Research Work - Secwépemc Law Research Projects

- Gather Stories
- Focus Questions
- Case Brief & Story Analysis
- Legal Framework & Synthesis
- Validation & Confirmation
- Publication & Release

Summary This body of work includes the research and development of new research reports through projects focussed on different areas of law (e.g. Trade & Economy, Lands & Resources, Harms & Injuries)	**Key Concepts** • Secwépemc tellings (stseptékwll & slexéy̓em) are <u>one source</u> of Secwépemc Law. Others include: sacred, natural world, customary (see Indigenous Law figure) • Next Steps Secwépemc Legal Order project – is undertaking new research work
Actions & Activities • Gathering stories/tellings for analysis • Case briefing the tellings • Secwépemc Engagement – knowledge carriers engage with the tellings using the case briefing • Legal Analysis & Report writing with validation	**Examples** • Stsmémelt – Tribal Case Book • Lands & Resources – Blue Book • K̓wséltkten & Secwépemc-kt (Citizenship) • COMING SOON – Trade & Economy • COMING SOON – Intersocietal Relations

Planning & Preparation for Implementation (Capacity Building)

- Tools & Tool Kits
- Project & Report Sharing
- Nation Engagement - Reports & Methodology
- Knowledge & Information Sharing
- Training & Practitioner Supports

Summary This body of work includes active engagement with Secwépemc Nation members, and groups in order to further support information and knowledge sharing about Secwépemc Law and Law work that has been completed.	**Key Concepts** • Sharing Knowledge and Secwépemc Law work • Capacity Building – creating ripples of awareness • Decolonizing and breaking down colonial concepts of law and how they relate to Indigenous/Secwépemc Law
Actions & Activities • Engagement with Secwépemc Nation to share existing information including projects and reports • Development of training and mentoring sessions for law work • Development of tools and tool kits to share	**Examples** • SNTC and ILRU Secwépemc Law Engagement Project • University of Victoria, Faculty of Law: Secwepemc Law Field Course (i.e. Field School Projects)

Law Development & Implementation - Operationalization

- Governing Body
- Mandate Confirmation
- Funding & Operations Agreements
- Policies & Procedural
- Human Resources & Capacity
- Community Engagement

Summary This body of work includes the active development, approval and operational implementation of Secwépemc Law. It includes the development of law including governing documents, confirmation of mandates, funding, and connections to processes which will maintain the lawfulness of this work.	**Key Concepts** • Require the purposeful and organized development of systems, processes and governance • Organizational development and capacity building in the area of operations and governance
Actions & Activities • Development of Law (e.g.: policies, governance documents, decision making tools) • Operationalization through an Indigenous Governing Body (e.g. Band, Division, collective) • Funding secured & managed • Confirmation of mandates	**Examples** • Yecwmínte te Xwqlliṅt (Baby Basket Society) • Qwelmínte Secwépemc – collective 5-8 bands • Stḵemlúpsemc te Secwépemc Nation (SSN) Project Assessment process