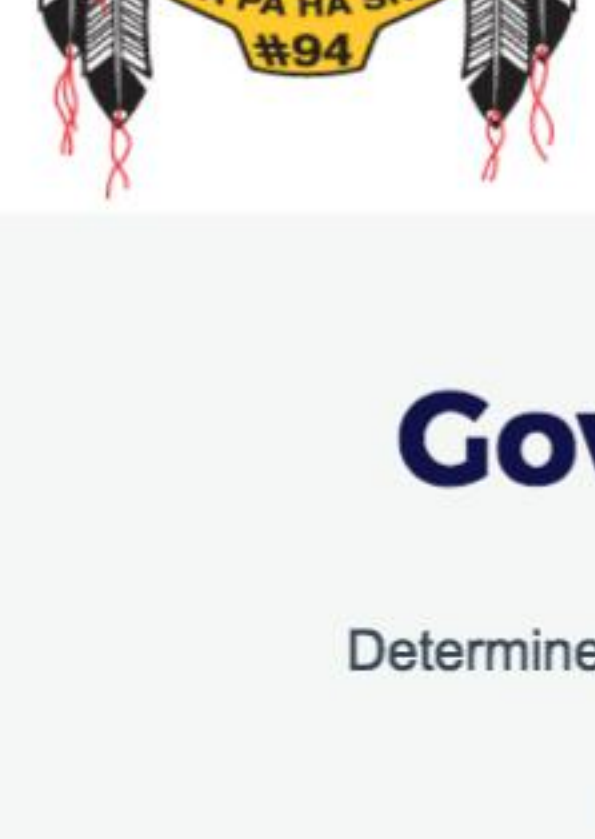


Whitecap Dakota Governance



Vision Statement



WAPAHA SĀ DAKOTA OYAĒE IHġUHAĒI
OyaĒe Ho Uġġaġiġi

The Voice of Our Nation

WHITECAP DAKOTA GOVERNMENT

Governance Principles

Power
Determined by Elders, leaders, and Whitecap Dakota community

Legitimacy
Maintained by fulfilling obligations to others

Resources
Acquired with aid of citizens
Includes trade goods

Constitution

A Constitution is the supreme law of a nation. It is the set of laws that are determined and agreed upon by the people. The Constitution will set out the powers and functions of WDFN Government in relation to how they govern the people of Whitecap Dakota First Nation.

Traditional Dakota Governance

In the past, the Dakota were divided into groups occupying different areas throughout their traditional territory. There were many levels of government, ranging from family leaders to the local leaders who took care of each individual community. Also, they came together to make decisions as part of a government called the Oġeti Sakowin. The names for each of the groups of the Oġeti Sakowin are important because it gives the original location of each council fire.



Chief and Council

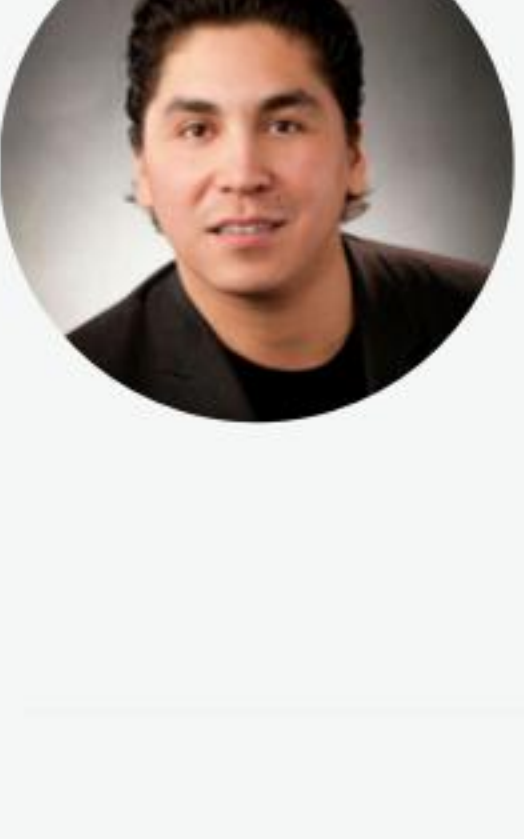
Strong leadership is important in creating stability for Whitecap Dakota First Nation. Chief and Council are voted in by the people of the community. Chief and Council work with the Elders, Advisory Councils, and community members to create social, economic, and cultural development opportunities for the Whitecap Dakota First Nation.



Darcy Bear

Chief

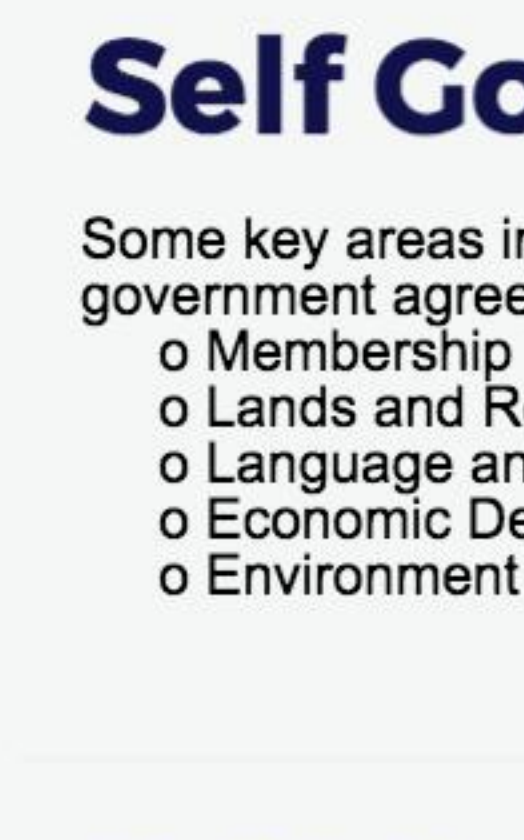
Chief Darcy Bear has served the Whitecap Community for 8 consecutive terms. Chief Bear's leadership is focused on financial accountability for Whitecap, self government, and job creation through partnerships.



Dwayne Eagle

Councillor

Councillor Dwayns Eagle plays an active role in the economic development initiatives of the Whitecap Dakota First Nation. His portfolio includes; Health and Social Development, Child and Family Services, Whitecap Children's Center, Fire Protection, Justice, Residential School, Environmental and Hunting and Trapping.



Dalyn Bear

Councillor

Councillor Dalyn Bear is very active through project work in the community. His portfolio includes; Education, Culture and Recreation, Employment and Training, Post-Secondary Education, Land Management, Agriculture, and Membership.

Self Government at Whitecap

Some key areas in which WDFN will have law-making powers under a final self-government agreement include:

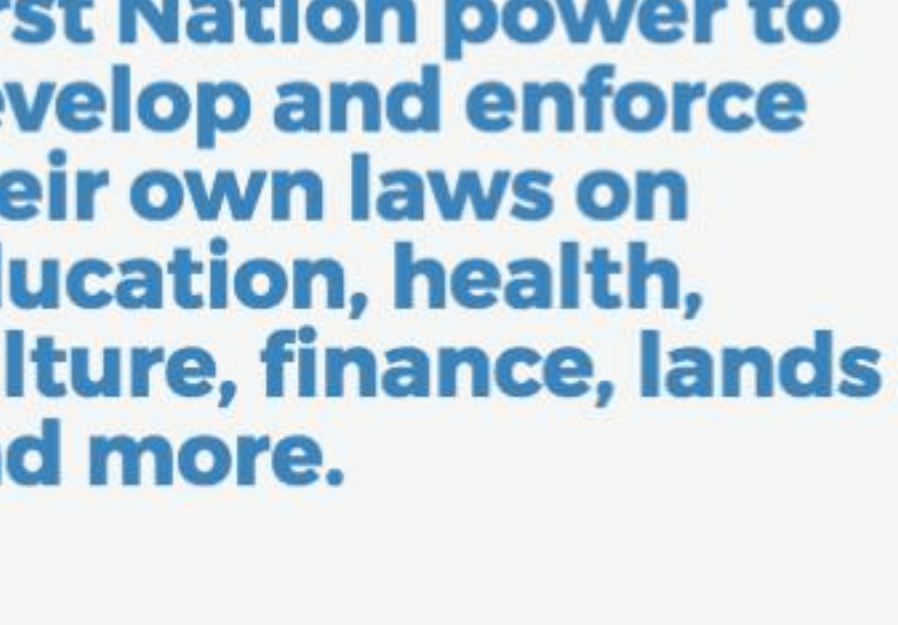
- o Membership
- o Lands and Resources
- o Language and Culture
- o Economic Development
- o Environment
- o Taxation
- o Public Works
- o Health
- o Education
- o Public Order and Peace

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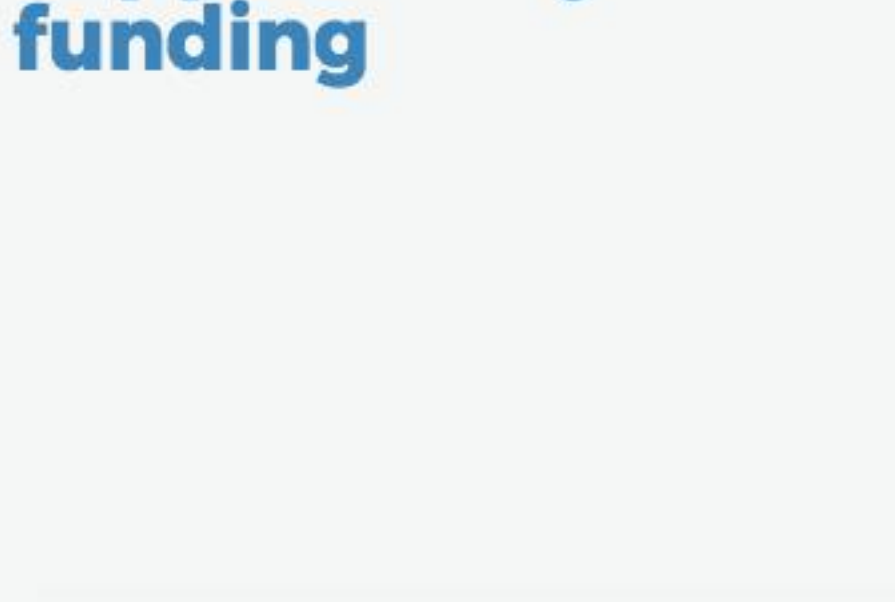


Restores the power to Whitecap Dakota First Nation (WDFN)

Replaces much of the Indian Act, but maintains important Status benefits



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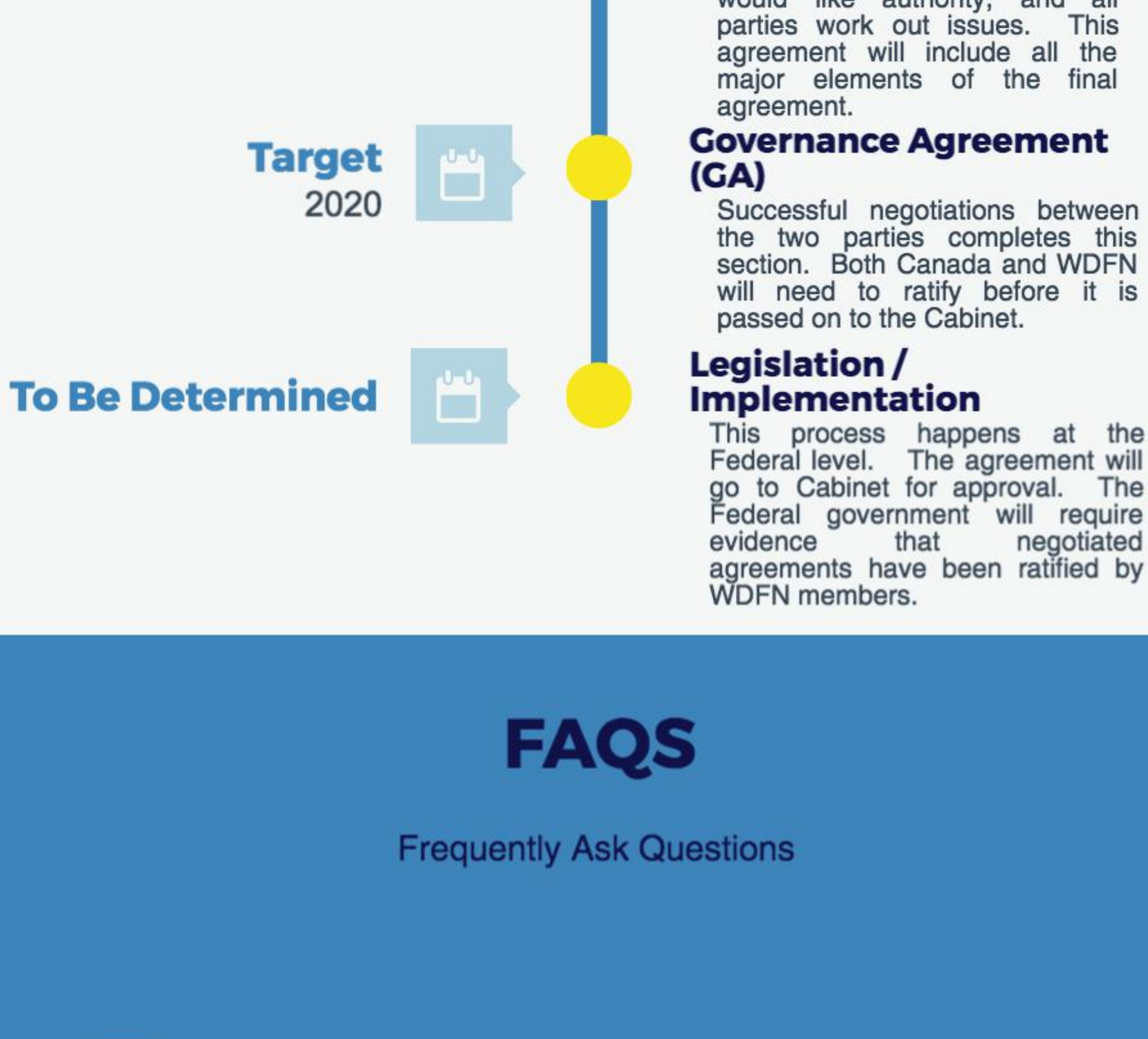
Gives Whitecap Dakota First Nation power to develop and enforce their own laws on education, health, culture, finance, lands and more.

Equal relationship with other governments supported by better funding



Self Government Timeline

Paving the Path to Self Government for Whitecap Dakota First Nation (WDFN)



FAQS

Frequently Ask Questions

1 Why would Whitecap pursue self government?

Self-government brings First Nations out from under the outdated Indian Act.

2 When will all 4 steps in the be completed?

Some self-government agreements can take up to 20 years to complete. WDFN and Canada are very optimistic that the Final Agreement will be completed by 2020.

3 How was the Constitution created?

Community committees ensured members' interests were reflected. Chief, Council and the Governance team are ensure that no details are overlooked.

4 How will Whitecap Dakota First Nation approve the Governance Agreement?

50% of the WDFN community must vote, and 50% of these voters must vote yes.

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