

Project Profile

Project Name:	Supply Chain Analysis for the Restoration Economy in Northern B.C.
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Project objectives

The project objectives are as follows:

- define the restoration economy within a northern B.C. context and assess the supply chain for labour, equipment, and materials—including gaps in the supply chain.
- identify short-term opportunities to address gaps in the supply chain.
- provide information and decision support tools to organizations that are interested in developing actions plans to address gaps over the longer-term.

Project background

This project aims to analyze the supply chain, identify opportunities and gaps and provide tools to develop action plans to address key gaps.

Recent major commitments to restoration in the Northeast create unprecedented opportunities but will likely result in competitive pressures across sectors and agreements if supply chain gaps and opportunities to fill those gaps are not identified and addressed. First Nations and local communities want to maximize their participation in the restoration economy, however, the inter-dependent relationships between the supply chains are not well understood. The lack of knowledge is a barrier to First Nations, all levels of government, and industry stakeholders collaborating to develop action plans to address key gaps.

Project approach

This two phased project will define the current state of the restoration economy supply chain along with needs and gaps:

1. **Phase 1**—collecting information including defining and identifying the following:
 - a. **Restoration activities**—that have been undertaken across the north in the past few years, underway at present and planned over the next few years.
 - b. **Participants**—mapping out the main funders, planners, monitors, contractors, trainers/educators and key audiences for the project outcomes.

- c. **Tools required**—by communities, economic development organizations and others who want to develop action plans to address key gaps in the supply chain.
2. **Phase 2**—collect and analyze data from participants to define the components comprising the restoration supply chain in northern B.C. and gaps to address. The supply chain analysis will include labour, equipment and materials along with information and tools to help develop action plans to address key gaps in the supply chain.

Project deliverables

The deliverables from this project include the following:

1. Final report—summarizing the supply chain components, short-term opportunities and gaps that require longer term goals.
2. Communication materials and tools to support the use of analysis to develop action plans to address key gaps.