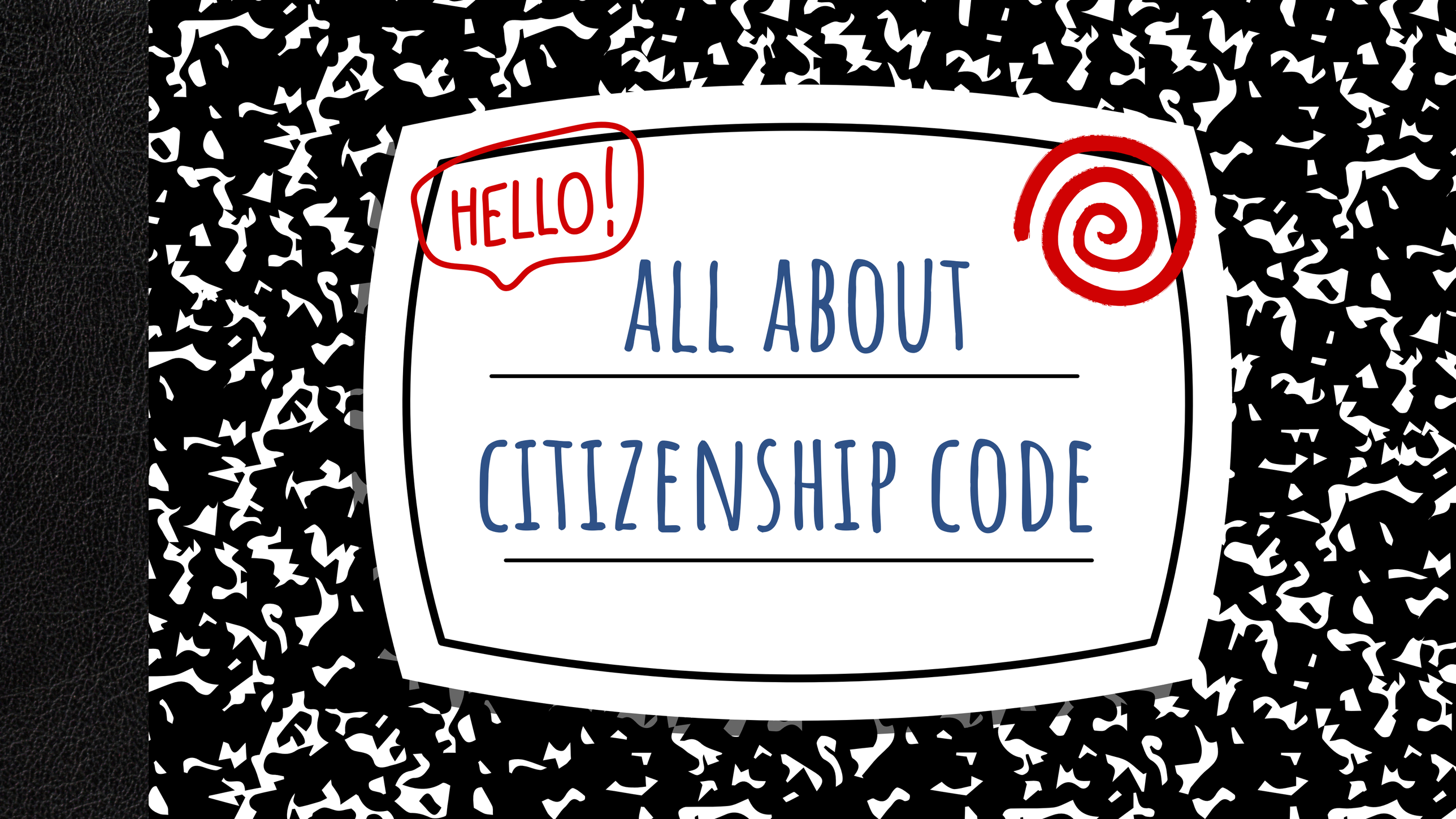
HELLO!
ALL ABOUT
CITIZENSHIP CODE

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We are reclaiming our protocols for Sts'ailes Citizenship.

Your thoughts, questions, and knowledge are welcome!

Self-Governance Sts'ailesized

We are committed to:

- Have our Snowoyelh (traditional laws) and Si:wes (teachings) threaded into our governing practices.
- Utilize methods that work better for Sts'ailes.
- Continue making incremental steps towards self-governance.

Our Current Road Map

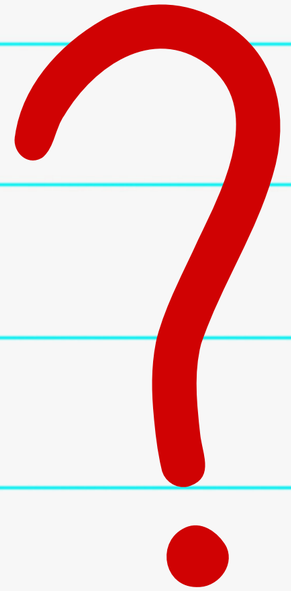
This is what this presentation focuses on

We are simultaneously working on:

- Drafting the Sts'ailes Constitution
- Drafting the Sts'ailes Citizenship Code
- Negotiating a Nation-to-Nation agreement with Canada aka Self-Government Agreement (SGA)

What is a Citizenship Code?

A Citizenship Code determines who makes up the Nation of Sts'ailes and who the Sts'ailes government will respond to, advocate for, and govern.



FAQ webpage coming soon!

WHAT ABOUT MY STATUS CARD?

Status cards are under the Indian Act, which is overseen by the Government of Canada. Status card membership (559) and Sts'ailes Citizenship are separate, and will be treated as such. What will this look like? Well, we will be:

- Seeking guidance from Knowledge-Keepers and Respected Elders,
- Carrying out community engagement activities seeking your input,
- Analyzing other Citizenship Codes to assess better practices for Sts'ailes, and
- Seeking legal counsel before bringing the final draft to be vetted by Chief + Council and then presented for adoption by Referendum (a community vote).

Why a Citizenship Code?

- To preserve our identity as a distinct people
- To govern our own citizenship consistent with our heritage, our culture and our values
- To course correct from the past "Indian Act" practices that DO NOT work for us
- To continue the work of our ancestors and build a future for generations to come
- This is a significant step towards true self-governance

Examples of Principles & Considerations for Citizenship Codes

- Definition of Citizenship
- Definition of Inherent Rights (Sts'ailes-specific term)
- Eligibility to be a Citizen
- A person who has "status" under the Indian Act and is now on a Citizenship List as of the day the code comes into effect
- A natural born child or descendent of 1 or 2 parents of the Nation
- Someone adopted by an individual who is a Citizen of the Nation
- Any person with Ancestry from the Nation and transfers from another Band or Nation
- Historic and present day practices that embody laws and principles of the Nation

WHAT ELSE DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE CONSIDERED?

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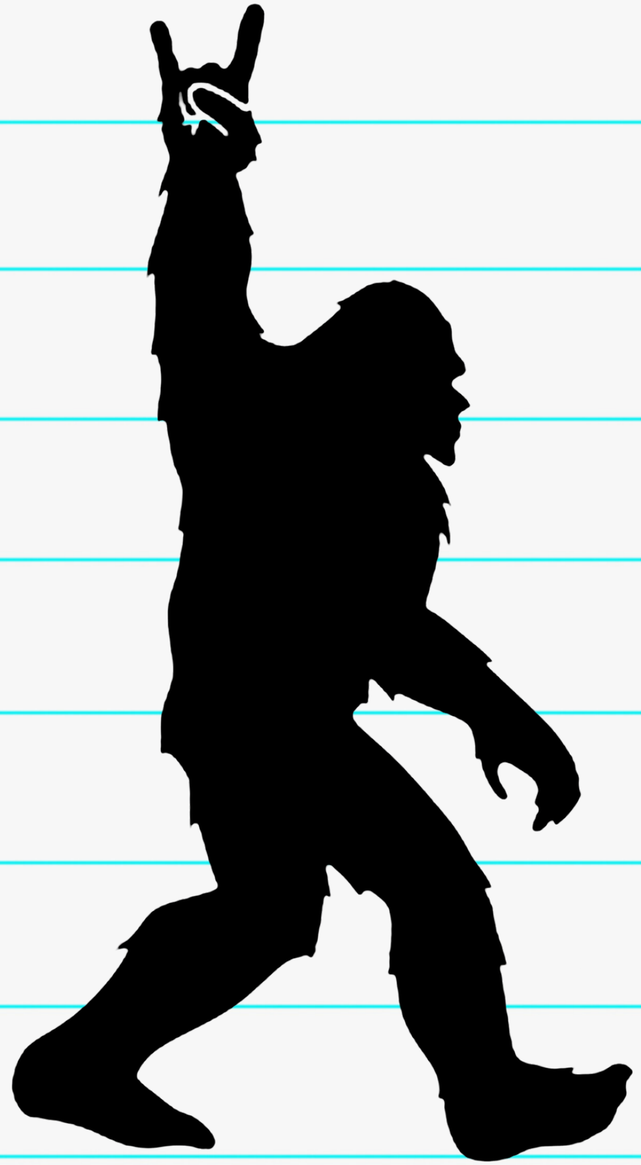

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