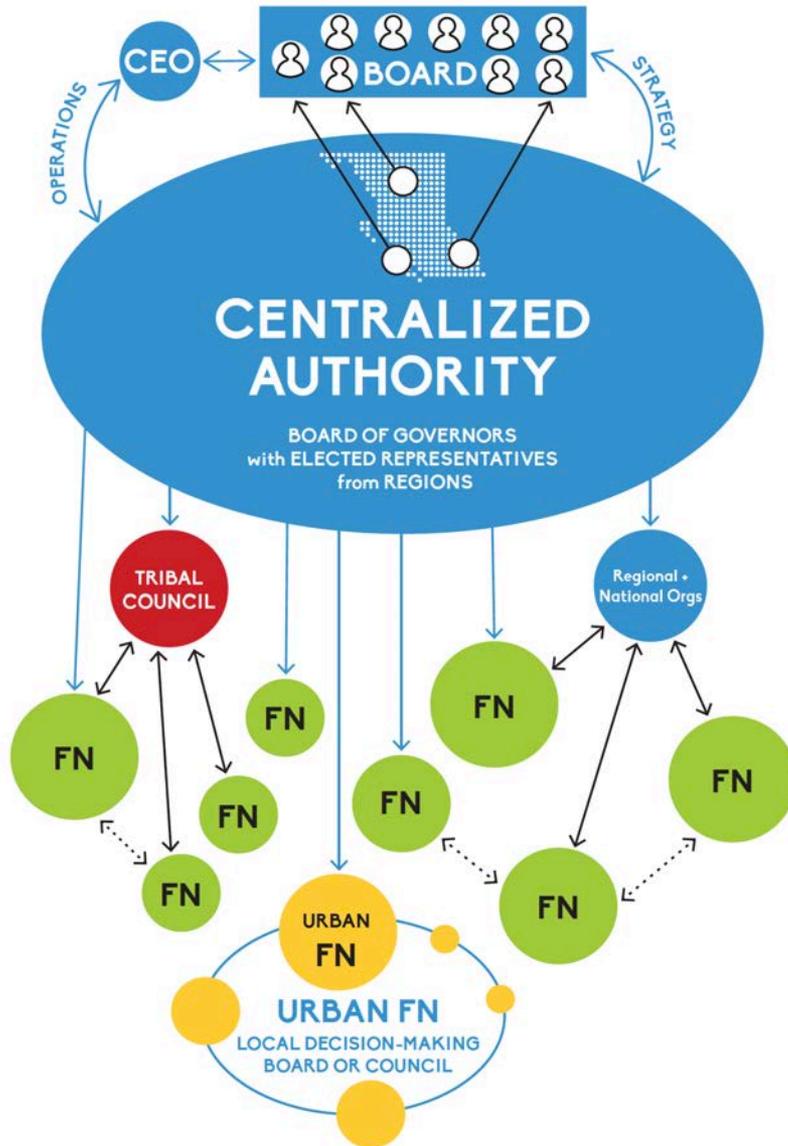


- Status Quo, Centralized Delivery
- Top-Down Approach
- Accountability to Government
- No accountability to First Nations
- Competitive Funding Models pitting communities against one-another
- Outputs-Based
- Lack of focus on Northern, Remote, Urban FNs
- No Feedback
- Limited Growth & Capacity Development





EXAMPLE 1

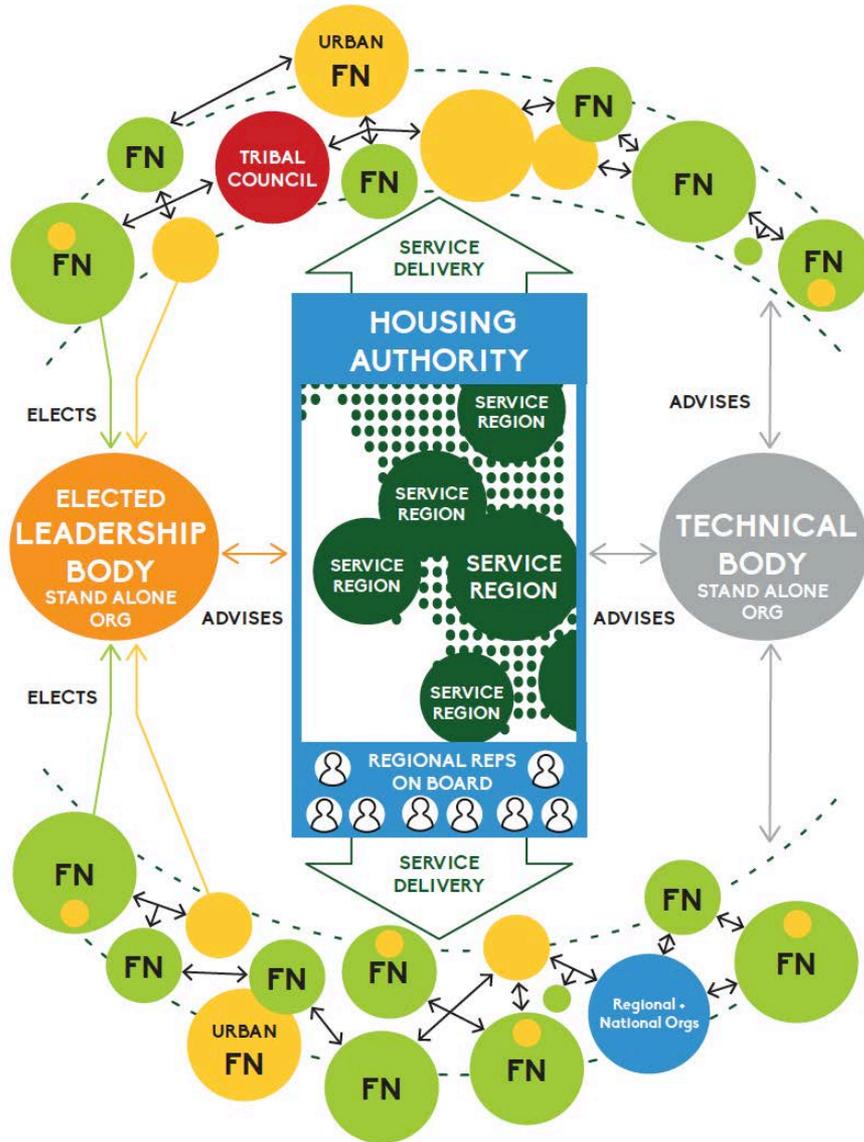


- Centrally-driven
- Top-Down Approach
- Limited accountability to First Nations
- No major changes to existing programs
- Competitive Funding Models may still be primary mechanism
- Urban issues dealt directly by Central Office
- Lack of focus on Northern & Remote FNs
- Increased Feedback through BOG, Regional Leadership





EXAMPLE 2

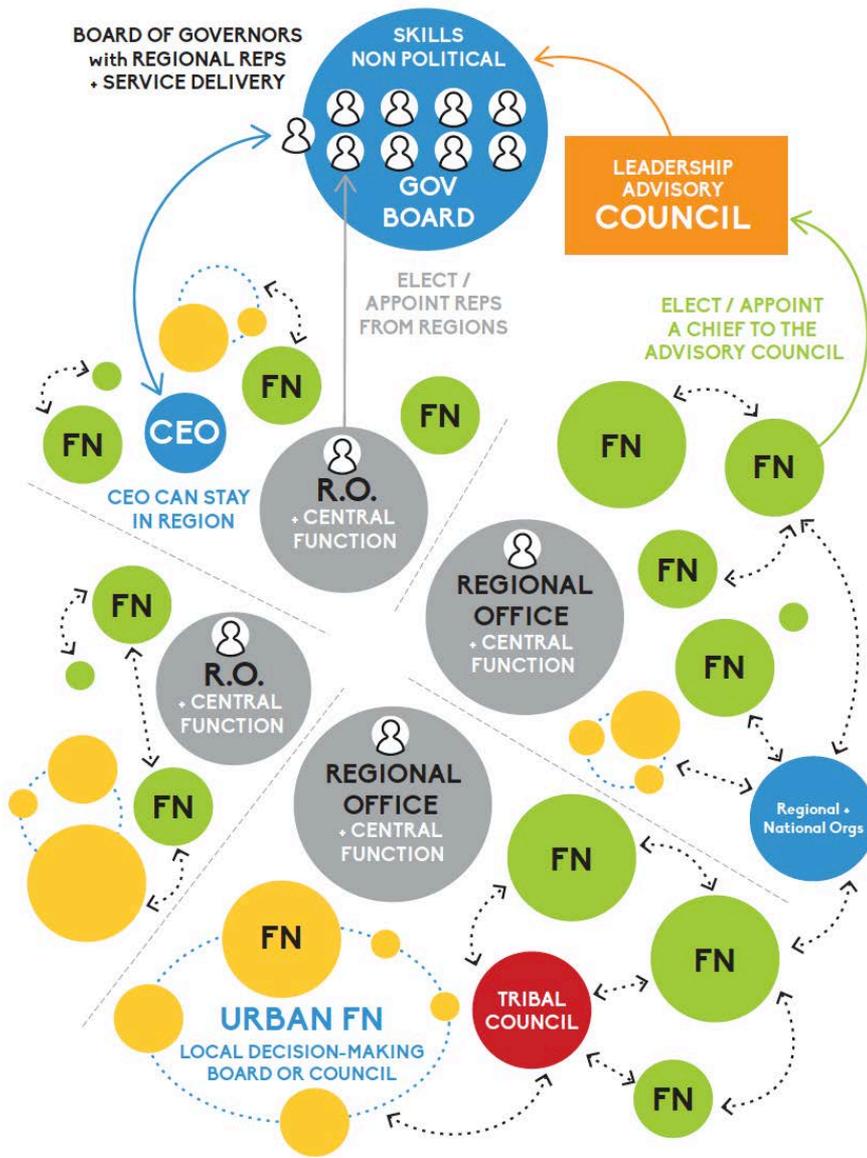


- Centrally-based power
- Community-Driven
- Increased accountability to FNs
- Regional service offices located around the province working directly with FNs
- Political Leadership Council advising Authority
- Technical Advisory council provides education, professional dev., etc.
- Urban issues dealt directly by communities, in integrated approach
- Mobile Northern & Remote Service Delivery office
- Opportunity for program and service innovation





EXAMPLE 3



- Dispersed region-based power
- Region-Driven
- Increased accountability to FNs
- Regional service offices function as sub-authorities, work directly with FNs
- Political Leadership Council advising Authority
- No central office
- Urban issues dealt directly by regions, through stand-alone regional urban housing hub
- Northern & Remote Service Delivery office
- Opportunity for program and service innovation



FNHIC - Updates



- The HIC continues to move forward on its path to establishing a new First Nations Housing & Infrastructure Authority.
- We continue to use our website, emails, engagement sessions and presentations as a way to keep First Nations informed, and our process as transparent as possible.



Legislation & Transformation



- On July 15, 2019, legislation dissolving Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada and formally establishing the mandates of 2 new departments, Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNAC), came into effect.
- Through this Act, ISC will support a holistic approach in the delivery and quality of day-to-day services and support the path to the self-determination of **Indigenous peoples to control service delivery for their own people.**





Political Support

- The Deputy Minister, Jean Francois Tremblay of Indigenous Services Canada fully supports HIC and its' approach, and has confirmed that ISC is 100% behind the work of HIC.



Framework Agreement



- HIC continues to amend and revise its Framework Agreement in partnership with Indigenous Services Canada.
 - HIC is awaiting results of the Federal Election to finalize the Framework Agreement and ensure the next (perhaps new...) Government will 'own' and respect this process.
- Regardless of the election results, **HIC's work will continue** until a new Authority is created.



Standing Committees



- HIC has established two new Standing Committees
 - The Standing Committee on Housing (SCH)
 - The Standing Committee on Infrastructure (SCI)
- These committees bring together specialists and experts who will shape the new authority, and help to obtain the full data required for our negotiations, as well as for the new Authority.



Collaboration



- HIC continues to collaborate with organizations, institutions, tribal councils and communities.
- HIC has met with the Aboriginal Capital Committee (ACC) and discussed a renewed partnership, as well as the need to call a meeting to bring together all interested organizations to the same table.
- HIC continues to meet with organizations across the province -



Transparency



- In our continued commitment to transparency, we are increasing the amount of information available regarding HIC's activities, including our meetings with Government and First Nations.
- This will help to ensure that *everyone* can follow along, and that no one is left behind in the development of this new Authority.



New Leadership



- HIC is pleased to announce two new Chiefs, who have recently joined on –
 - Chief Donald Van Somer, Kwadacha Nation
 - Chief Greg Louie, Ahousaht First Nation

- HIC now has a diverse representation from across the Province.



Upcoming Events



- HIC is revising its' Fall engagement plan and will soon be back out in communities.
- HIC is coordinating a housing and infrastructure convention in early spring to bring together specialists and leadership from across the province to provide further direction on the creation of the new Authority.





Thank you!

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