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The Co-operative Business Model

Communities Working Together



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WHAT IS A CO-OP?



What a co-operative is

- A versatile business model
- Equitable governance and distribution of benefits
- Connection to community
- Scalable



The co-op structure

- Very similar to corporation
- Owners are members
- Equitable governance and distribution of benefits
- Connection to community
- Co-ops are incorporated a Provincial or Federal Co-operative Act



Why co-ops?

- Government and big business fail
- People want to work together
- A financial or governance relationship should be formalized
- The community can meet its needs



A group of people are seated around a large, dark wood conference table in a meeting room. They are looking at documents and papers on the table. The room has several framed pictures on the wall and fluorescent lights on the ceiling. The text "CO-OPERATIVES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT" is overlaid in large white letters across the center of the image.

CO-OPERATIVES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



River Select



<https://www.riverselect.ca/>



Indigenous Technical Services Co-operative

- Initiated by the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations
- Created in response to the federal government recommendations of provincial fire, housing and infrastructure standards followed on individual nations
- Started operations with standardize housing inspections for member nations
- Energy conservation for on-nation homes



Nehiyawaskiy Indigenous Peoples Art Co-operative

- Multi-stakeholder co-operative
- Artisans, sellers and Indigenous government organizations are members
- To promote local artisans, while creating a supply chain to sell authentic Indigenous products



A group of people are seated around a large, dark wood conference table in a meeting room. They are looking at various documents and papers on the table. The room has several framed pictures on the wall and fluorescent lights on the ceiling. The text 'COOPERATIVE OPPORTUNITIES' is overlaid in the center of the image.

COOPERATIVE OPPORTUNITIES



Tourism

- Marketing co-operative
- Independence of businesses and nations
- Utilize the co-op for group experience packages



Housing

- Community purchase of urban land
- For profit-housing
- Prioritize nation members
- Possible tenants
 - Post-secondary
 - Hospice



A group of approximately 15 people are seated around a large, dark wood conference table in a meeting room. The room has a drop ceiling with several fluorescent light fixtures. On the walls, there are several framed pictures and a map. In the foreground, a man with grey hair, wearing an orange vest over a grey long-sleeved shirt, is seated with his back to the camera, looking at papers on the table. The table is cluttered with various documents, a red can, and a water bottle. The overall atmosphere appears to be a professional meeting or workshop.

HOW WE CAN HELP



Co-operatives First

- Incorporation & governance
- Business plans & feasibility studies
- Tools and Resources
- Coaching & support



THANK YOU



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