

# Inclusive Regional Governance Update

Regional Board

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# Objective

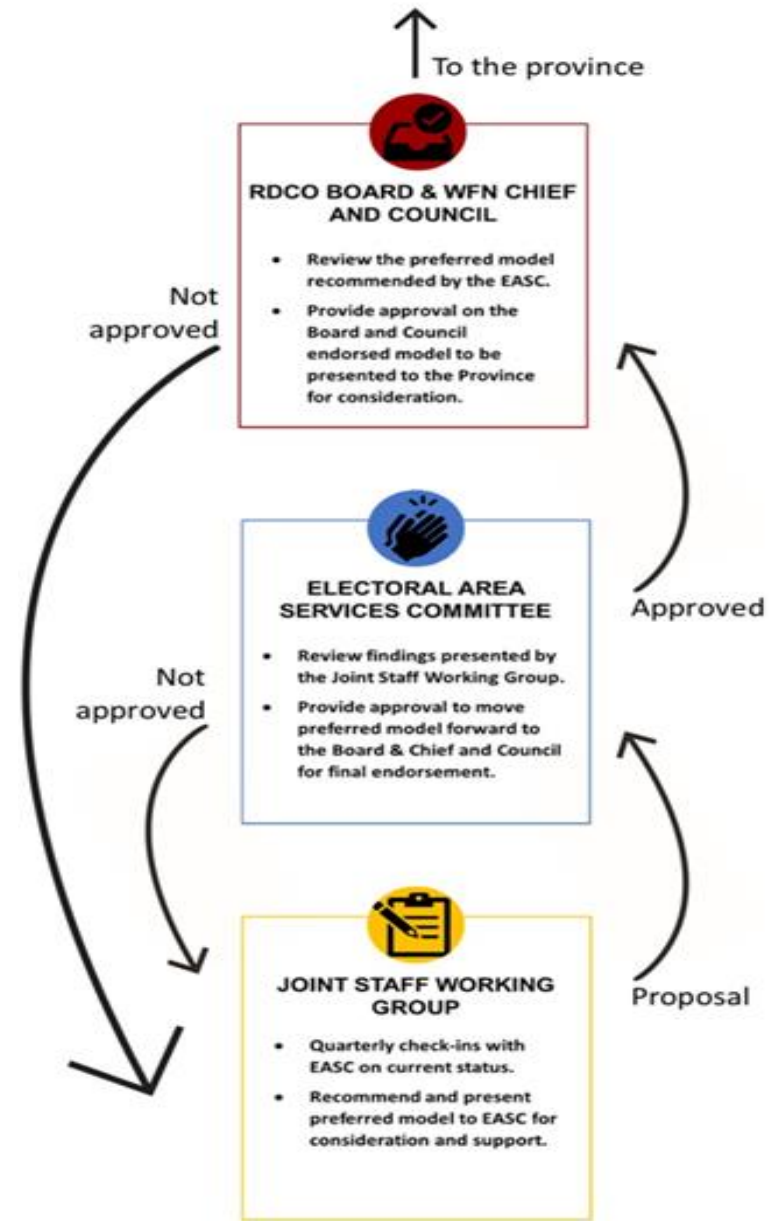
- To provide the Regional Board with an update on the progress of the Inclusive Regional Governance strategic priority of the RDCO Board of Directors and the work of the Intergovernmental Working Group to define a governance model empowering Westbank First Nation (WFN) with the rights of a voting member on the Regional Board.

# Background

- BC's DRIPA
- DRIPA Action Plan 2022-2027
- Provincial grants
- Two reports:
  - Inclusive Regional Governance Discussion Paper
  - RDCO WFN Inclusive Governance Working Session Summary



# Decision making



# Intergovernmental Work Group

- Terms of Reference
- Composition
- Monthly meetings
- Approach / Methodology
  - Identified topics
  - Deep dive



# Topics



- Scope of decision making
- Service participation
- Voting structure and strength
- Non-member representation on WFN lands
- Financial considerations
- Engaging with the Province
- WFN's powers, authorities and traditional lands
- Central Okanagan Regional Hospital District
- Emergency management

# Provincial progress

- Ex-officio support
- Confirmed commitment to DRIPA and Action Plan
- Working with several RDs and First Nations - will take learnings from each to understand next steps and future engagement required



# Next steps

- Update to WFN Chief and Council
- Intergovernmental Working Group will continue research
  - Monthly meetings booked for 2025





# Recommendation

**THAT** the Regional Board receives the Inclusive Governance Update from the Chief Administrative Officer dated February 20, 2025, for information.



Questions?