



# Policy Report on Indigenous Border Crossings Before and After COVID-19

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# My Research Goal

To further learn and research about Indigenous border crossings on the North-Western part of the Canada-US border and how the act of crossing colonial borders effects not only policy, but Indigenous lives as well.



# Research Methods

## ◆ Interview style research

- ◆ Janit Doyle, Director of Operations, Indigenous Services & Early Years, Stó:lō Nation
- ◆ Dr. Patrick Lozar, Professor of History, University of Victoria
- ◆ Dr. Laurie Trautman, Director of Border Policy Research Institute, Western Washington University
- ◆ Greg Boos, U.S. Immigration Law, Cascadia Cross-Border Law

# Guiding Research Questions

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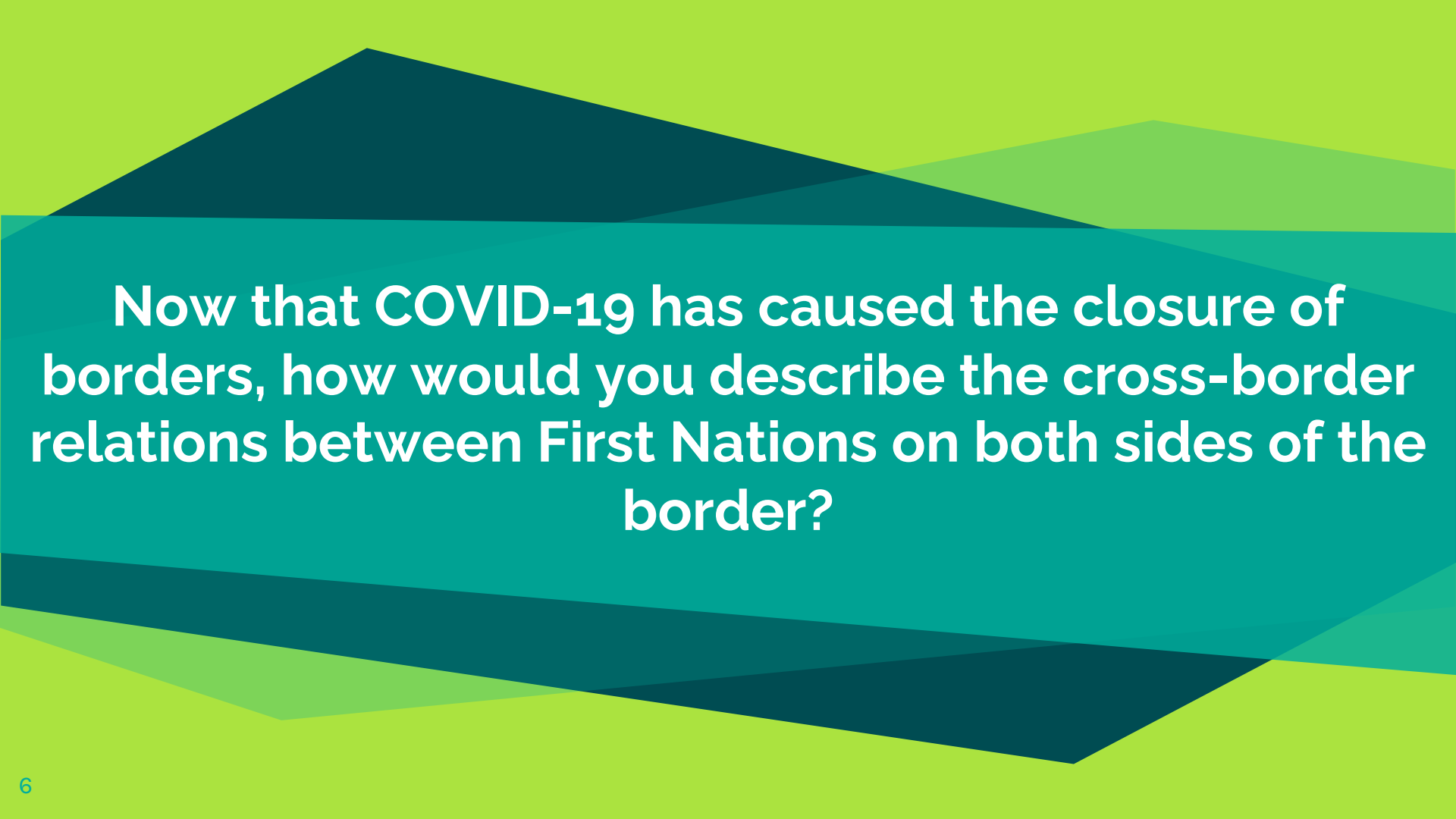
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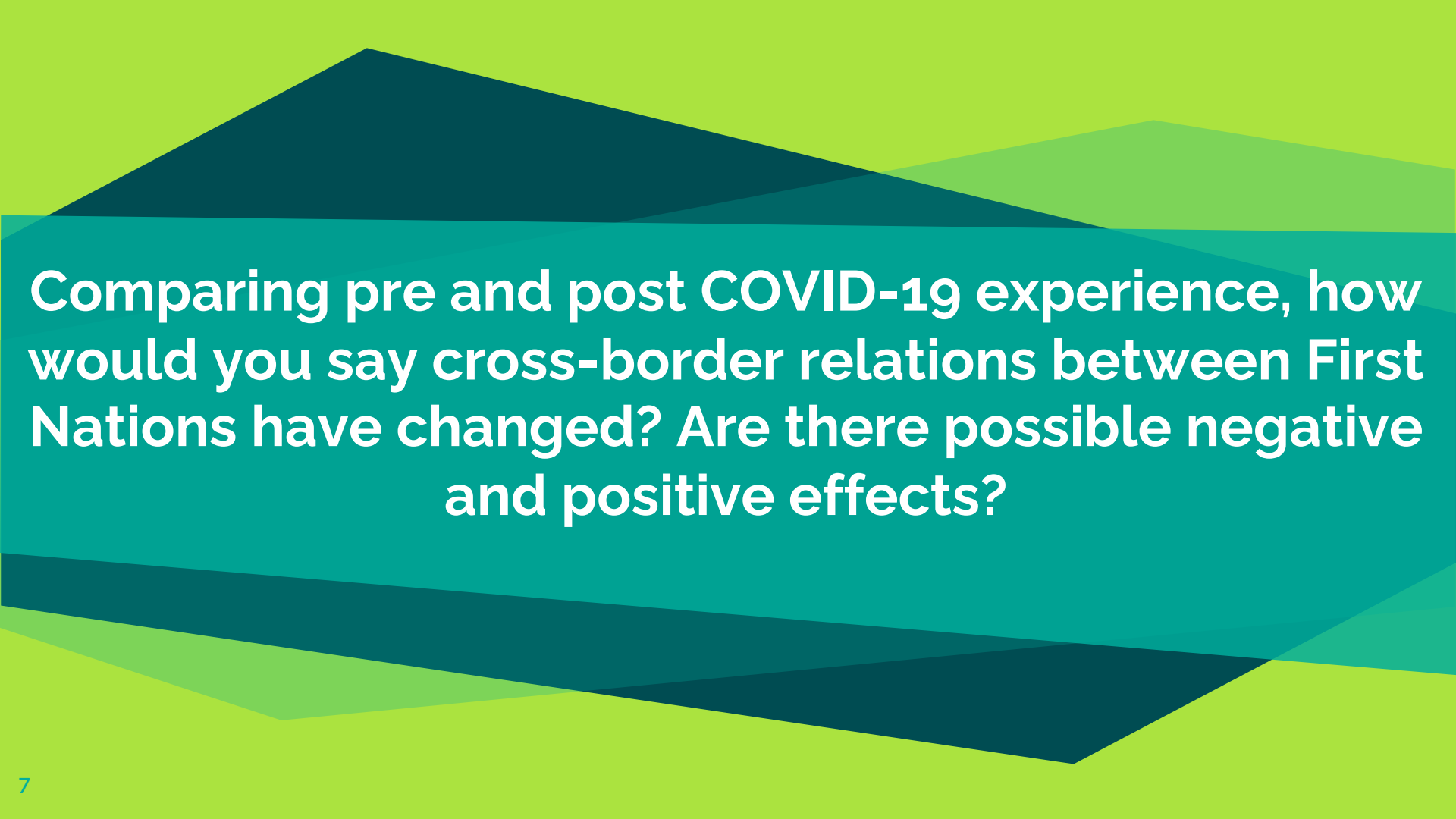
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# Closing Thoughts

- ◆ Having the opportunity to independently learn about Indigenous border crossings has greatly affected my interests and educational goals.
- ◆ Thank you for this incredible opportunity which has opened many new doors for me.
- ◆ It is important to carry on this research and learn about the significance of Indigenous border crossings because Indigenous people are Canada and the USA's oldest connection to each other.

