



Developing business Capacity through Associations - an Ontario perspective

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VISION

SNBA is an association committed solely to advancing the interests of Six Nations people doing business on our territory.



FOCUS

- Will be for the continued use and enjoyment of the treaty rights, legislative rights and jurisdictional rights for Six Nations businesses, especially in the areas of taxation (i.e. maintaining our exemption status, we are NOT tax collectors etc.)
- Will also be to continue to advocate our unique relationship with the Crown, our unique status within the province of Ontario and our inherent & treaty rights as Six Nations people in the areas effecting business development and business operations at Six Nations.



PRINCIPLES

- 1) Advocate on local business development***
- 2) Advocate on legislative rights (i.e. Indian Act provisions)***
- 3) Advocate on treaty & inherent rights (i.e. Constitution Act & Royal Proclamation)***



PRINCIPLES

Advocate on local business development

SNBA will work diligently with, and on behalf of, its members to continually grow the local business economy here at Six Nations.

SNBA will work closely with the Six Nations Council and encourage them to continually support the development and growth of locally owned businesses and to exercise their jurisdictional authority to foster business growth and diversity here at Six Nations.



PRINCIPLES

Advocate on legislative rights **(i.e. Indian Act provisions)**

SNBA will advocate on behalf of its members in the area of legislative rights that can, and need to, be exercised and leveraged for the continued betterment of the businesses here at Six Nations.

SNBA will focus on the various sections of the Indian Act (specifically sections 87, 89 & 90) as the key areas that pertain to business development and business operations for Six Nations businesses.



PRINCIPLES

Advocate on treaty & inherent rights
(i.e. Constitution Act & Royal Proclamation)

SNBA will advocate on behalf of its members in the area of treaty and inherent rights that can assist in the future growth and development of businesses here at Six Nations.

SNBA will advocate in this area on developing and fostering First Nation to First Nation trade & commerce as an inherent and treaty right entrenched in the Constitution Act of 1984 and also the Royal Proclamation of 1763.



GOALS

1. Organizing and working with all Six Nations businesses (who decide to become members) doing business within the territory;
2. Developing promotional and informational materials to encourage Six Nations owned businesses doing business on the territory to join the SNBA and ensure they know our unique rights here at Six Nations;
3. Giving a single voice to Six Nations business interests with all levels of government in the area of treaty rights, legislative rights and jurisdictional issues;



GOALS

4. Continually working for and advocating on behalf of SNBA members to have the Six Nations Council enforce the special treaty rights, legislative rights, jurisdictional rights and tax exemptions we enjoy;
5. Proactively advocating and providing input on any future federal government policy directly impacting on the existing rights that Six Nations business enjoy;
6. Continually acting on behalf of, and in the best interests of, Six Nations businesses and Six Nations business owners.



ORGANIZATION

Non-profit business association

All Six Nations business owners are eligible to apply to become members of SNBA

Membership acceptance will be determined by a majority vote of the existing members

An executive will be elected by the members on an annual basis



KEY ISSUES FACING SNBA MEMBERS

- Taxation – Jurisdiction & Compliance
- Provincial Legislation
- Federal Legislation
- Tobacco Industry
- Security
- Insurance