

British Columbia – First Nations Leadership Council Technical Working Group on Climate Change (BC-FNLC TWG) - DRAFT JOINT WORK PLAN

Purpose: The BC-FNLC TWG will engage in dialogue, exchange information and develop recommendations on Provincial climate change laws and regulations, clean energy policies, programs and relevant actions undertaken by the Province and First Nations. The Draft Joint Work Plan will be updated on a regular basis. The **DRAFT** workplan includes deliverables completed to date and planned for 2021-22.

DRAFT 2021-22 WORKPLAN

UPDATE:
Feb/March 2021

	Task / Deliverable	Status	Lead	Est. Start	Est. Finish	Remarks / Comments
1.0	Engagement planning and approaches					
1.1	Maintain engagement event calendar	Ongoing	BC/FNLC	Nov 2019	Ongoing	Supports engagement planning – ongoing shared calendar lists key events for engagement on climate change with Indigenous communities and leadership. Shared calendar (Sharepoint or Teams) space to add dates and info on climate engagements, as well as important meetings or events – e.g., COP 26 in Nov 2021, Glasgow; FNLC – Nov 29, 2021.
1.2	Develop engagement plans Engagement coordination and sharing	Ongoing	BC/FNLC	Aug 2020	Ongoing	Opportunities for alignment and coordination, building from deliverable 1.12. Developed collaboratively. Share timing, share results of engagement. Deliverables for 2021/22: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth engagement – planning and considerations around enhancing youth engagement (e.g., high school or post-sec for credits for school, like Nicola Valley Institute for Technology.) Specific meeting for TWG in 2021/22 – share engagement practices, meeting outcomes, identify potential collaboration to foster FN's youth participation.
2.0	Climate Change and Climate Action Plans					
2.1	BC First Nations Climate Strategy and Action Plan - plan	Underway	FNLC	Dec 2020	September 2021 - Endorsement	With provincial support, FNLC will convene a First Nations technical advisory group, engagements through January and February 2021, and finalize and communicate the strategy in April 2021. Contribution Agreement Project deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed agreement due December 15, 2020 - COMPLETE Updated development plan for the Strategy, including proposed collaboration and shared engagement opportunities with B.C., due January 30, 2021 – COMPLETE. Progress update on development of the Strategy due March 15, 2021. Mid-point progress update on development of the Strategy due September 15, 2021. FNLC to identify and propose opportunity to explore workshop discussion at the First Nations Leaders Gathering or other appropriate venue with Minister, Parliamentary Secretary or appropriate B.C. representatives before end of 2021/22 agreement. FNLC to facilitate and propose potential briefings with Ministry executives and/or Ministers on completion of the Project, before end of 2021/22 agreement.
2.2	CleanBC - advance communications, briefings and discussion	Ongoing	BC/FNLC	N/A	Ongoing	BC and FNLC to present on key initiatives related to climate change and climate action to provide advice, communications and opportunities for discussion. SEE APPENDIX – timeline of discussions and updates.
2.3	Climate Preparedness & Adaptation Strategy	Delayed	BC/FNLC	Nov 2019	Delayed	Climate Risk Management Team to provide updates on development of the Strategy, including updates on the progress of the Indigenous Climate Adaptation Technical Working Group (ICAT). Nov 2019 – Climate Risk Management team presented on adaptation plan to WG. FNLC reviewed and provided feedback on discussion paper (February 2020) on engagement approach (July 2020) on draft and embargoed climate preparedness and adaptation strategy (September 2020), and shared comments in a meeting with Kukupi7 Judy Wilson with CAS staff (August 28, 2020). Follow up meeting on

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						February 11, 2021 to review revised timeline and approach. FNLC to continue reviewing and advising in 2021/22, including supporting advice on programs and policies.
2.4	Gap Analysis – economic development and skills training; Indigenous Knowledge; data and info sharing; GHG emissions reduction in First Nations communities, etc.	Not started	BC/FNLC	Apr 2021	Jul 2021	Review feedback from engagements, identify gaps for feedback and input in FNLC First Nations Climate Strategy and Action Plan and CleanBC. Gap analysis may include: funding gaps; clean energy; skills and training; for priorities in communities like housing and home retrofits, conservation areas, targeted climate investments; data access for planning.
2.5	Review and feedback – BC website / portal for CleanBC programming	Underway	BC	Dec 2020	JuneMar 2021	BC to share for review and input from FNLC working group members a tool / inventory designed with Indigenous communities in mind to support access and awareness to CleanBC funding programs. Province moved deliverable to 20/21 FY; delayed start for review. Launch planned for 2021.
3.0	BC-FNLC Technical Working Group on Climate Change – Funding, Workplan and Progress Reporting					
3.1	Draft WG Joint Workplan 21/22	Underway	BC/FNLC	Jan 2021	Mar 2021	Draft workplan to be submitted by March 15, 2021.
3.2	Joint Progress Report on WG activities	Ongoing	BC/FLNC	Jan 2021	Ongoing (monthly)	DM Jardine requested a monthly update on BC-FNLC TWG progress. CAS to draft regular monthly update, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workplan updates • Key milestones
3.3	Financial reporting	Not started	FNLC	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	Financial reporting certified by a senior official required per terms of 19/20 contribution agreement “30 days after end of the agreement” – this is April 30, 2021. First BC-FNLC TWG on Climate Change agreement is completed at the end of March 2021. Financial report includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project income and expenditure summary identifying all sources and use of total Project funds over the duration of the Agreement (Nov 2019 – Mar 2021) - A statement detailing the use of the Province’s Financial Contribution provided over the duration of the entire Agreement, including an explanation of any financial variances.

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Commented [CCE3]: Adding this to keep track of this requirement of the first contribution agreement; AFN signed the first agreement.

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Timeline – BC-FNLN TWG Discussions (updated to Feb 2021):

Date	Topics
Nov 2019	Minister’s advisory council on climate (input on membership); Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy; Remote Community Energy Strategy; CleanBC job readiness flagged; engagement plan discussed for January 2020 forum.
Jan 2020	Plastics; Remote Community Energy Strategy; update on BC Hydro Phase 2 review process noted; interim and sectoral targets under <i>Climate Change Accountability Act</i> discussed.
Feb 2020	Bioenergy Strategy; BC Hydro Phase 2 meeting engagement, IRR shared econ development 1-pager for review and feedback; feedback on January forum approach; Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy Update.
Feb 2020	Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy: Risk Assessment Webinar for FNLN staff Feb 2020. Key interests include: timeline to review of the methodology; how changes to the methodology will include Indigenous perspectives.
Mar 2020	Engagement principles finalized; Forest Carbon Offset protocol flagged; BC AFN and UBCIC shared presentation at the Whitehorse Climate Summit in Mar 2020, including UN Declaration and work of the BC-FNLN TWG on CC.
April 2020	Adaptation strategy update, including shift from discussion paper due to COVID 19, and COVID 19 recovery discussed. AFN noted plans for engagement and international strategy for COP 26 in Glasgow, Scotland.
May 2020	AFN and UBCIC update on Human Rights special rapporteur report on climate change and cultural right; update on engagement approach to sector targets. All Chiefs meeting delayed due to COVID, impacting FNLN strategy timelines,
Jun 2020	FNLN climate survey available online. Update on sectoral targets process; adaptation engagement update. COVID Recovery discussion. FNLN ecdev survey and green economy; interest in natural ecosystems. Data and measurable outcomes for communities noted.
Jul 2020	Declaration Act engagement noted. CFN MOU and conservation-based regional economy; fed/AFN Joint Committee on Climate Action; Remote Community Energy strategy update on engagement; CleanBC communities fund upcoming call noted. Bill 17 and importance of engagement. Sector targets discussion continued. Separate meetings on CCAA targets (July 30, 2020) and Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy development and engagement (July 31, 2020.)
Aug 2020	meeting cancelled due to summer vacation and availability. Kukpi7 Judy Wilson briefed on the Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy (August 28, 2020).
Sept 2020	(August meeting cancelled due to summer vacations / availability): embargoed Accountability Report presentation and advance copy shared for feedback; flood strategy presentation from FNLN; Declaration Act action plan language reviewed on climate action. Embargoed draft strategy with FNLN for review and comment (pre-interregnum.)
Oct 2020	Cancelled due to interregnum.
Nov 2020	Cancelled due to interregnum.
Dec 2020	New mandate letters reviewed; sectoral targets discussion paper noted; discussion on CPAS and CleanBC engagements; AFN update on EcDev forum indicators; AFN webinar related to EVs; upcoming for GHG and energy planning data.
Jan 2021	Discussion on CleanBC engagement, FNLN registered for sessions. Introduction of PACE. BCAFN hosting series of climate action webinars: EV charging stations (done); housing retrofits and climate data (to come). New Project Manager for the FN Climate Strategy: Cheyenne Arnold-Cunningham; engagement sessions in Feb; final draft in Feb/March, endorsement in summer. FNLN will not provide submission on sectoral targets.
Feb 2021	Workplan discussion. February 11 – Climate preparedness and adaptation strategy update briefing and discussion.

COMPLETED Action Items – BC-FNLN TWG on Climate Change (updated to Feb 2021):

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Develop funding agreement for 19/20 WG	BC/FNLN	May 2019	Aug 2019	Funding agreement completed and signed for \$100k capacity for FY 19/20 capacity and WG engagement. First payment completed upon execution of agreement; agreement modified with 20/21 agreement term.
Draft WG Workplan 19/20	BC/FNLN	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Draft workplan to be submitted to BC by Jan 31, 2020; workplan draft initiates second and final payment.
FNLN Climate Strategy and Action Plan - proposal	BC	Nov 2019	Dec 2020	BC feedback sent by email on Nov 29, 2019. BC focus of interest on econ opportunities, collaboration with federal government, alignment with CleanBC. FNLN completed climate emergency survey and shared findings with BC, made available online. FNLN funding request reviewed and approved for BC IFE support.
Jan 2020 Forum for Indigenous Communities on CleanBC	BC	Nov 2019	Jan 2020	FNLN provided feedback on invitations, forum agenda and approach, including discussion of how feedback from the forum will be addressed and communicated with attendees. Kukpi7 Judy Wilson moderated a session, and FNLN staff attended the event.
Draft WG Workplan 20/21	BC/FNLN	Jan 2020	Mar 2020	Draft workplan updated and completed Dec 2020; projects carried over to 21/22 workplan.
Develop engagement principles	BC/FNLN	Jan 2020	Mar 2020	Draft completed March 2020, final completed April 2020. Principles outline shared approach to engagement.
Develop funding agreement for 20/21 WG	BC/FNLN	Dec 2019	Mar 2020	Modification to original funding agreement completed and signed for additional \$150k for FY 20/21 activities. First payment completed upon execution of agreement. Financial report due: 30 days after end of term (extended to Mar 2021.)
2019/2020 What We Heard Report Review	BC/FNLN	Jan 2020	Apr 2020	Review and discuss report; report to be posted following updates from January 2020 forum.
Develop funding agreement for 21/22 WG	BC/FNLN	Nov 2020	Mar 2021	Funding agreement to be drafted and signed by BC and FNLN for \$150k for 21/22 FY working group activities.