

PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL LAWS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- How to ensure follow through the legislation once it comes into place.
- Holding provinces and territories accountable, it's a common concern that we have heard across the country.
- There is hesitation, around if this level of government will help.
- Will provincial laws not impact how much funding First Nations receive? Our concern is that Ontario's new policing act says that First Nation law enforcement is not included in adequate and effective policing. We're concerned that essential service funding will be limited by that.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS - ACCOUNTABILITY

- Regarding funding arrangements, can recipients hold the funder accountable?
- Is it going to be a top priority for the government to ensure that these things at a legislative level are held at a high accountability and importance?

WORKING COLLECTIVELY

- In order to break down these barriers we need full support from both the federal and provincial/territory governments. Working collectively we can only then make a lasting impact in our communities.
- In a three-government agreement. We end up not getting the full funding that we should be getting. Our government is not fully recognized in that way yet, but we are working into it.
- I'm not sure about the other provinces but in BC, there is a growing opportunity for First Nations to provide health services in band for example. People are coming for doctor's appointments and other medical needs. I'm wondering if this type of service could partner with Indigenous health?

SKEPTICISM AND MISTRUST

- There is a certain element of good faith that hasn't been necessarily followed the way it should have been previously.
- Are we assured that we are moving in the right direction, and everybody is going to win from this?
- Mediation will be tricky as many do not trust the RCMP and some RCMP don't respect first nations.

COMMUNITY LED – RESPECTS, PROTOCOLS, RESTORATIVE JUSTICE MEASURES

- There should be a different approach to how policing should be done in our communities. A lot of that is done when we look to our knowledge keepers and cultural practices within the justice system. We can take a holistic approach.
- It needs to be within the policing spectrum, that it's community related. There should be less dictated by the federal and provincial levels. We need to ensure the safety of the community and allow them to determine their safety standards and understand there should be certain foundation elements which are in place such as accountability standards, training standards, and investigative standards.
- Involvement of individual Chief and Council to help determine the consequences for offenders.

EXPEDITING THE PROCESS

- The Provincial Government of Alberta is looking to replace the RCMP within the next several years, and if that happens the Chief of Alberta Treaty 6, have been clear that they don't want a police force within their nation lands. This puts us into a difficult situation where this whole process needs to be expedited because we want to begin our own self-administered policing services.
- This needs to be expedited because this has been discussed and debated for three years. This needs to happen now otherwise, we lose our opportunity.

EDUCATION

- Educate some RCMP members on indigenous world view on mediations. The roster of mediators is a thing to consider. And their mandatory training before they can take on mediating for this.
- Cultural awareness needs to be part of the resolution process.

GBA+ REFERENCE POINTS

- Our elders would always tell us that the RCMP was created to protect the Indigenous people when they came to the West and that's where the elders tell us it's part of our treaties that it's the federal government's responsibility to protect our people. I want to put that in there because it's coming from the elders. The funding arrangements, this police force were made in the 90s. Will all the levels of governments help? This is where I have hesitation.