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**Draft Work Plan**

This draft Work Plan sets out the tasks necessary to develop a typical First Nation fee law. This involves development of the fee law and the fee law report.

1. **Development of First Nation Fee Law**

| **Task** | **Activities** | **Who** | **Timetable**  [estimated date expected] | **Comments** |
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| 1. Determine team for law implementation | * FN and FNTC identify their contact persons for law development. | * FN * FNTC | * Month 1 |  |
| 1. FN confirmation of legal counsel | * FN to confirm legal counsel for law development and send contact info to FNTC | * FN | * Month 1 |  |
| 1. Fee Law Report | * FN to develop fee law report * Proposed fee law report reviewed by Chief and Council * FN approval of fee law report | * FN * FN Chief and Council * FN Chief and Council | * Month 1-3 |  |
| 1. Information sessions or consultation with potential taxpayers or membership | * FN develops presentation. FNTC can offer presentation templates and technical support. * FN to determine suitable date for presentation. | * FN (FNTC) | * Month 1 or after law developed and before notification. | * Optional |
| 1. Development of Fee Law | * 1st draft of Proposed Law * FN review of FNTC comments and 2nd draft * Final Proposed Law submitted to Chief & Council * FN BCR approval of proposed law | * FN (legal) FNTC * FN (legal) * FN (legal) * Chief & Council | * Months 1-3 | * Once FN legal is confirmed, drafting depends on pace of legal counsel (typically 2-3 months) * Law development grant may be available. |
| 1. FMA Representation and Notification Period | * Preparation of Section 6 notice. * Notice mailed or emailed to FNTC (FNTC Registrar). * Notice posted in a public place. * Notice published in the [*First Nations Gazette*](http://www.fng.ca)*.* * Posting the fee law report in a prominent place on the First Nation’s website. * Distributing copy of the law when requested. * Sending copy of proposed law to FNTC. * Retaining any written representations made to FN concerning the law and representation process (includes emails). * If a public meeting is held, noting any oral representations made at a public meeting concerning the proposed law. | * FN and FNTC * FN (legal) * FN | * Months 3-4 | * Law notification is a requirement under the FMA. FNTC has developed a one-page sample notice (sample section 6 notice). It describes the law and invites individuals to comment on the law. It also contains contact information and states where a copy of the fee law report may be obtained. If the First Nation chooses to hold a public meeting, the notice would provide the date and location of the public meeting. * FNTC can provide a sample representation plan to facilitate representation and notification activities. * Section 6 notice period must be for at least 45 days for law notification. * If a First Nation has an existing tax base additional notification is required (e.g., notice published in newspaper, FN website, or in a newsletter). |
| 1. FN approval and Submission of Laws (after representation period) | * Consideration of representations (if any). * Chief & Council approval of law. * Invitation of further representation to the FNTC under s.7 (*if written representations are made*). * Confirmation letter under s.8 that FMA requirements have been met. * Submission of law to FNTC Registrar. | * Chief & Council * Chief & Council * FN * FN * FN | * Month 5 | * FNTC has a sample s.7 letter. * FNTC has a sample s.8 letter. |
| 1. FNTC Review and approval consideration | * Reviews law and s.7 representations, if any. * Approves compliance with legislative framework. * Law comes into force the later of the day after FNTC approval, or date set by the First Nation. | * FNTC | * If FN receives representations, FNTC must allow 30 days for further representations. |  |