

# Implementing Self-Governance

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# What does Self Government Look Like after you ratify a modern Treaty?

- Constitution is the highest form of law (need to get it as close to right or have the option to change with a reasonable threshold, otherwise get ready to be inconsistent with the constitution)
- Those that are elected to represent you through a democratic process are the law making authority! (That's it, you no longer look to anyone to see if you are doing it the right way, because whatever you chose is the right way)
- Budgets: you direct how money will be spent, and your budget is approved yearly.

# What do you do!

- You create legislation that will govern the land and resources within your nation.
- What does that look like? Below is an example of the legislation and regulations that has been passed.

- Economic Development Act Consolidated
- Elections Act
- Public Order Peace and Safety Act
- YFN Enforcement Framework Amendment Act No. 1
- YFN Annual Rates Regulation 2014
- YFN Annual Budget Act 2014-2015
- YFN Miscellaneous Amendments Act
- YFN Construction and Infrastructure 2014-2015 Capital Borrowing Act
- YFN Annual Budget Act Amendment Act 2013-2014
- YFN OCP Act
- Building and Development Authorization Act Consolidation Administrative Decisions Review Act Consolidation
- Annual Budget Act (2011-2012)
- Annual Budget Act (2012 - 2013)
- Capital Borrowing Act
- Citizenship Act
- Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Act
- Effective Date Procedures Act
- Enforcement Act
- Environmental Protection Act
- Financial Administration Act
- Interpretation Act Consolidation
- Government Act Consolidation 2014
- Government Personnel Act
- FOIPPA Consolidation
- Land Act 2014

- Legislature Rules of Order and Procedure Act
- Planning and Land Use Management Act
- Real Property Tax Act
- Referendum Act
- Resources Harvesting Act
- Building and Development Authorization Act
- YFN RRAP-2012-002 Capital Borrowing Act
- YFN Interpretation Act Amendment Act
- YFN Hasi-2012-001 Capital Borrowing Act
- YFNS 2013-31 YFN Building and Development Authorization Act Amendment Act
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# Regulations

YFN Titled Lands Transfer Regulation 2014

YFN Governance and Fiscal Agreement  
Amendment Regulation

YFN Wya Yurts Cabins Eco Resort Loan  
Guarantee Regulation Amendment

YFN Citizenship and Enrolment Forms  
Amending Regulation

YFN Statement of Investment Policy Amending  
Regulation

YFNO3

YFNO2

YFN Kwisitis Feast House Loan Guarantee  
Regulation

YFN Building Forms Regulation

Fisheries Regulation Consolidation

Wildlife and Migratory Birds Regulation

Consolidation Citizenship and Enrolment Forms  
Regulation

Disclosure Forms Regulation

Executive Rules of Order and Procedure  
Regulation

Expenditures Regulation

Fisheries Regulation

Lands Registry Forms Regulation

Loan Guarantee Regulation

Wildlife and Migratory Birds Regulation

Statement of Investment Policy Regulation

Banking Signatories Regulation

BMO - ORHLP (P. Touchie) Loan Guarantee  
Regulation

Governance and Fiscal Agreement Regulation

Annual Rates Regulation

Review Board Forms Regulation

Review Board Forms

YFN High Capacity Fisher Forms Amending  
Regulation

YFN Building Forms Regulation

# So what's different

- Under the Indian Act: Chief and council have limited scope of powers that only apply to Indian Reserves, and they have to *seek approvals from the Federal Government*.
- As chief and council you are responsible to ensure programs and services are delivered as directed by the Federal Government, and work within the frameworks provided

# Lessons learned

- Change management is critical
- Moving from mindsets of entitlement to empowerment
- Have to move the thinking to long term from 1-2 years to 20 years and beyond
- You design your future and your destiny
- You manage and direct your budget
- You build your nation on your terms

# What can you do to prepare

- Good Governance is critical and should be invested in early.
- Establishing your team, the work now is done at the administration level so having the right team in place is essential.
- Have a good vision, community engagement is essential, engage early and often. Keep people informed!