

Economic Ventures

The court recognizing in the *Delgamuukw* case that there is “an inescapable economic component” to aboriginal title confirmed what the Nlaka’pamux already knew: the Nlaka’pamux have economic rights and NNTC acts on those rights. This is knowledge that is passed from generation to generation. All aspects of title and rights are connected. Economic independence is required for self-determination and the full exercise of jurisdiction. In order to protect Nlaka’pamux resources and to create financial security and employment, economic ventures were established by NNTC. Each venture is a separate legal entity.

Nlaka'pamux Resources Ltd.	Scuzzy Hydro Project
a choomEEnsh a Nlaka'pamux GP GP – General Partner	A choomEEnsh was formed in 2017 by NNTC communities to provide management oversight and advisory services to NNTC business entities. <i>a choomEEnsh a</i> means “multi-purpose tool” in Nlaka’pamuxcin. This word was chosen by Elders because this entity was established to be a tool to advance the economic component of title.
A.E.W. LP LP – Limited Partnership	AEW LP was formed in 2017 by NNTC communities to carry out “on the ground” work related to archaeology, the environment and wildlife protection. AEW LP is a vehicle created to ensure work of the highest standard, controlled by the Nlaka’pamux, is done to protect and promote Nlaka’pamux title and rights.
shQUAQUash LP	ShQUAQuash LP was formed in 2017 by NNTC communities for energy partnerships
Jou Dem LP	Jou-Dem LP was formed in 2018 by NNTC communities for construction partnerships
Nhwelmen LP	Nhwelmen LP was formed to generate revenue from construction opportunities in relation to the Teck Highland Valley Copper project.
quA-ymn Solar LP (“a source of power”)	quA-ymn LP was formed in 2019 between ShQUAQuash LP and Bluearth Renewables to finance and construct a 15 MW solar project.
It is expected that further partnerships will be developed in the future in the forestry sector	

Taken together, these ventures have generated significant benefit consistent with the collective nature of title and rights. The benefits gained through economic activities are not for individual benefit but are to be used to support the collective strength and advancement of our people consistent with the Nlaka'pamux Nation Resolution on Natural Resources and the Principles of their Management.