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INDIGENOUS MINISTERIAL ARRANGEMENTS REGULATIONS - EXPLORATION & ENGAGEMENT -

Friday, August 21, 2026

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

**Seabird Island Community School, Gym
2821 Chowat Rd., Agassiz, BC**

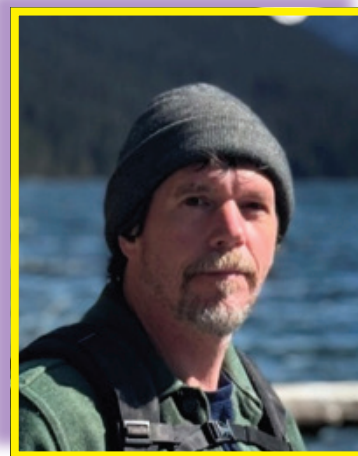
**Breakfast
and Lunch
Included**

Seabird Island's Inter-Government Affairs team invites you to join Ray Cardinal & Dr. Dave Schaepe for in-depth conversation related to Canada Energy Regulator (CER) devolution of powers, functions, and duties (PDFs) currently defined in the Canada Energy Regulator Act (CERA). Discussion will focus on the ways in which Stó:lō participation in regulatory processes for federally regulated projects could influence generational systems transformation and reform in S'ólh Téméxw. This session builds on the cumulative strategic and technical expertise and insight brought by Ray and Dave and is intended to provide First Nations leadership and their technical staff with the information needed to effectively navigate and understand IMARs in the context of CERA devolution and rights-based standards and expectations.



Ray Cardinal is the current Chair of the Indigenous Caucus and Indigenous Co-Chair of the IAMC-TMX. He has served on the committee since its inception, initially representing Alberta First Nations, and brings decades of experience in Indigenous governance, energy sector engagement, and

workforce development. Ray is a proud member of Sucker Creek First Nation and a committed advocate for Indigenous inclusion and leadership in regulatory oversight and environmental stewardship.



Dr. Dave Schaepe, a settler within S'ólh Téméxw since 1993, is Director of the Stó:lō Research and Resource Management Centre at Stó:lō Nation/ Stó:lō Service Agency where he has worked since 1997. He also acts as the Chair and General Manager of the S'ólh Téméxw Stewardship Alliance (STSA) and is

co-lead of the STSA-BC Collaborative Stewardship Forum. Dave received his Ph.D. in Anthropology/Archaeology from the University of British Columbia and continues to be gratefully schooled by Stó:lō colleagues and knowledge holders.

In response to Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) calls to conduct engagement for purposes of informing Canada Energy Regulator Act (CERA) devolution, Seabird Island Band (SIB) was successful in securing grant funding to deliver customized regional engagement that speaks to live major energy project contexts in S'ólh Téméxw.

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BACKGROUND

Indigenous Ministerial Arrangements Regulations (IMAR) is an agreement-level mechanism through which a First Nations Indigenous Governing Body (IGB) would enter into an “Arrangement” with the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources (NRCan) to undertake greater responsibilities in regulatory processes for energy infrastructure regulated federally by Canada Energy Regulator (CER).

For purposes of influencing federal planning approaches related to devolving powers, duties and functions contained in the Canada Energy Regulator Act (CERA) to a potential Stó:lō Indigenous Governing Body (IGB), Seabird Island Band (SIB), Ray Cardinal, and Dr. Dave Schaepe are delivering custom engagement to understand Stó:lō preferences and expectations related to the future of regulatory reform in S’ólh Téméxw.

OBJECTIVES

- Introduce Canada Energy Regulator Act (CERA) devolution of powers, duties and functions in a S’ólh Téméxw context.
- Provide an overview of existing Canada Energy Regulator (CER) regulatory practices, procedures and approaches highlighting opportunities for Stó:lō-led redesign.
- Highlight S’ólh Téméxw Stewardship Alliance (STSA) Integrated Cultural Assessment (ICA) produced for Westcoast Energy Inc. Sunrise Expansion Program (SEP) T-South Expansion as an example of current best practice.
- Identify the powers, duties and functions leadership and technical leads consider critical to administering Stó:lō-driven regulatory standards, ownership, and expectations in future.
- Discuss rights assertion in energy regulation, identify needs, opportunities and challenges related to CERA powers, duties, and functions, including specific means of occupying the field.

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- AGENDA -

TIMING	AGENDA ITEM
8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Welcome & Opening Comments
8:45 AM	Introduction: Canada Energy Regulator (CER) 101 • Mandate, Roles & Responsibilities • Indigenous Ministerial Arrangements Regulations (IMAR) • Powers, Duties, Functions
9:45 AM	Wellness Break
10:00 AM	Nation Authority, Indigenous Knowledge & Systemic Gaps • Indigenous Advisory Monitoring Committee (IAMC) Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX) • Asserting Rights-Based Regulatory Authority
11:00 AM	The “Right Side” of Planning for Major Energy Projects • STSA Integrated Cultural Assessment (ICA) & Drafting 32 Conditions for Westcoast Energy Inc. Sunrise Expansion Program (SEP) • Compliance, Enforcement & STSA Monitoring Committee and MPMT
12:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Powers, Duties & Functions • Increased Authorities: Risks & Opportunities • Projects in a Regional Area • Individual Projects • Funding Technical Capacity
2:00 PM	Wellness Break
2:15 PM	Aligning Our Understanding: Stó:lō Regulatory Responsibility in 2036 • World Café engagement approach to support in-depth dialogue • Session technically supported by SIB and STSA staff
3:15 PM	Debrief • What We Learned • Next Steps
3:45 PM	Closing Remarks
4:00 PM	Adjourn

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