



**BRITISH COLUMBIA
ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS**

Annual General Meeting

**SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A FIRST NATIONS
CANNABIS INSTITUTION/REGULATOR**



**Osoyoos
Indian Band**



**Sumas
First
Nation**



October 8, 2024

Background & Timeline on Cannabis Initiative

- NTHC entered into a partnership with **OIB**
- Worked with OIB & MLA's to prepare concept paper
- Minister **Farnworth** extended **invite** in Nov 2021
- Meeting Jan 28, 2022 with OIB, NTHC, BC Cannabis Secretariat & BC Gov
- June 2022, BC Cannabis Secretariat asked for a **pause**
- A representative of the BC-FNLC Cannabis Working Group became involved
- Dev on platform and **governance & jurisdiction** commenced
- Presented to **BC AFN** in September 2023
- Met with BCCS April 26th – government supportive of the FNCR concept
- Engagement commenced with BC Government for input on FNCR from regulatory and legal perspective
- BC Gov is very responsive, supportive and provides feedback on agreements

Key Comments & Questions by BC Government*

- LCDB (via ADM) can delegate powers to a FNCR General Manager.
- BC Gov won't oppose BC First Nations regulation of cannabis operations on reserve lands
- Where would the FNCR operate from?
- How is fairness ensured and transparency on governance?
- BC Gov won't impose the FNCR structure on all BC First Nations
 - How would initial non-participants enter FNCR structure in the future?
- How with the proposed structure align with BC Declaration Act and First Nation rights?
- How will fees / taxes be collected? How will they be set?
- How will inspections and enforcement be handled?
- Demonstrate FNCR structure & operations in regulated environment.

* - taken from meeting minutes, not formal written positions

High-Level Overview of First Nations Cannabis Regulator

Key Objective: full governance & jurisdiction to First Nations over all Cannabis matters

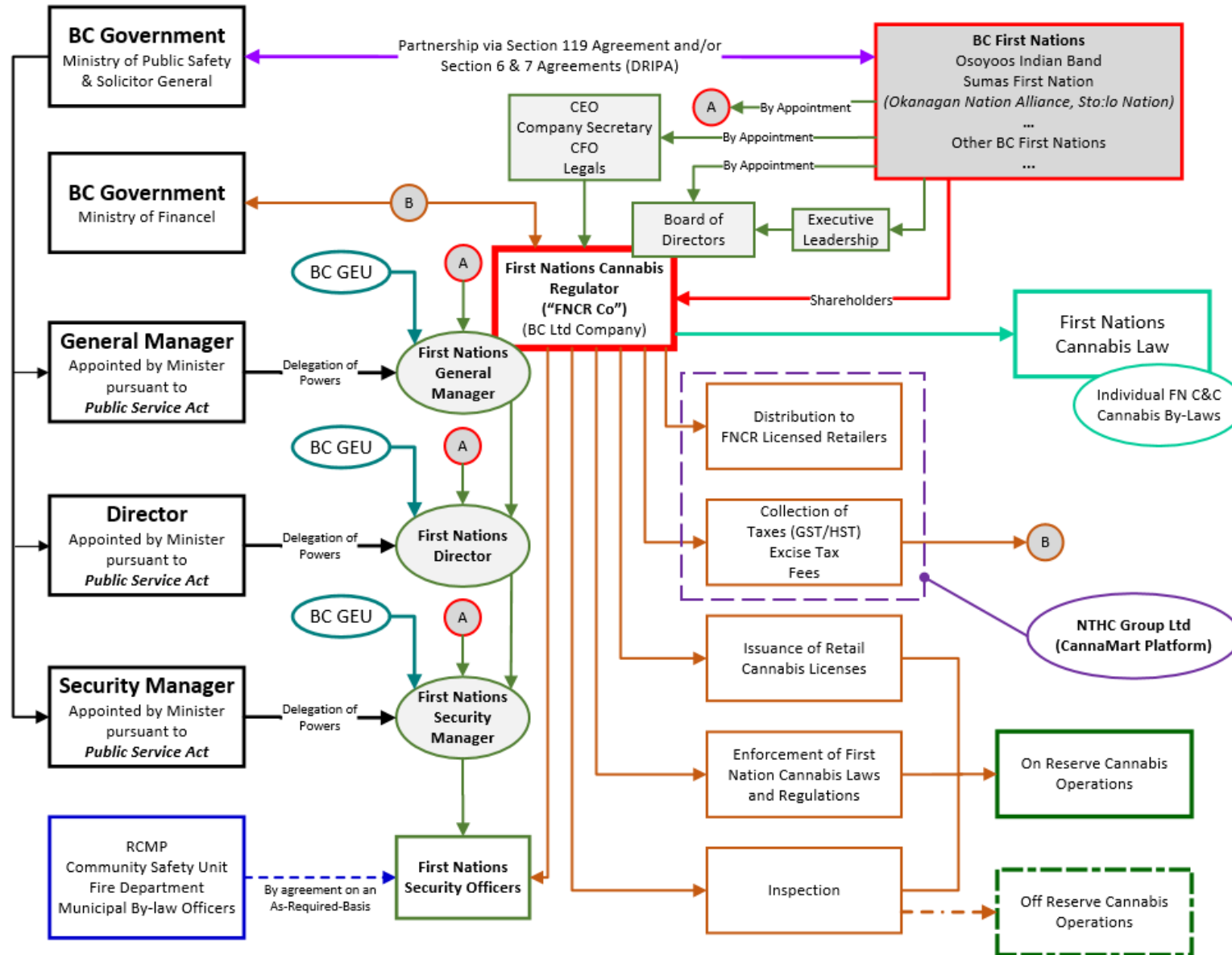
- FNCR Authority includes:
 - Regulation of cannabis matters on participating First Nation reserve lands
 - Enact and enforce base cannabis law and individual C&C bylaws
 - Enforce cannabis laws by First Nations
 - Set and collect taxes

- Framework for Participation (example)



Full Banking Services to First Nations Regulated Cannabis Operation

Proposed Regulatory Structure



Next Steps



Engage with BC First Nations to complete FNCR documents



Continue engagement with BC Gov on FNCR agreements



Schedule Meeting with CRA on Tax / Revenue Collection



Schedule meeting with BC Gov & BCCS for January 2025