



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AND CULTIVATING SOCIAL LICENCE

A GUIDE FOR SMALL TENURE HOLDERS IN BC

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Presentation Overview

- The history of the project
- Why does it matter?
- Case Studies
- The Framework
- Conclusions



Social Licence

Community acceptance, understanding and support



Activities are not enough

- Transactions = How we do business
- To build social licence we must build relationships



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Case Study 1 Collaboration in the wildland urban interface

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Case Study 2 FSC certification: standards for community engagement

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The Framework

Step 1: Engage early in the process

Step 2: Assess capacity to engage, budget, and address gaps

Step 3: Design a process with feasible and realistic goals supported by all parties

Step 4: Develop a communication plan

Step 5: Discuss, deliberate, and develop strategies for action

Step 6: Demonstrate outcomes and monitor success

The Framework

A Checklist

Each step includes:

- Key elements
- Description
- Selected resources



Conclusions

Developing collaborative approaches or implementing other strategies for cultivating social licence in small tenures in BC should be considered an ongoing process that is relationship-based and long term.

“Reconciliation is more than a respectful relationship.”



“It is empowerment and reinforcement of cultural pride and identity. It is a focus on the long term and shared prosperity. To do this right is a marathon. It takes courage. It is not a destination. You cannot predict an outcome or be attached to a time frame. You must have the courage to start. Small actions count. Every action counts.”

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