Access to capital for energy projects

The First Nations Fiscal Management Act (FMA) and the Role of the First Nations Financial Management Board (FMB)

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Overview



- The First Nations Fiscal Management Act (FMA)
- The Role of the First Nations Financial Management Board (FMB)
- An energy economics example: analysis of the natural gas value chain
- An example of First Nations working together in BC
- Self-governing Nations



The FMA



- The First Nations Fiscal Management Act (FMA)
- Optional, First Nation led legislation
- Established three (3) institutions:
 - First Nations Finance Authority
 - First Nations Financial Management Board
 - First Nations Tax Commission
- Some objectives:
 - Access to capital
 - Strengthen First Nation financial management systems and financial performance
 - Strengthen First Nation taxation systems



First Nations participating in the FMA (31 March 2015)







The FMB

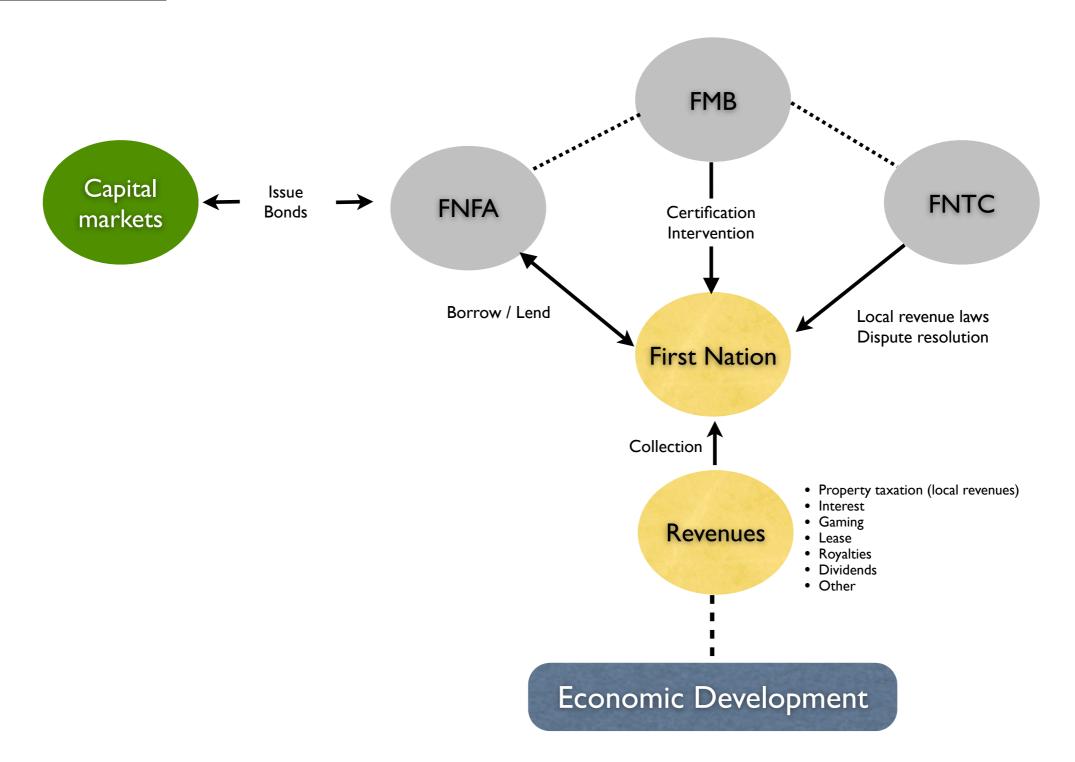


- The First Nations Financial Management Board
- A First Nation institution
 - Objective to support broader goals of the FMA access to capital
- Core activities:
 - Capacity development respond to First Nations
 - Set standards: Financial administration law, financial performance, and financial management systems
 - Upon request, **certify** that these standards have been met



FMB Role

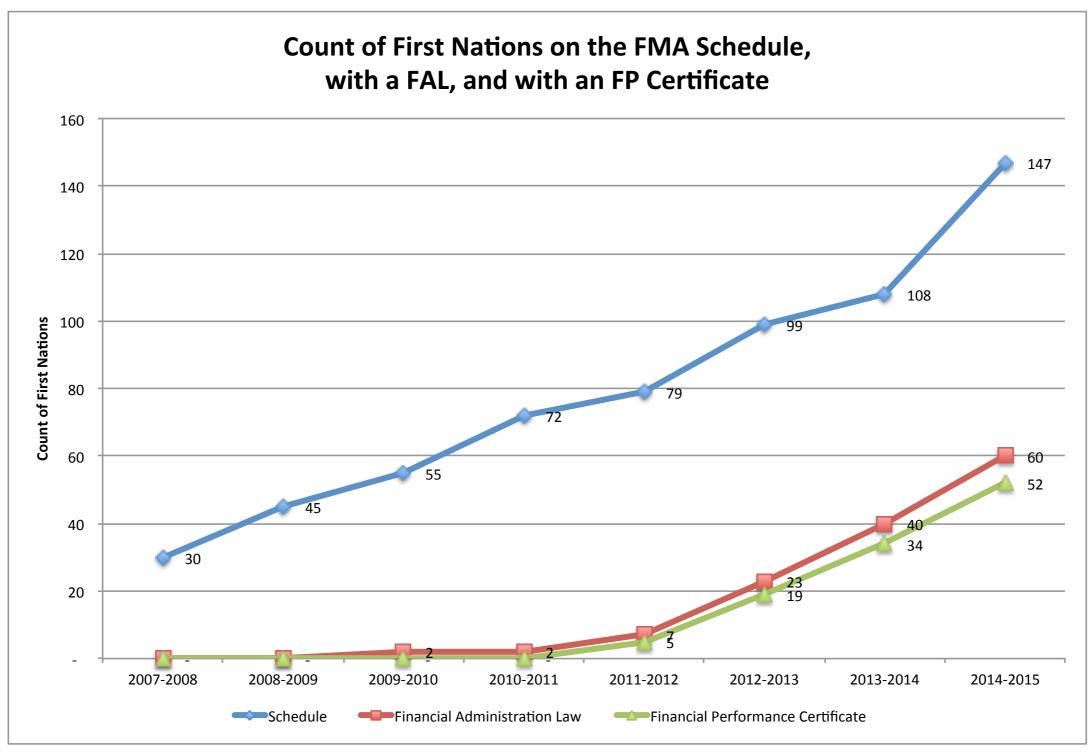






Certified First Nations (31 March 2015)





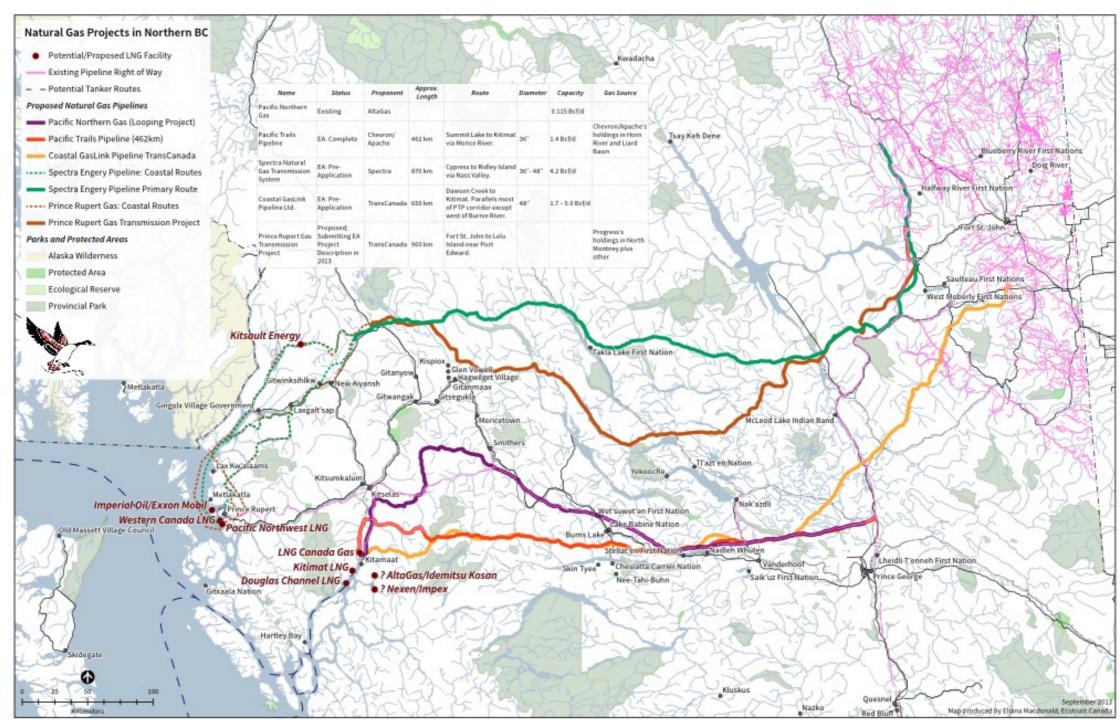




- First Nations approached FMB and asked for assistance
- First Nations needed cash to purchase equity / ownership of a proposed natural gas pipeline
- FMB responded by working with First Nations:
 - Economic analysis of value chain and energy infrastructure
 - Options for multiple First Nations to access cash to purchase energy infrastructure

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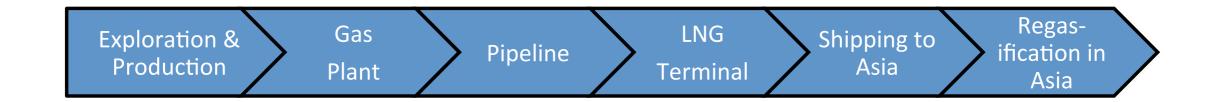




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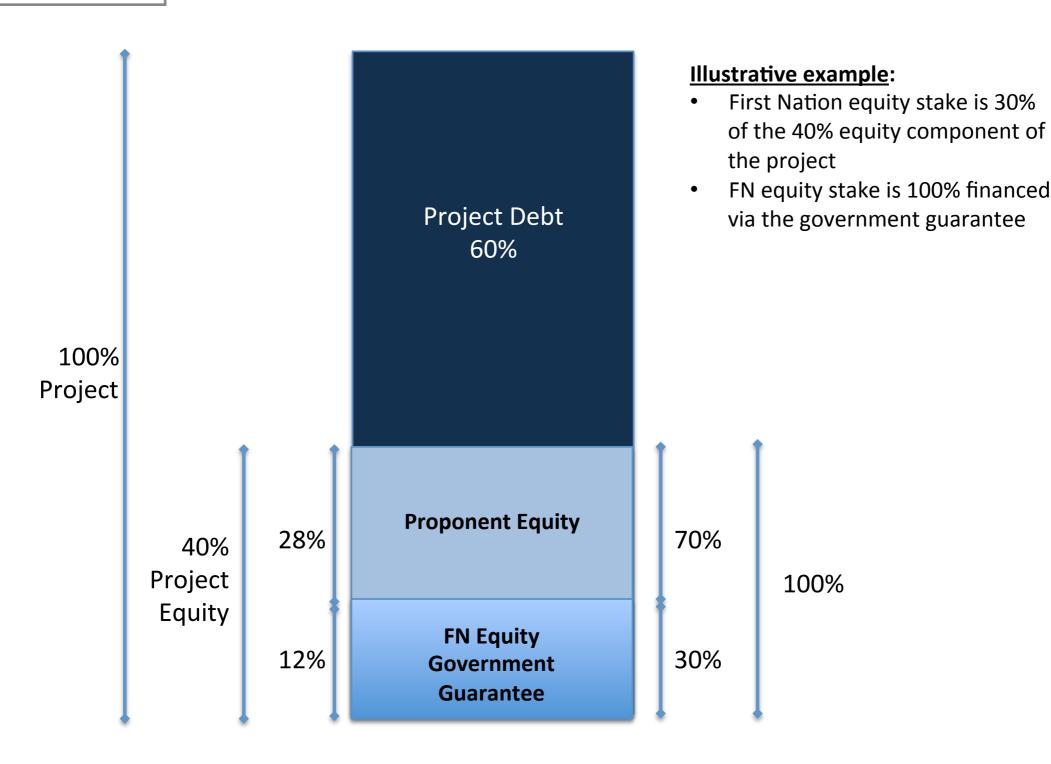




- Energy Company drills & produces gas and sends it to Gas Plant
- Gas Plant removes unwanted things from the gas.
- Pipeline company transports clean gas to LNG Terminal.
- LNG terminal chills gas and turns into a liquid at -160 degrees.
- LNG sold to Asian marketing company at outlet of LNG plant.
- LNG shipped and sold to Asian utility companies.











What if First Nations owned 30% of the equity in a pipeline?

Exploration & Production	Gas Plant	Pipeline	\geq	LNG Terminal	\rangle	Shipping	\rangle	Regas- ification	
Capital Cost		\$5,000							
FN Equity		\$750 to \$1,000				(\$	mill	lions)	
Profit		\$750 to \$1,000							





What if First Nations owned 30% of the equity in a gas plant, pipeline and LNG terminal?

Exploration & Production	Gas Plant		Pipeline	\geq	LNG Terminal	Shipping	\geq	Regas- ification	\rangle
Capital Cost	\$3,000		\$5,000		\$15,000				
FN Equity	\$410	Up	to \$600		\$1840		(\$	millions	s)
Profit	\$400	Up	to \$600		\$2,000				



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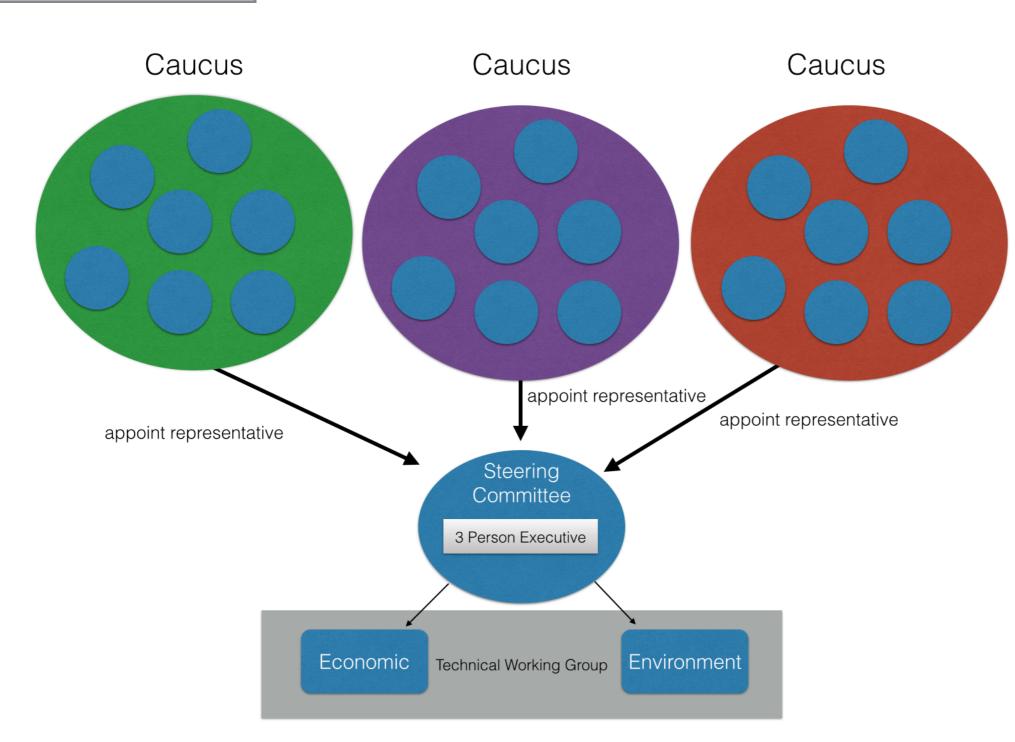


- Proposed projects are large and cross territories of multiple First Nations
- How will communities work together?
- How will communities make decisions together?
- How will communities share benefits together?
- Memorandum of Understanding and Terms of Reference developed by First Nation leaders



Working Together





Caucus

- Appoint members to steering committee
- Review strategic issues
- Provide input to steering committee members on strategic common issues

Steering Committee

- Identify and discuss strategic common issues
- Provide guidance to technical work
- Develop 'term sheet to acquire equity'

Executive

- Discussions with Government
- →Cumulative environmental impacts;
- →Loan guarantee to acquire equity

<u>Technical</u>

- Conduct technical work as instructed by steering committee
 - →Environmental study
 - ⇒Financial modelling



Self-governing



- In the FMA, First Nations are currently defined as Indian Act bands
- Some issues for self-governing First Nations:
 - Paramountcy of laws
 - Pledging revenues to repay proceeds of debenture
- Support of Yukon First Nations to resolve these issues and develop solutions

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