

# QUW'UTSUN TUMUHW COWICHAN TRIBES LAND CODE

## CWB PRESENTATION

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# BACKGROUND

**Quw'utsun Tumuhw is now the basic land laws of Cowichan Tribes reserve lands and will replace the land management provisions of the Indian Act.**

- September 20, 2019 vote ratified the Quw'utsun Tumuhw and Individual Agreement
- Control of Cowichan Tribes lands are no longer subject to the *Indian Act*
- Now under governance authority of Cowichan Tribes

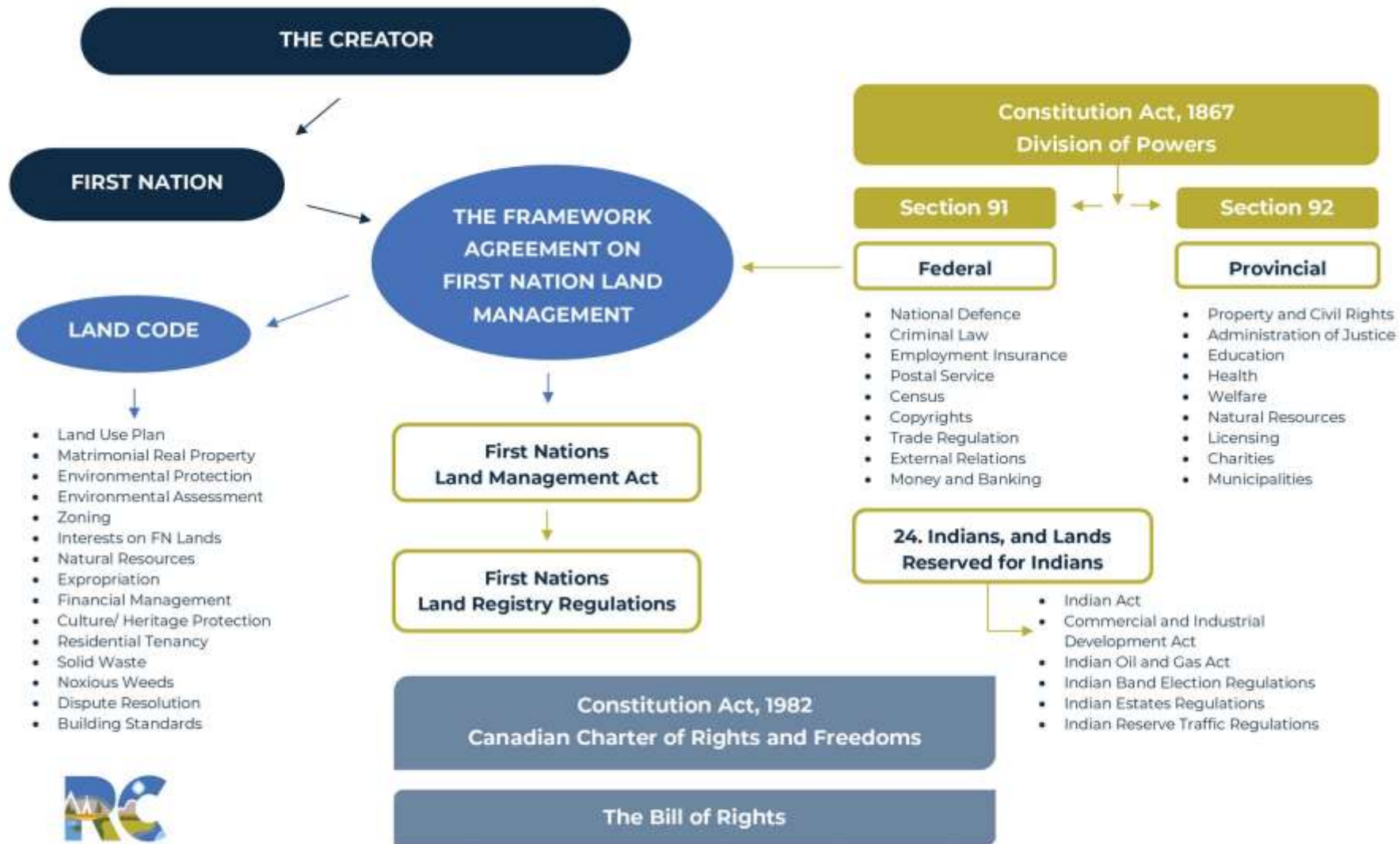


# LAND GOVERNANCE AUTHORITY

## Legal status and power of Cowichan:

- The *Framework Agreement* provides Cowichan Tribes with legal status and power to govern and manage the Tumuhw
- While Cowichan Tribes will not be able to sell their land, they will be able to lease or develop their lands and resources, subject to any limits imposed by the Quw'utsun Tumuhw.





# WHY LAND CODE???

- Jurisdictional – taking back the authority that should have never rested with external officials in the first place
- Sense of empowerment – another step towards self-government
- The ability to make laws based upon community values
- Community approvals of the various laws
- Economic – the ability to participate quicker in the regional economy or require members to be employed, as outlined through a lease, at various stages of the project





# **PRIORITY AREAS**

- **Lands Administration**
- **Tumuhw Committee**
- **Information Management**
- **Organization Study / Human Resource Management**
- **Financial Management**
- **Communications & Public Relations**
- **Law Making & Enforcement**
- **Natural Resource Management**
- **Mapping**



# WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON NOW

- Work on defining our governance priorities with Chief and Council, Administration and the community
- Planning for Initial Strategic Documents and Law
  - Land Use Plan
  - Environmental Management Plan
  - Matrimonial Real Property Law
- Build our capacity (HR recruitments, training)
- Strengthen our partnerships with local jurisdictions, external agencies and local developers





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