



January 31st Community Workshop Summary

FIRST live stream from the Cowichan Tribes' Facebook Page, EVER!

- * *Minor / unforeseeable technical difficulties like the microphone batteries dying and having to switch from an iPad to an iPhone for the live stream (due to WiFi Network settings at the Ramada).*
- * *Due to privacy, we were only able to record the Facilitator from Crown-Indigenous Relations, Aileen Lau, and her materials. We could not record members asking questions for this reason.*
- * *Incredible turnout!*
- * *Publication of the Community Workshop began in January via brochures handed out at Tobacco Tax, social media, and the newsletter!*



What was heard:

Get rid of the Indian Act! Cowichan Tribes knows who its members are, the government should not be deciding who is a part of Cowichan Tribes. It is an outdated law that binds and oppresses Cowichan Tribes to ideologies and practices that do not fit with our *Snuw'uy'ulh*. **Blood-line/lineage** is how Registration to Cowichan Tribes should be evaluated. Blood quantum (second generation cut-off) continues to oppress and dehumanize our *Quw'utsun'* and *Hwulmuhw Mustimuhw*.

Culture and Cultural Practice are important to the *Quw'utsun'* identity. They teach us the value in life and how to live a good life. Our *Old Ways* need to be revitalized when it comes to Registration and the question of who belongs: What were our laws pre-colonialism? How was belonging determined? How can we undo what the *hwunitum* have done to us?

Harmful Language and Concepts, the constant change in terminology, calculation of entitlement and the categories created in Registration used by the federal government is not productive and does not work for Cowichan Tribes.

Division of Registration and Membership creates confusion and separation within Cowichan Tribes population and has a negative impact on the health and well-being of our *Quw'utsun'* *Mustimuhw*.



INDIAN REGISTRATION & BILL S-3 COLLABORATIVE PROCESS

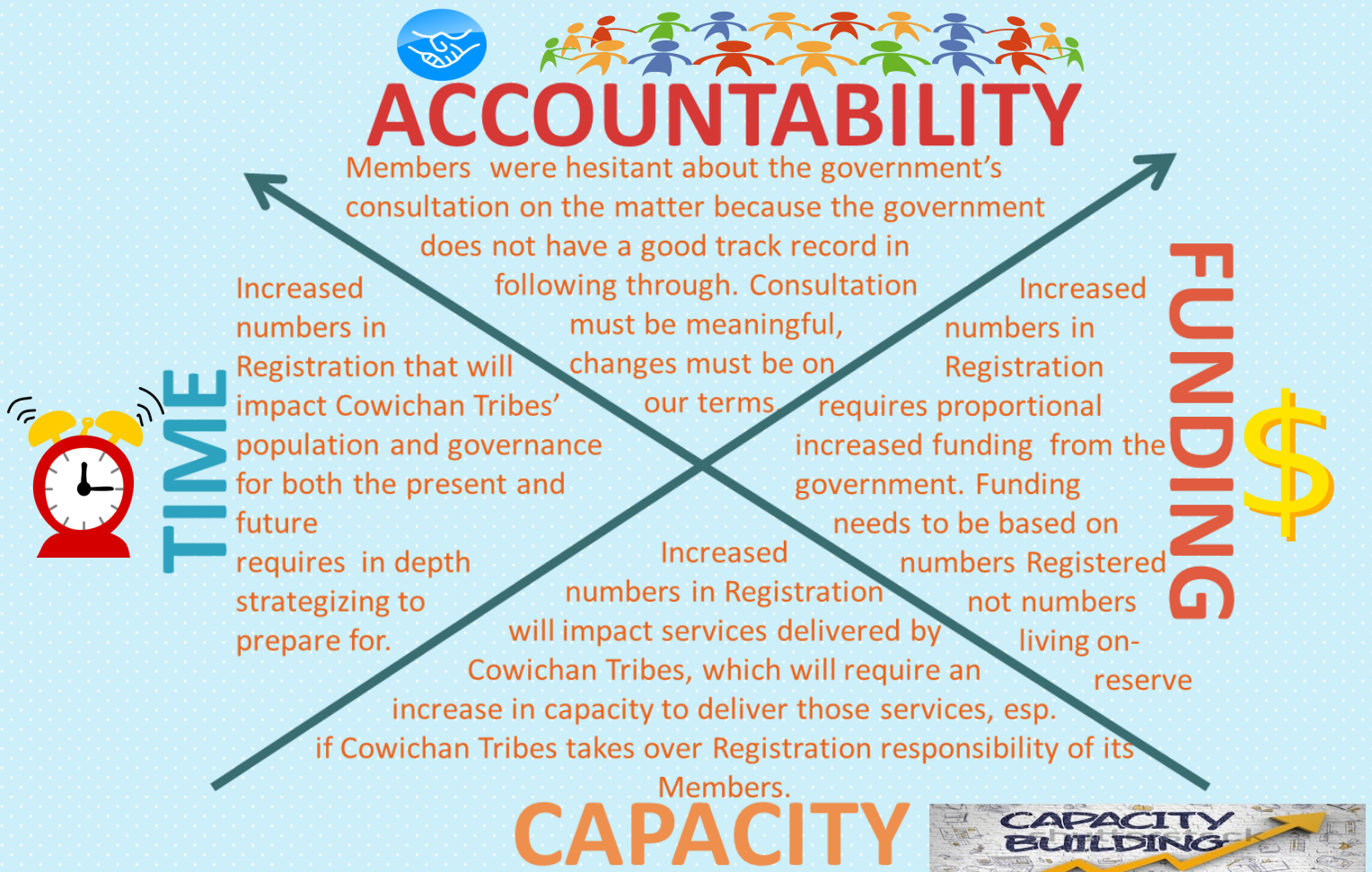
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Moving Forward: What Does Quw'utsun' Need?



DEVOLUTION OF REGISTRATION TO COWICHAN TRIBES = Cowichan Tribes having control of Registration of its own members. Quw'utsun' Mustimuhw need to make decisions about Quw'utsun' Mustimuhw. It would be a step towards Cowichan Tribes' overall ability to self-govern. If Cowichan Tribes had control over Registration, we would not be as greatly impacted by the government and their decisions that they make about us.

Meeting Demographics:

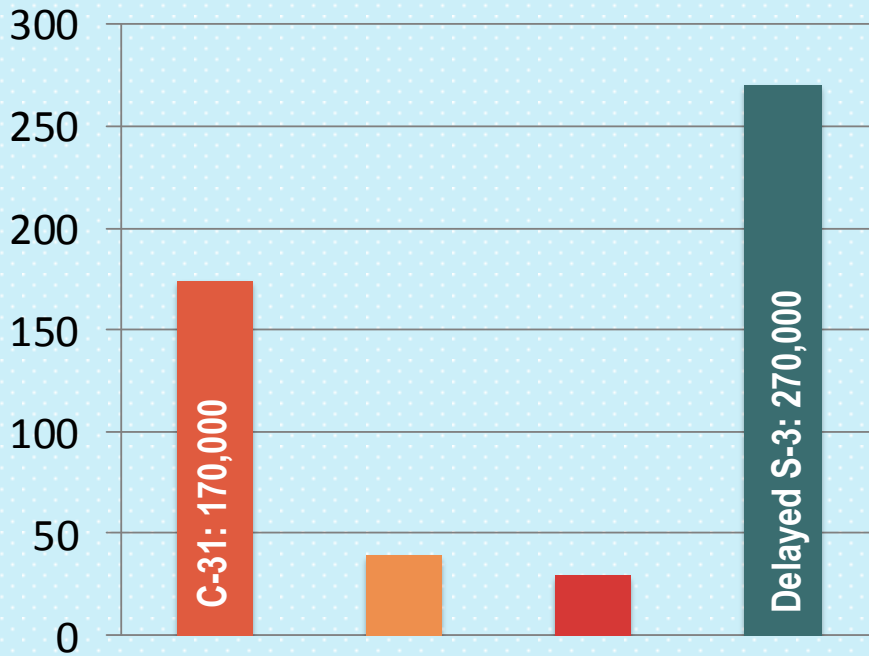
- ⇒ Approximately 140 attendees (we planned for 100, huy tseep q'a to all our members that attended and participated!
- ⇒ Approximately 22 Elder attendees (huy tseep q'a to our Quw'utsun' S'ul-hween for sharing important Snuw'uy'ulh!).
- ⇒ Approximately 15 children attendees (huy tseep q'a to the mothers and caregivers for attending)!



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#s Registered per Amendment of Indian Act

#s Registered in thousands Canada Wide



Indian Act Amendments

Bill C-31 (1985)

Bill C-3 (2011)

Bill S-3 effective December 2017

Bill S-3 delayed impacts not in effect yet

- * Only the Indian Registrar can add to the Indian Registry, this is why there is such a long wait time for Registration.
- * The Trudeau federal government has stated that it wants to remove itself from the Registration process and **move beyond the Indian Act**.
- * The **Devolution of Registration** to Cowichan Tribes would have positive impacts from reduced waiting period for Registration/Non-Insured Health Benefits to increased ability to assert our self-determination and *Snuw'uy'ulh* with In-House Registration
- * **Bill S-3 expands the eligibility for the calculation of Status entitlement and the transmission of Status, meaning Cowichan Tribes' population will be impacted.**
 - ⇒ Calculation of Entitlement = how a person is considered to be eligible for Status
 - ⇒ Transmission of Status = a person's ability to pass on Status to their descendants.

What's next?

LET'S CONTINUE THIS GOOD WORK! Community Workshop Pt. 2 is on March 26, 2019 with 5:00PM Dinner & 6:00PM Workshop at the Duncan Ramada



COMMUNITY WORKSHOP PT.2: REGISTRATION & BILL S-3 COLLABORATIVE PROCESS MAR.26/19 AT THE DUNCAN RAMADA FROM 5PM-8PM

COME DISCUSS TOPICS LIKE:

- * REMOVAL OF THE 1951 CUT-OFF
- * ADOPTION
- * 2ND GENERATION CUT-OFF
- * UNKNOWN/UNSTATED PATERNITY
- * ENFRANCHISEMENT
- * VOLUNTARY DEREGISTRATION
- * CATEGORIES IN INDIAN REGISTRATION
- * CHILDREN OF SAME-SEX PARENTS AS IT RELATES TO REGISTRATION
- * NON-CISGENDER IDENTITIES AS IT RELATES TO INDIAN REGISTRATION

**LET'S PLAN FOR OUR FUTURE
& CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK
FROM JANUARY 31ST!**



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