



# **New Approaches: Gitanyow Experience**



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# Gitanyow Experience

## Outline:

- Where we came from
- Opportunities Emerge
- Commitments Made
- Benefits
- Lessons so far

# Where we came from

- Litigious/adversarial relationships
- Extremely strained relationships at local level
- Confrontational consultation meetings
- Long, complicated paper trails
- Interminable high-level negotiations with no results
- Resource intensive (affidavit writing, legal reviews, negotiations)
- Gitanyow consistent in demands for:
  - Recognition of rights/title
  - Joint landscape level planning

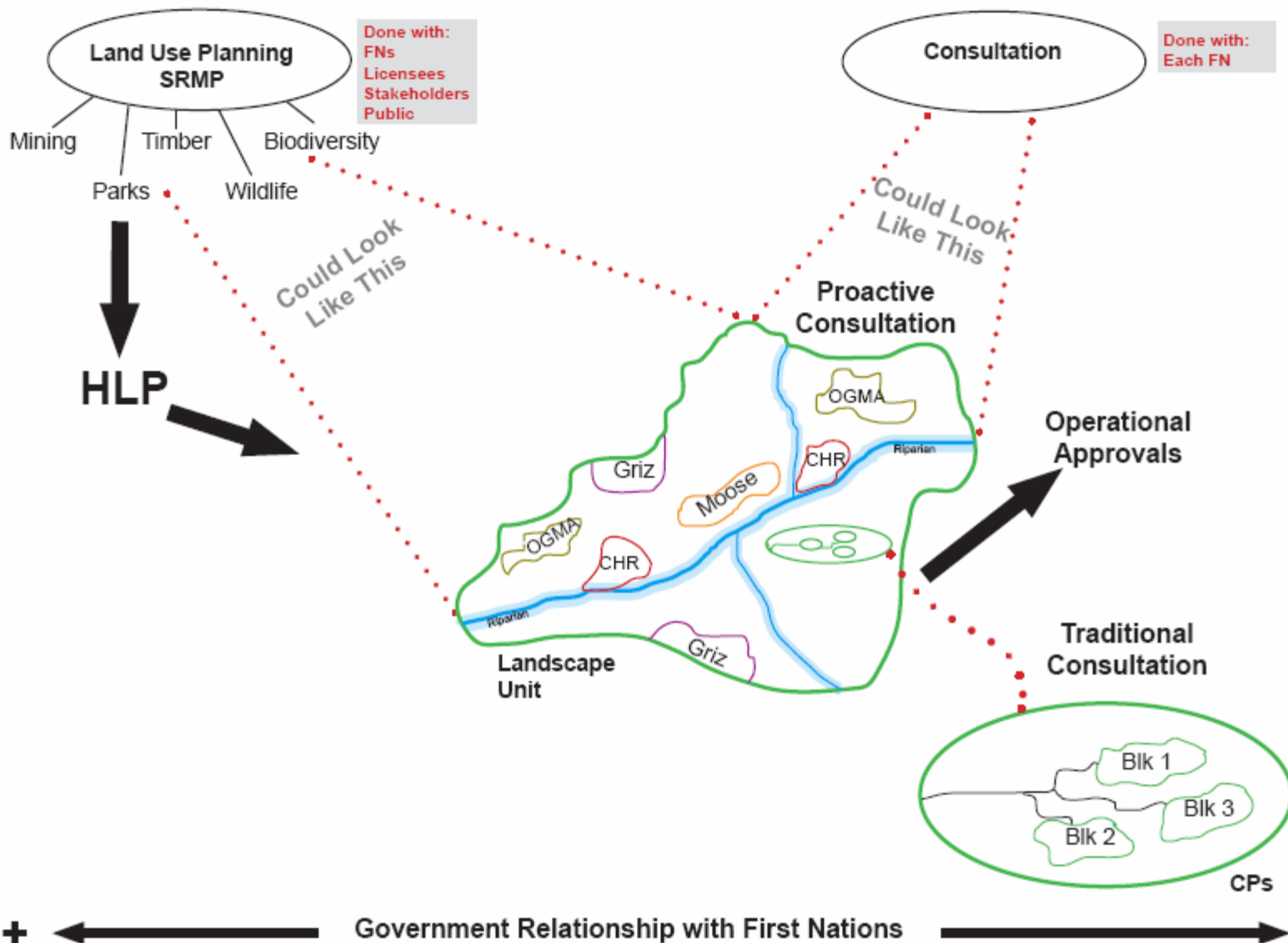
# Opportunities Emerge

- Tysoe's decision on New Skeena directs MOFR to address Gitanyow's concerns
- MOFR was reorganized and portions of Gitanyow territory becomes part of Skeena Stikine's Forest District (tradition of landscape level planning to resolve conflict)
- Skeena Stikine staff request opportunity to work with Gitanyow on Landscape Level planning process on their territory to improve consultation efforts
- MOFR negotiates Forestry Accomodation Agreement which includes commitment to do Landscape Level Planning

ILMB

Collaborative

MOFR



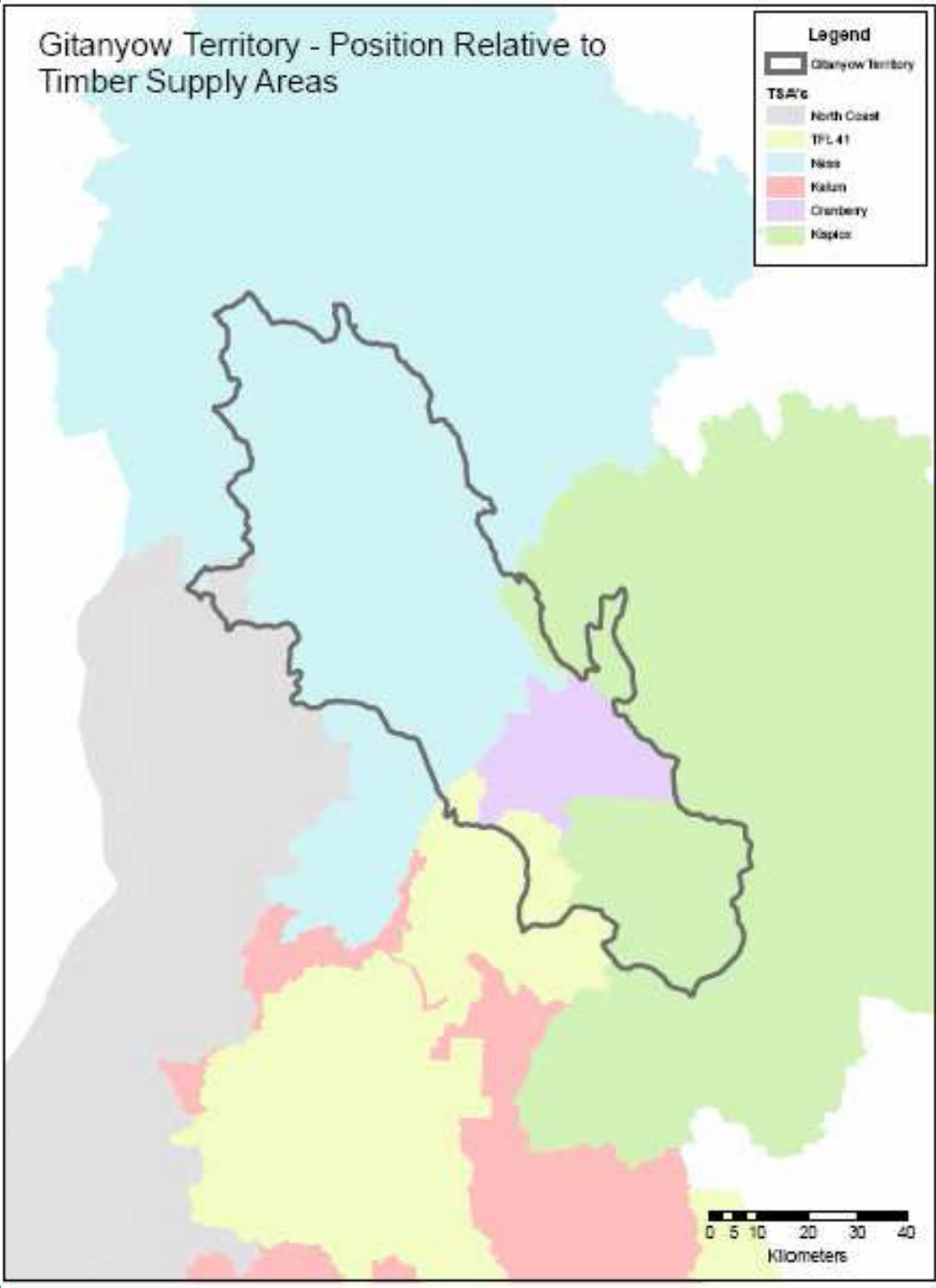
## Commitments Made

- Informal, district-led joint landscape level planning initiative for Gitanyow territories within the Kispiox and Cranberry TSAs.
- Commitment to initiate more formal, ILMB-led Sustainable Resource Management Plan (SRMP) to cover the remaining Gitanyow territories within the Nass TSA (Kalum Forest District)
- Ultimate goal is to merge these 2 plans

# Gitanyow Territory - Position Relative to Timber Supply Areas

**Legend**

- Gitanyow Territory
- TSA's**
- North Coast
- TFL 41
- Nias
- Kalam
- Cranberry
- Kaplos



# Joint Planning Process

- Project started January 2005
- Consultant had 28 meetings with hereditary chiefs
- Draft plan completed fall 2005
- District completed informal impact analysis
- Facilitated meetings with licensees
- Established Joint Resource Council to make it a 'Living' plan

# Joint Resource Council

- Co chaired by Gitanyow and MOFR
- Meet regularly
- Responsibility for plan implementation, interpretation and monitoring ('Keepers of the Plan')
- Facilitate all consultation processes and provide a forum for identifying and resolving issues early in the forest planning cycle
- Maintain and continue developing good working relationships

# Gitanyow Plan Joint Values

- Water
- Floodplains
- Alluvial Fans
- Alice Good's water catchment area
- Community watersheds
- Ecosystem Networks
- General wildlife patches
- Goshawk sites
- Old Growth
- Cultural Heritage Resources
- Grizzly habitat
- Moose habitat
- Goat winter habitat (UWR)
- Deer winter habitat
- Terrain stability

# How does plan help consultation?

- “Pro-active Consultation”
- Interests identified upfront spatially and explicitly
- Agreed practices to respect interests and values established up front
- Tool for focussing discussion
- Ensures interests are dealt with at appropriate level
- More efficient consultation process

# Outcome of Plan

Before	Now
Confrontational consultation meetings	Collaborative
Focus on wordsmithing high-level agreements	Focus on implementation of agreed plan
Long paper trails	Informal, face-to-face meetings
Interest identification limited to—'we have title and a right to determine the use of the land'	Recognition of title/rights acknowledged Detailed maps of interests available before consultation even begins
Transactional	Strategic
Consultation process rarely contained within 60 days	Consultation process can be completed in 1 hour
Staff fatigued, unmotivated and dreading face to face meetings	Staff energized and positive. Meetings can be fun

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# Key Lessons so far...

- Planning effort needs to happen at local (operational)
- Need high level recognition of importance of land use plan
- Legal objectives may or may not be an outcome
- Plan must be spatial and clear
- Joint Council required to keep plan relevant and continue relationship
- Requires leap of faith to 'just do it'