



Anishinaabe Governance is... **PROTECTING ANISHINAABE RIGHTS**

Keeping Our Tax Exemption

The Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement has nothing to do with taxation.

No where in the Agreement does it say anything about taxation.

Section 87 of the Indian Act that deals with taxation will continue to apply.

Getting Out of Certain Indian Act Sections

First Nations that ratify the Governance Agreement will be removed from ONLY those sections of the Indian Act that deal with band lists, membership, elections and how we run our First Nation Council meetings: Section 8-14 Band Lists, Sections 74-79 Elections of Chiefs and Band Councils, and Section 80 Regulation of Band Meetings and Council Meetings.

Taxation and OSR Are Not the Same Thing

There was great controversy about Own Source Revenue (OSR) during the negotiation process.

First, taxation and OSR are not the same thing.

Yes, Canada did want to include OSR in the fiscal agreement but our negotiators were successful in getting Canada to agree that the OSR factor is zero (0); therefore, OSR does not apply.

OSR is in moratorium which means it is suspended. Further, we have an agreement that OSR would apply in future only if all the First Nations that become Parties to the Governance Agreement agree. The prospect of that happening is in our control.

Canada Cannot Change the Agreement

Please note that the Governance Agreement trumps the federal legislation that will give legal effect to the Governance Agreement. This means that Canada cannot impose legislation that goes against the ratified Governance Agreement. Canada has to legally abide by the Governance Agreement when passing legislation.

Further, the Governance Agreement cannot be changed unless the Parties, the First Nations and Canada, agree.

Aboriginal and Treaty Rights are Protected

There is no derogation (diminishment) or abrogation (overrule) of Aboriginal and Treaty rights.

The leadership of our Anishinabek First Nations and our Grand Council, who have led this process from the beginning, nor our negotiators, would not jeopardize our future in this way.

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