# Breakout 3A

## *Lessons Learned from the Collaborative Fiscal Policy Development Process*

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**Panelists:**

- **Alan Greer,** Manager, Operational Policy, Indigenous and Northern Affairs
- **Bertha Rabesca Zoe,** Laws Guardian, Tlicho Government
- **Michael Welters,** Partner, Aldridge + Rosling LLP

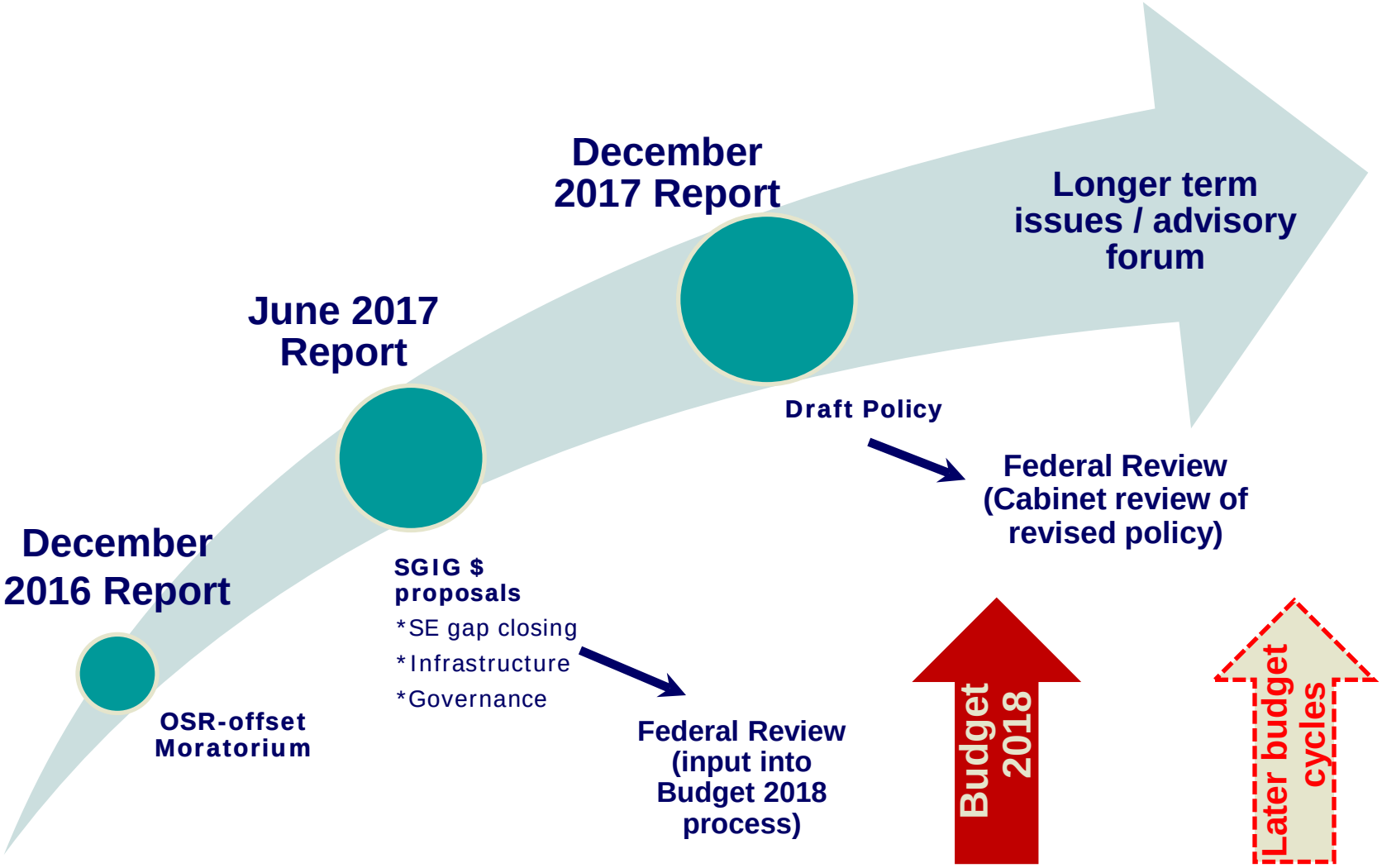
**Moderator:**

- **Dillon Johnson,** Temixw Planning Ltd., & Tla'amin Nation

# Overview

- **Time slot:** 10:45am – 12:15pm
- **Agenda:**
  - Brief description of the Collaborative Fiscal Policy Development Process
  - Some prepared questions from the moderator
  - Some questions from the audience

# *Timeline for the Collaborative Process*

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# *The Collaborative Fiscal Policy Development Process 2017 and Beyond*

- Technical working group structure:

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| Policy Framework | New Fiscal Model<br>Reporting and accountability<br>Fiscal principles<br>Ongoing policy process/forum |
| Socio-economic Gaps | Key Indicators<br>Measurement issues<br>Baseline data |
| Expenditure Need | Comparability<br>Program & service funding<br>True service population<br>Implementation costs |
| Cost of Government | Benchmarking study<br>Aggregation & population issues |
| Taxation* | Tax issues<br>*Led by Finance Canada Tax Policy |
| Revenues / OSR | Access to other revenues<br>Access to capital and mechanisms for financing infrastructure<br>OSR policy |
| Measurement & Data | Financial information<br>Population statistics |
| Language, Culture & Heritage | Incorporate elements into new policy |

Negotiation Groups – Fiscal

Negotiation Groups – Taxation

Provinces/Territories

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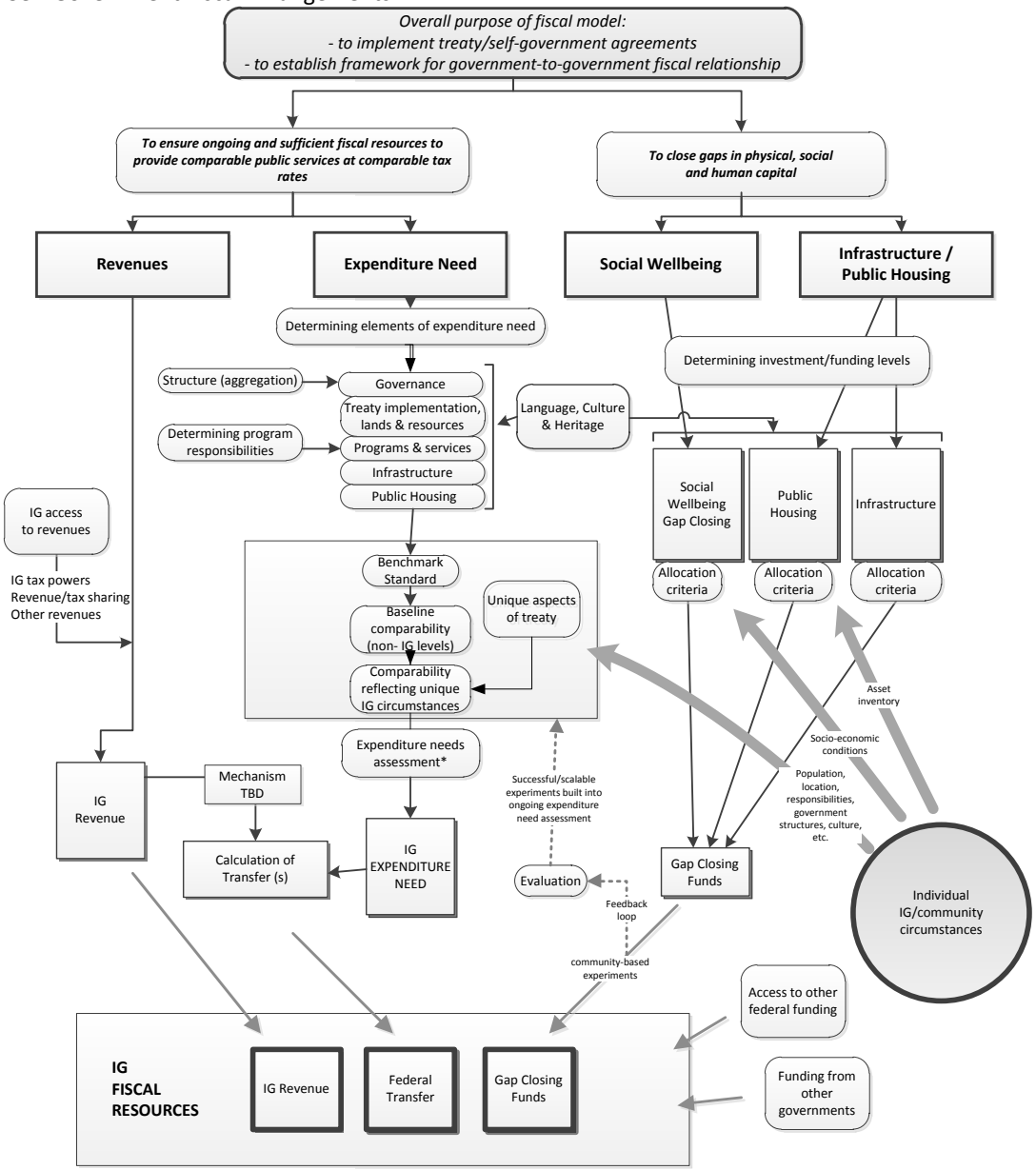
# DESIGNING A NEW FISCAL MODEL

## Self-Government Fiscal Arrangements



## To each Panelist:

- You each bring a different perspective to the table, so could you each describe your general experience with the collaborative process so far, and any lessons learned?

  – *We'll start with Alan, then Bertha, then Michael*

## Question to Bertha

- What are your hopes for what the new fiscal policy will be able to change for the Tlicho government? How will this affect the lives of Tlicho community members?

## Question to Michael

- As the technical lead for a complex file, how do you manage the communication with, and direction from your client? Is there anything you would do differently if the process started today?

## Question to Alan

- What do you see as being the biggest short-term and long-term challenges to closing gaps and achieving the Nation-to-Nation relationship envisaged by the Prime Minister and Indigenous leaders alike?

## Questions from the audience?