

# Sts'ailes Referendum

## Vote March 2024

# STS'AILES CONSTITUTION

## WHAT IS A CONSTITUTION?

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The Constitution describes how we wish to live and how we want to govern ourselves. It is the over-arching document for our laws.

## OUR LAWS RECOGNIZED

# Sts'ailes Referendum

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# STS'AILES CITIZENSHIP

## WHAT IS A CITIZENSHIP CODE?

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The Citizenship Code determines who Sts'ailes government will respond to, advocate for, and govern.

## OUR LAWS RECOGNIZED

# SELF-GOVERNMENT

## WHAT IS A SELF-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT?

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A Self-Government Agreement (SGA) is a nation-to-nation agreement with Canada that recognizes Sts'ailes rights for self-government. It will outline key elements of our self-government practices and future scope of work we wish to engage in for self-government.

OUR LAWS RECOGNIZED

# Decision-Making

Essentially, the SGA recognizes decision-making power of Indigenous governments - in this a case, for Sts'ailes



# INDIAN ACT & SELF-GOVERNMENT

## INDIAN ACT



- Governed by the Indian Act
- Band Council has delegated authorities
- Band Council reports to the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Minister of Indigenous Services
- Programs and services provided through Department of Indigenous Services
- Land that is provided (Indian Reserves) for the use and benefit of the Band cannot be owned by the Band or individual members.
- Funding is determined by the federal government and there is no guarantee in funding

# INDIAN ACT & SELF-GOVERNMENT

## SELF- GOV'T



- The Indian Act no longer applies to the First Nation or its Citizens where the First Nation have made their own laws.
  - Sts'ailes is an independent government
  - Sts'ailes is no longer accountable to the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Indigenous Services
- Governed by Sts'ailes Constitution
  - Sts'ailes Government makes laws and is accountable to the people
- Same level of existing services plus ability to expand services to meet the needs of its citizens
- Consistent governance funding through the Collaborative Fiscal Framework



# WHAT WE ARE DOING



# LISTENING TO ORAL STORIES



**ENGAGING  
KNOWLEDGE  
KEEPERS**

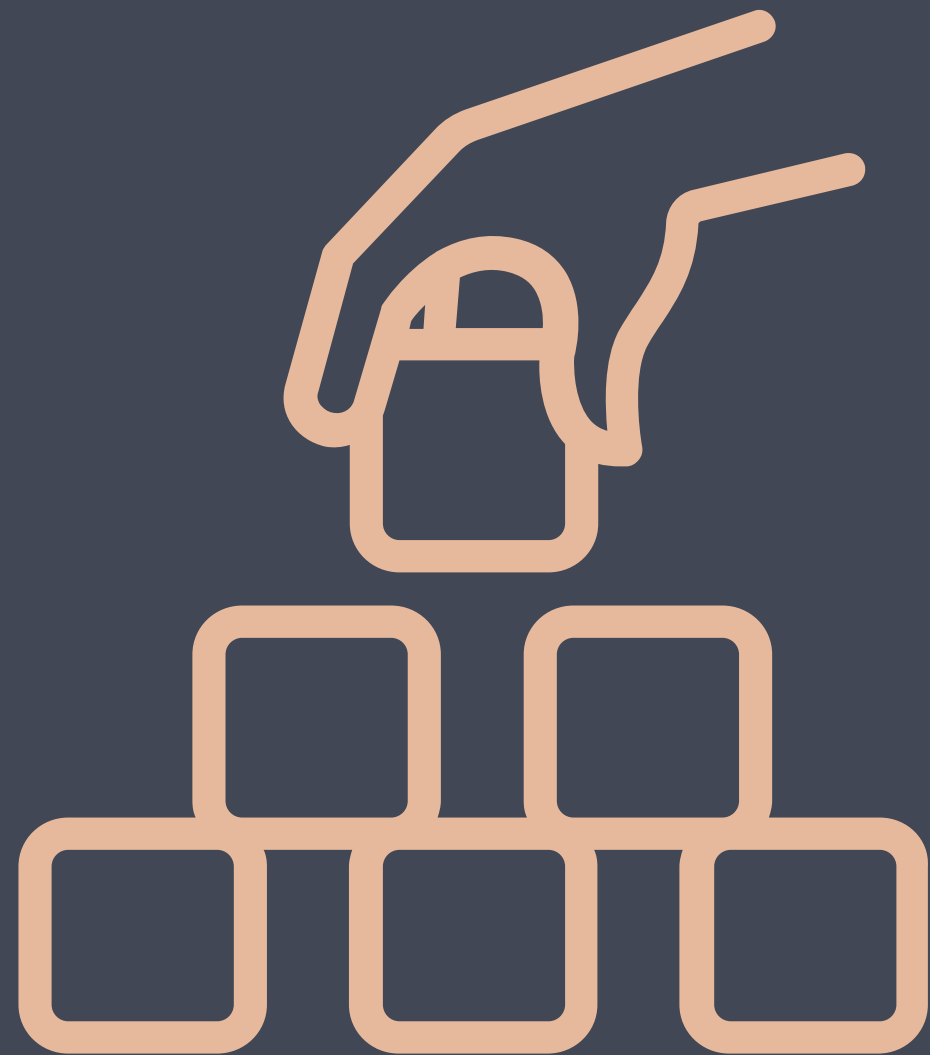
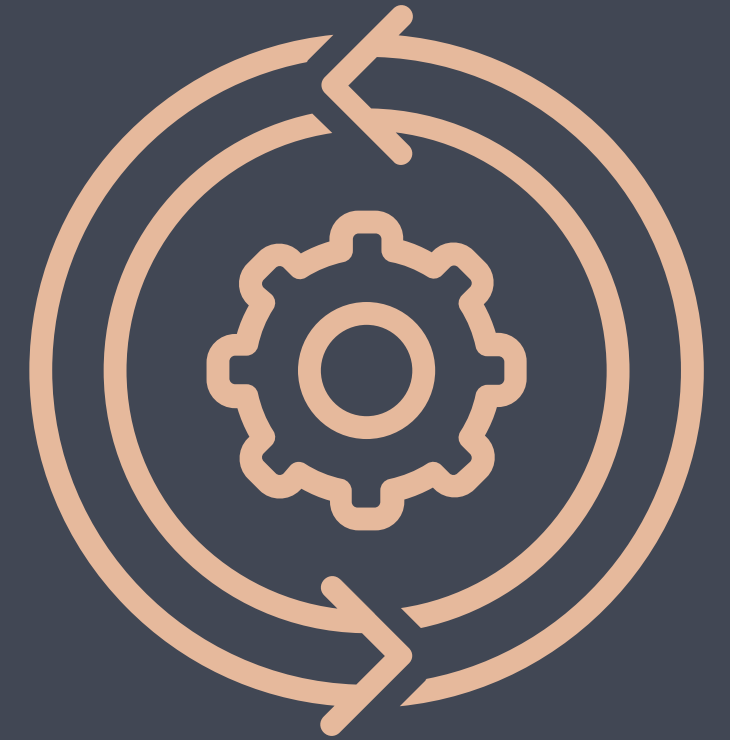


**UTILIZING STS'AILES  
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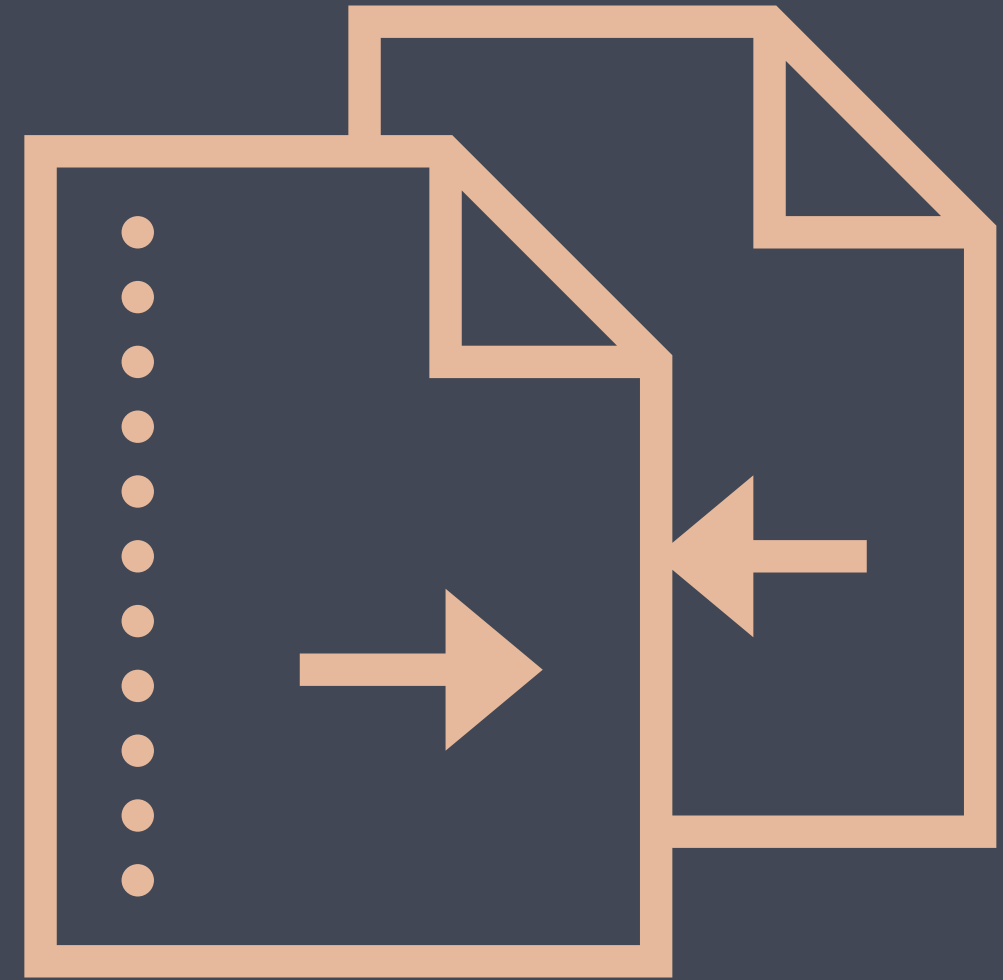
**AND STS'AILES  
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# COMPILING EXISTING DOCUMENTS



TO BUILD ON THE  
WORK OF OUR  
PREDECESSORS

# ENGAGING OUR LEGAL COUNSEL



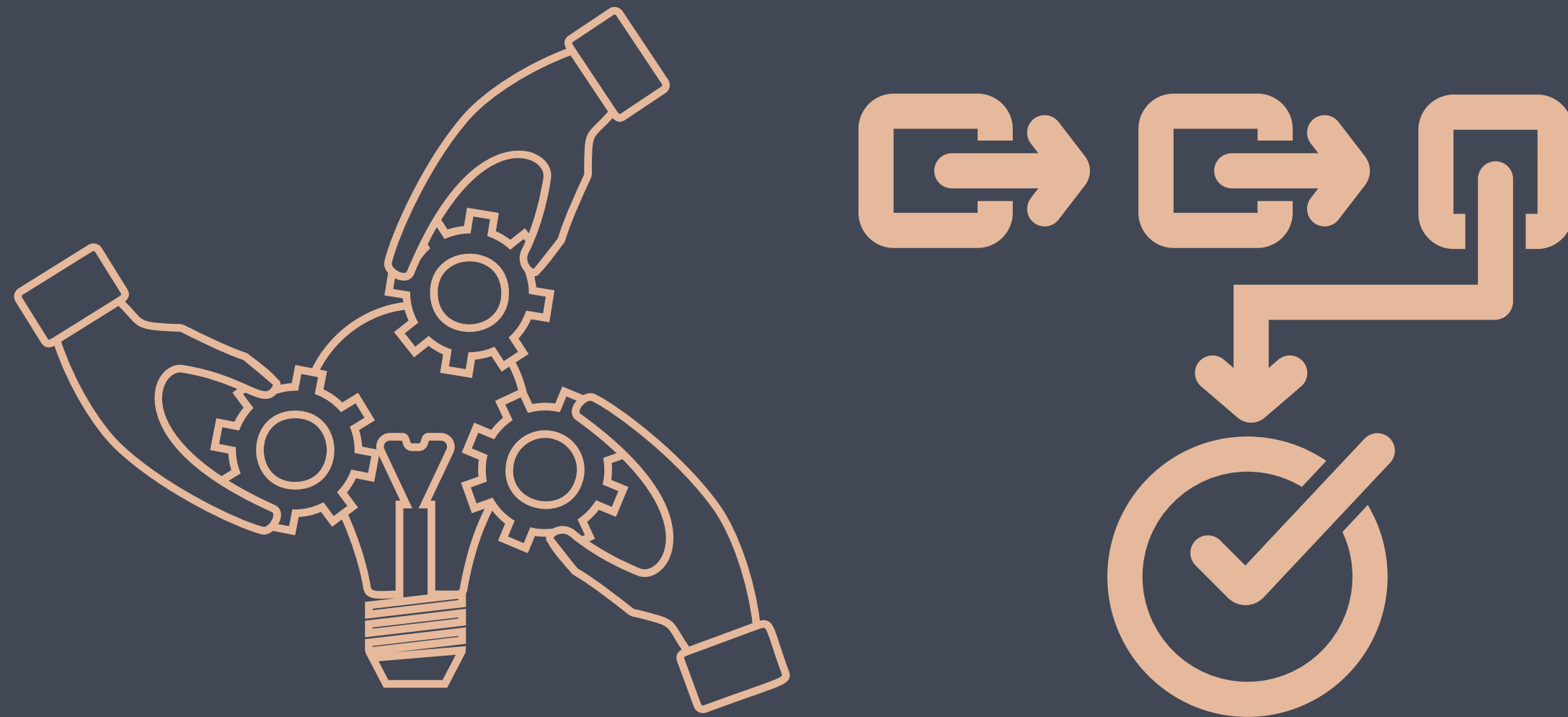
## CROSS COMPARING WITH OTHERS



**CONSULTING  
WITH STS'AILES  
XWELMEXW,  
CHIEF + COUNCIL  
AND EMPLOYEES**



# AND PREPARING FOR IMPLEMENTATION





# WHAT TO EXPECT





**OPEN  
HOUSE  
ACTIVITES**



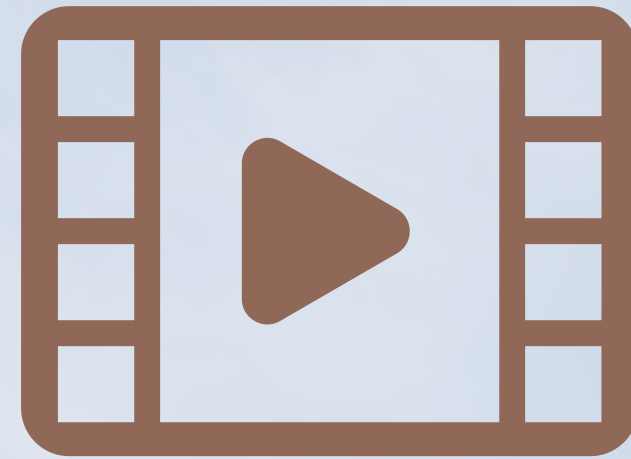
**FOCUS  
GROUPS**

**FAMILY  
MEETINGS**





**MAIL-OUT  
PACKAGES**



**VIDEO  
CLIPS**



**ONLINE + IN  
PERSON  
ACTIVITIES**



**ALSO PREPARE FOR  
RATIFICATION,  
ALSO KNOWN AS  
COMMUNITY VOTING**

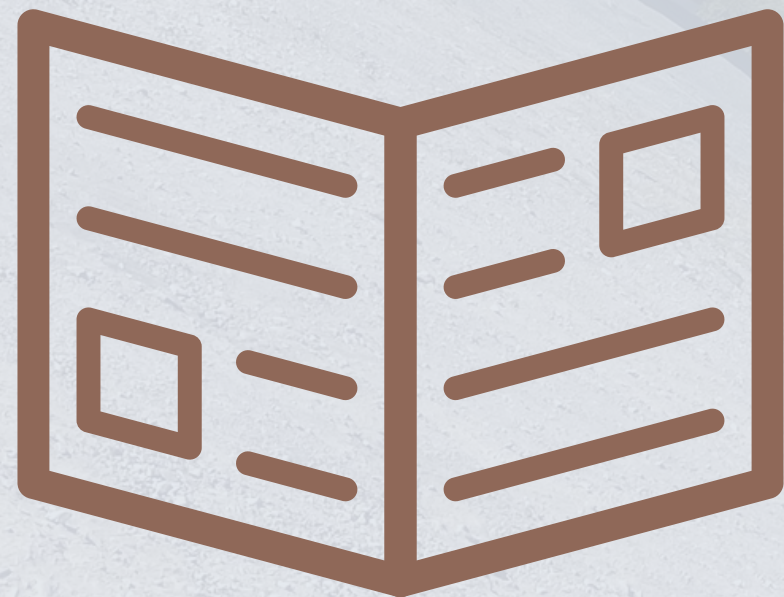


**OUR LAWS RECOGNIZED**



**CEREMONY**

**CELEBRATION**



**NEWS RELEASES**

**OUR LAWS RECOGNIZED**

# WHAT ELSE TO EXPECT



When the Constitution and Citizenship Code are ratified and when the Self-Government Agreement (SGA) is signed, we can expect to follow the standards and practices outlined in these governing documents. We will have a better idea of what the detailed changes will be when we begin implementation planning. These plans will also be shared with Sts'ailes Xwelmexw.



**LEARN ABOUT  
WHAT WE DO**



**AND SHARE  
YOUR VOICE**



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STRONG  
TOGETHER**

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