

Remodelling First Nation / Industrial Consultations



While government is ultimately responsible for implementing law and regulations associated to the economy and its respective industries, it is also ultimately responsible for managing the rights now afforded Aboriginals through the Constitution.

While commercial enterprises & Industry in Canada manage the volatility of being dependent on factors like commodity markets for revenue, and the stock market for operating cash, they have ultimately been left with the struggle of mixing these usually coherent business factors, with the usually incoherent politics of social development. While Aboriginals struggle to repair the damage done by hundreds of years of paternalism and look to begin the forging of their new, more economically orientated futures, they are bounced in perpetuity between both government and industry, while everyone argues about who is responsible for what. The ensuing result is that because Aboriginal rights remain largely undefined and while everyone is left to pass the buck on who is responsible for what, everyone has been left to the never ending legal gymnastics of what I would affably refer to as "Interpretation Engineering".

The solution to progress while the legal gymnastics inevitably plays itself out, lies in looking for value & success where it is least expected.

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FIRST NATIONS PARTNERSHIPS & THE MUNICIPALITY

Aboriginal partnering and relationship building has become one of the keys to defining the new economy, while being one of the most prevalent challenges facing municipalities. Especially when economic needs cross paths with largely undefined political rights. At the same time, this inevitability tends to be one of the most overlooked and misunderstood gateways to creating new markets and economies. Today, unlike in years past, the aboriginal community is rapidly exerting its right to economic opportunities and government is making it a requirement for First Nations to be included in public initiatives. Now, in a global economy, more than ever, it's critical to get out in front and develop the relationships that open the doors to these new opportunities for both municipality and First Nation. The new economy will be defined by the innovative who can anticipate and effectively facilitate the challenges of aboriginal / industrial relations and thereby position themselves ahead of the competition (including other municipalities), by looking through the confusion to find success for everyone where it is least expected. The First Nation / municipal relationship can be defined as one that builds on the political commonalities, while creating value from each others independent access to economic opportunities.

For The Municipality The First Nation Relationship Brings:

- New economic development through new taxing options and increased commercial competitiveness,
- Developer stability,
- New investment markets,
- New revenues and access to new funding for projects.

For The First Nation Community The Municipal Relationship Brings:

- Increased constructive impact on social development by new influence on educational and health programs, and larger community presence,
- Increased economic development by partnering with municipal contractors and developers,
- Increasing job opportunities, and access to new project funding.

The municipal / First Nation partnership represents a new socio-economic frontier and for pioneers of this new landscape, it's key to defining and capturing the new economy