

GOVERNANCE

INDIAN ACT BAND

If the agreements are not ratified (people vote NO), C/TFN will remain an *Indian Act* Band.

Law-making powers

C/TFN has limited power to make by-laws for its Reserve. These bylaws are subject to approval by the Minister of Indian Affairs. C/TFN will continue to be governed by the *Indian Act*.



Tax

C/TFN has limited ability to collect taxes. It has no ability to get a share of the taxes other governments collect.

Land

C/TFN cannot own any land (its corporation can). The federal government has legal title of the Reserve.

Money

C/TFN gets money every year to run the Band (increases not guaranteed).

C/TFN also gets money to run programs and services.

The federal government mostly controls how money can be spent.

SELF-GOVERNING FIRST NATION

If the agreements are ratified (people vote YES), C/TFN will become a self-governing First Nation.

Carcross/Tagish Band dissolves. Carcross/Tagish First Nation is formed.

Law-making powers

C/TFN will be able to make laws about its administration, operation, and internal management.

C/TFN will be able to make laws for its citizens in areas such as health care, aboriginal languages, training, education, cultural beliefs and practices, social welfare, and adoptions of children.

C/TFN will be able to make laws relating to hunting, fishing, logging and other uses of its Settlement Land.

Tax

C/TFN will be able to make laws and collect taxes for various activities on Settlement Land.

C/TFN will be able to negotiate for direct taxation, such as sales tax and income tax.

C/TFN will be able to enter discussions to access property tax.

Land

C/TFN governs

according to its Self-Government

Agreeement

C/TFN will own over 1,554 km² of Settlement Lands. It will own the rights to mineral and oil and gas resources below the surface on two-thirds of this land.

Four Special Management Areas (SMAs) will also be established. C/TFN will have joint ownership of heritage sites at Conrad and Tagish Post/Six Mile River.

C/TFN will have direct control or input into the management of over half of its Traditional Territory.

Money

C/TFN will decide how to spend, invest and manage its money. Financial compensation, with an indexation adjustment and after loans are paid back, will be about \$22.5 million

Programs and services annual funding (\$3.3 million in the first year) will increase as prices and the C/TFN population increase.

There will be annual payments to run the C/TFN government as well as one-time implementation payments of \$1.2 million. C/TFN will also receive over \$2.8 million related to tax changes.

A \$5.6 million Strategic Economic Development Fund for C/TFN will be set up.

Contact the Ratification Committee for more information.

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