

Introducing the BC Food Systems Network

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BC Food Systems Network

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BC food systems advocates coming together was radical and new.



Principles

- Food security requires a sustainable food system in which:
- a. everyone is able to acquire, in a dignified manner, adequate quantity and quality of personally acceptable food;
 - b. people are able to earn a living wage by growing, producing, processing, handling, retailing and serving food;
 - c. the quality of land, air and water, the well-being of animals, and the integrity of plants and seeds are maintained and enhanced for future generations; and
 - d. food is recognized as the basis of health and celebrated as central to family, community and cultural integrity.



Principles

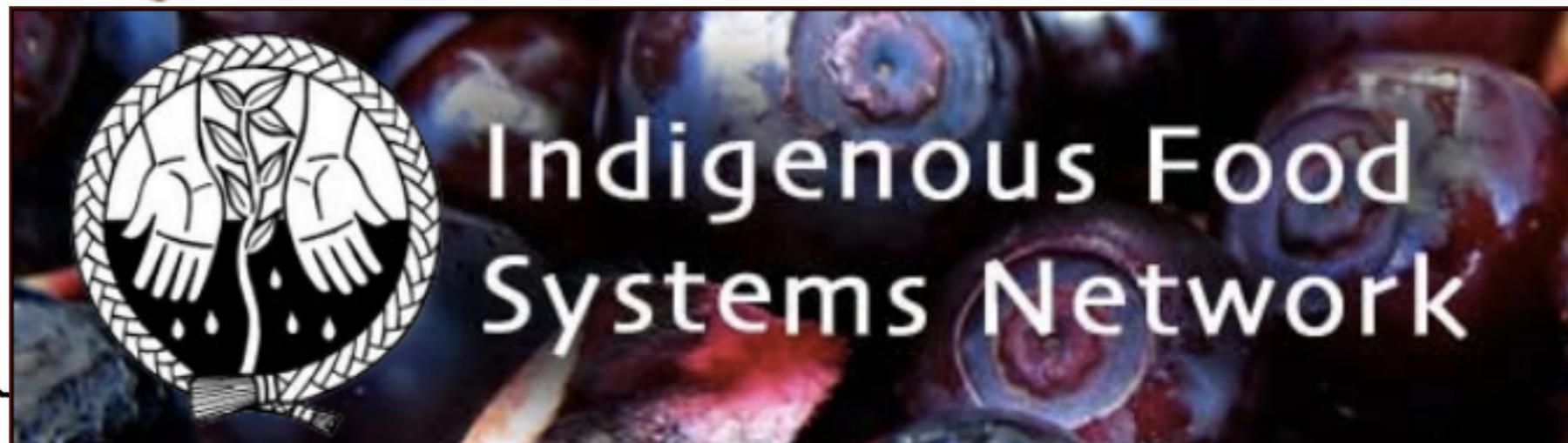
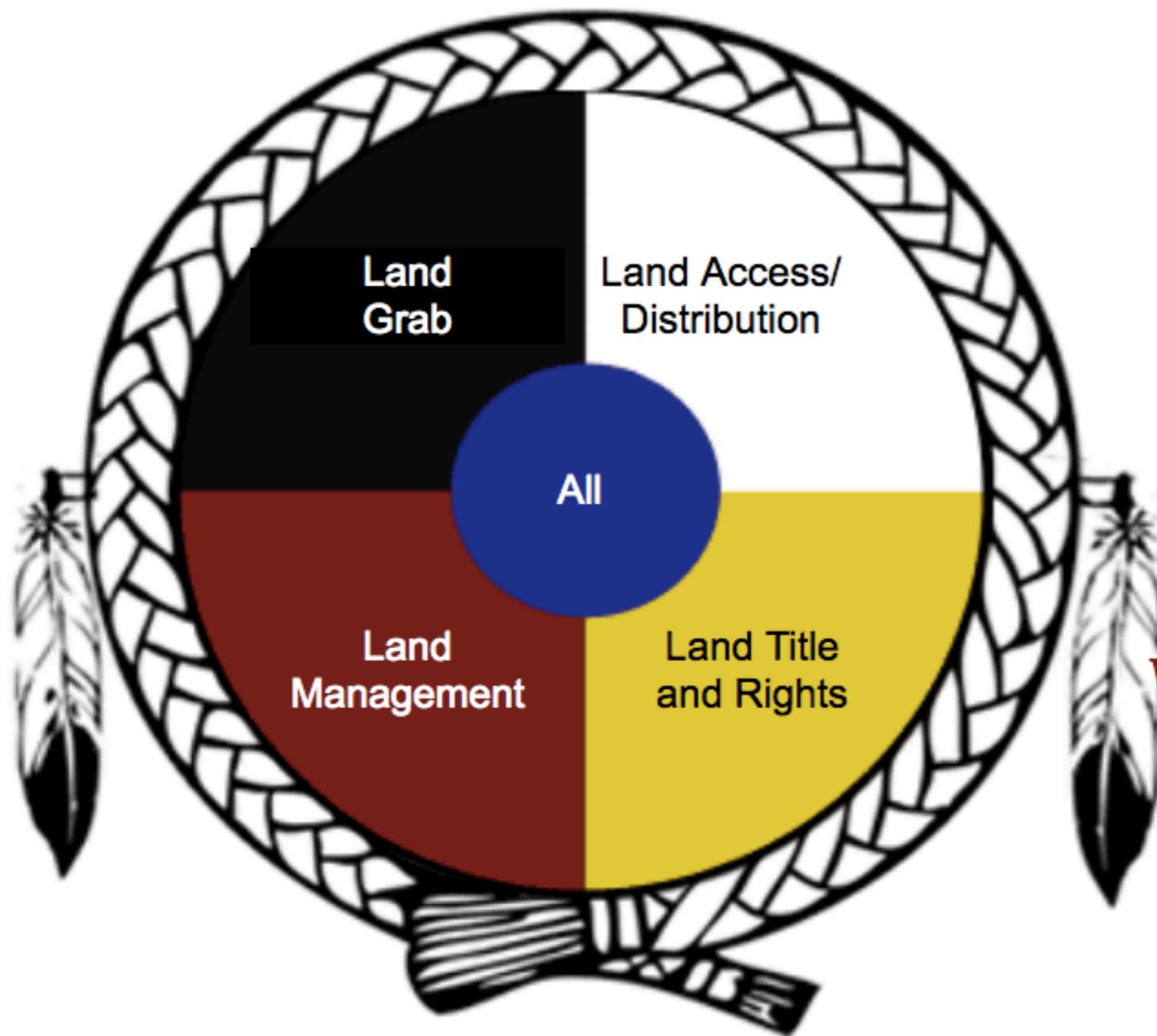
We recognize that food is essential to life. It is also a gift from the Creator. Both food and its sources must be honoured.

We encourage initiatives to reclaim local control of community food systems and develop food self-reliance by sharing food, information, skills, and resources.



We connect





Sustain BC



Community of Practice



The food policy landscape

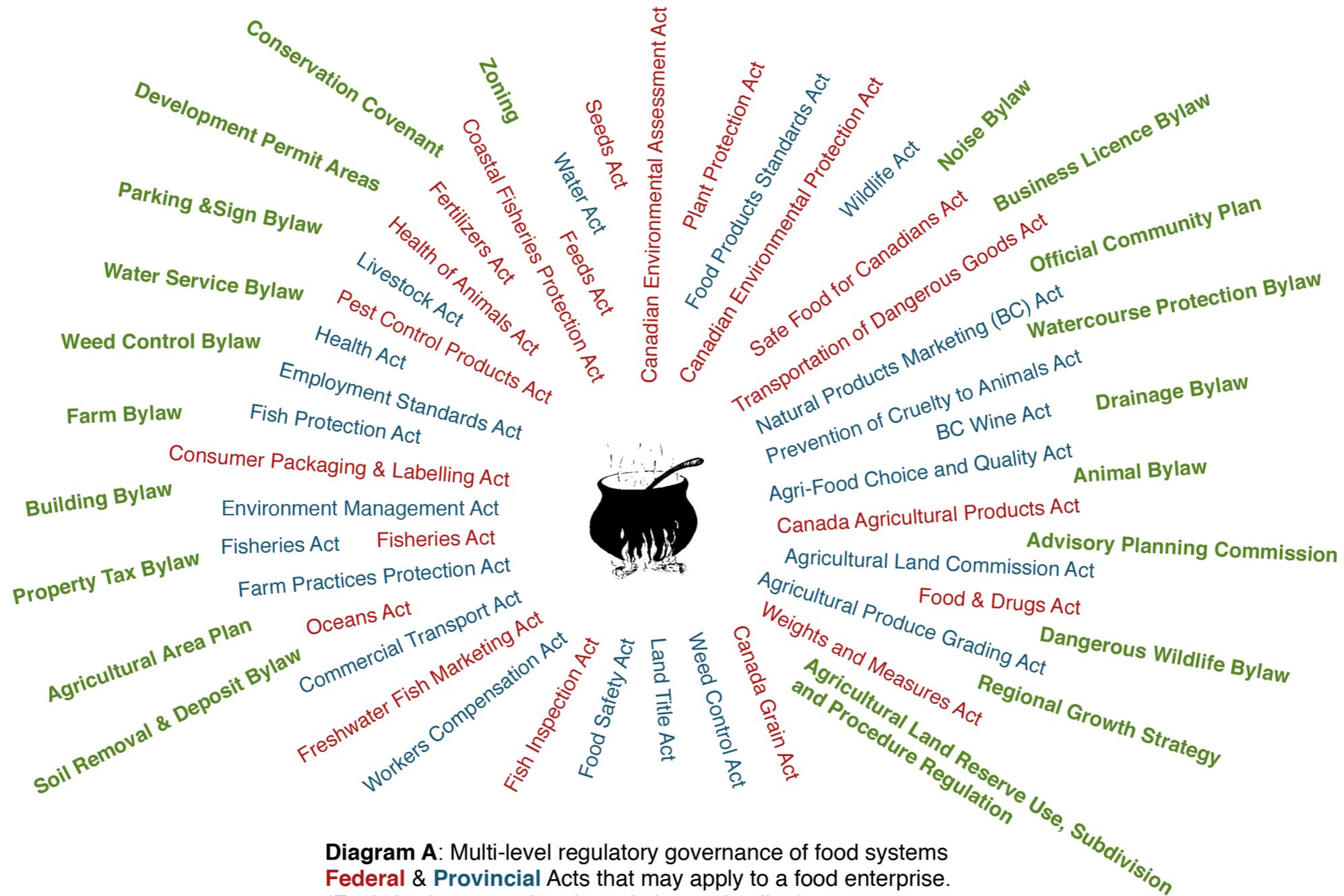
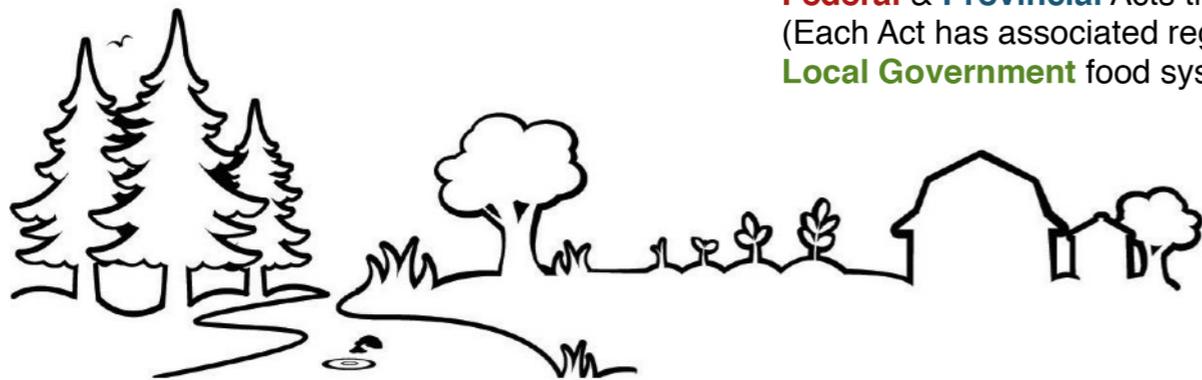


Diagram A: Multi-level regulatory governance of food systems
Federal & **Provincial** Acts that may apply to a food enterprise.
 (Each Act has associated regulation and policy.)
Local Government food systems policy tools.



*Sectoral Responsibilities of Municipal Governments in British Columbia			
Social Development	Health	Hospital / Health Care	
		Hospital Capital	Blue
		Public Health	Blue
	Social Services	Social Assistance	
	Housing	Social Housing Assistance	Blue
		Immigrant Settlement	
		Regulations	Orange
	Local Democracy	Public Consultation & Equity	Blue
		Managing Local Elections	Orange
	Public Safety	Police	Blue
		Fire Protection	Orange
		Ambulance Services	
		Emergency Response	Blue
	Environmental Sustainability	Transportation	Highways, Primary Road Systems
Urban Streets			Orange
Rural Roads			
Urban Public Transit			Blue
Road Lighting Systems			Blue
Airports			Light Blue
Harbours			Light Blue
Environment			Air Quality
		Drinking Water Quality Standards	
		Water Supplies	Orange
		Sewers & Storm Drains	Orange
		Wastewater Treatment	Orange
Land Use Planning & Development		Garbage Removal & Disposal	Orange
		Planning & Zoning By-laws	Orange
Economic Well-Being	Finances & Taxation	Property Assessment	
		Preparation, Approval & Auditing of Budgets	Orange
		Borrowing Approval	Blue
	Local Economic Development	Economic Development	Green
		Community Income Generation	Grey
		Poverty Reduction Programs	Purple

Local government



*Adapted from the *Your Guide to Municipal Institutions in Canada*, FCM

Food systems & local government

Sectoral Responsibilities of Municipal Governments in British Columbia *			Where food systems and local government coalesce					
Social Development	Health	Hospital / Health Care		Yellow	Green			
		Public Health	Blue	Yellow	Red	Green	Orange	Municipal
	Social Services	Social Assistance		Yellow			Blue	Provincial / Municipal Share
		Housing	Immigrant Settlement		Yellow	Red		Light Blue
	Regulations		Orange	Green	Yellow		Purple	Federal / Provincial Share
	Local Democracy	Public Consultation & Equity	Blue	Yellow				Provincial / Territorial
Public Safety	Emergency Response	Blue	Yellow			Green	All Jurisdictions	
Environmental Sustainability	Transportation	Highways, Primary Road Systems		Green			Grey	Not Applicable or Available
		Urban Streets	Orange	Green				
		Rural Roads		Green			Yellow	Food Access
		Public Transit	Blue	Yellow			Red	Food Literacy
		Airports	Light Blue	Green			Green	Food Economies
		Harbours	Light Blue	Green				
	Environment	Air Quality		Green				Definitions Food Access: matters relating to individual and community access to food in the immediate and long term. Food Literacy: promotion of a deeper understanding of food quality, provenance, uses and role in promoting health. Food Economies: the activities that enable the growing / raising, exchange (monetarily or otherwise) and consumption of food.
		Drinking Water Quality Standards		Green				
		Water Supplies	Orange	Green				
		Wastewater Treatment	Orange	Green				
		Garbage Removal & Disposal	Orange	Green	Red			
Land Use Planning & Development	Planning & Zoning By-laws	Orange	Green	Yellow				
	Preservation of Agricultural Land		Green	Red	Yellow			
Economic Well-Being	Finances & Taxation	Property Assessment		Green				
		Preparation, Approval & Auditing of Budgets	Orange	Green	Red	Yellow		
	Local Economic Development	Economic Development	Green	Green				
		Community Income Generation	Grey	Yellow	Green			
		Poverty Reduction Programs	Purple	Yellow				

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