

Local Government Leadership Academy

Local Governments and First Nations

Working together



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Presentation Outline

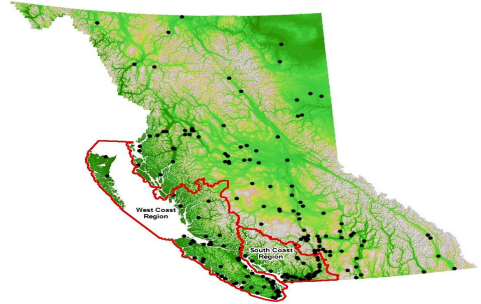
- Snapshot of First Nations in BC
- Provincial update
 - Treaties
 - Draft Principles
 - Local Government context
- MIRR – UBCM – MOU Renewal
- C2C Program
- Resources / Questions



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Snapshot of First Nations in BC

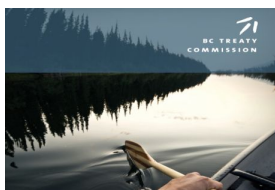
- More than 230,000 people in BC identify as Indigenous - includes First Nations, Métis, Inuit
- Over 70% of Indigenous people live 'off-reserve'
- Total of 203 First Nations in BC (of 600 in Canada)
- 46% under the age of 24



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BC Treaty Progress

<http://www.bctreaty.ca/sites/default/files/BCTC-AR2018.pdf>



A VIEW OF PROGRESS

The 19 First Nations highlighted on the map represent 40 *Indian Act* bands, or 20 per cent of all *Indian Act* bands in BC. These First Nations are in advanced negotiations or are already implementing treaties.

IMPLEMENTING TREATIES

Representing 11 former *Indian Act* bands

- 1 Maa-nulth First Nations (Huu-ay-aht, Ka'yuu:'k't'h/Chek'tles7et'h', Toquaht, Uchucklesaht and Yuułu?łł?ath)
- 2 Nisga'a Nation
- 3 Tla'amin Nation
- 4 Tsawwassen First Nation

OTHER FIRST NATIONS IN TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

Representing 72 *Indian Act* bands

FINAL STAGE OF TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

Representing 17 former *Indian Act* bands

- 5 K'ómoks First Nation
- 6 Northern Shuswap Tribal Council
- 7 Samahquam and Skatin First Nations
- 8 Te'mexw Treaty Association
- 9 Tsimshian First Nations (Kitselas and Kitsumkalum)
- 10 Wuikinuxv Nation
- 11 Yale First Nation
- 12 Yekooche First Nation

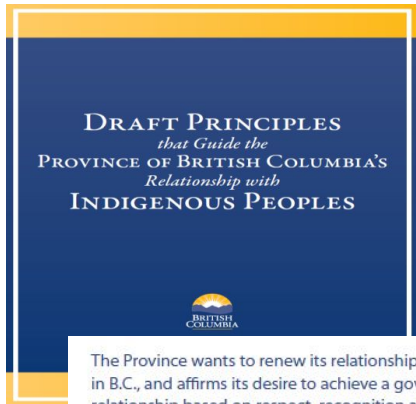
LAND AND CASH PROPOSALS

Representing 11 former *Indian Act* bands

- 13 Gwa'Sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Nation
- 14 Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Council
- 15 Stó:lō Xwexwilmexw Treaty Association

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Province's Approach – Draft Principles



The Province wants to renew its relationship with Indigenous peoples in B.C., and affirms its desire to achieve a government-to-government relationship based on respect, recognition and exercise of Aboriginal title and rights and to the reconciliation of Aboriginal and Crown titles and jurisdictions.

- Respect and recognition of inherent rights
- Early collaboration
 - “free, prior and informed consent”
- Reconsider operating practices and processes
- Standards of conduct

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Local Governments and Reconciliation

- Neighbours having a conversation
- Building relationships
- Working towards government-to-government reconciliation at the community level
- Local governments are leaders
- More we can do together



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Consultation and Engagement

Province (Crown)	Local Government
Duty to Consult	Engagement
Constitutionally required	Neighbour-to-neighbour / local relationships
Provincial statutory decisions	Matters of mutual interest and concern
	Encouraged to engage when seeking provincial statutory approvals 

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Province-UBCM MOU *Renewal at 2018 UBCM Convention*



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Community to Community Forum Program



Sep 23, 2016
Town Of Ladysmith and Stzuminus First Nation
Form Unique Partnership for Waterfront Future



First Nation, municipality profit from teamwork

What started as a dispute has turned into a bridge between communities

By Nelson Bennett | January 19, 2016, 9:29am

Fort St. James and Nak'azdli Whut'en Community Forum: keeping community

Both Fort St. James District and Nak'azdli Whut'en got together to help better understand each other's roles.

Mar. 9, 2016 11:00 a.m. / NEWS

OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND AND CITY OF VERNON TO PARTICIPATE IN CEDI TO FOSTER JOINT ECONOMIC COLLABORATION

February 7, 2018
News

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What this means

- We are headed in the right direction
- Need to continue working in partnership
- Highlight best practices to encourage continuous improvement across all BC local governments and communities



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Resources

- [Governance Relations Website](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/governance-powers/collaborating-building-relationships/relations)
- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/governance-powers/collaborating-building-relationships/relations>
- Brent Mueller, Director of Governance Relations (Brent.Mueller@gov.bc.ca)

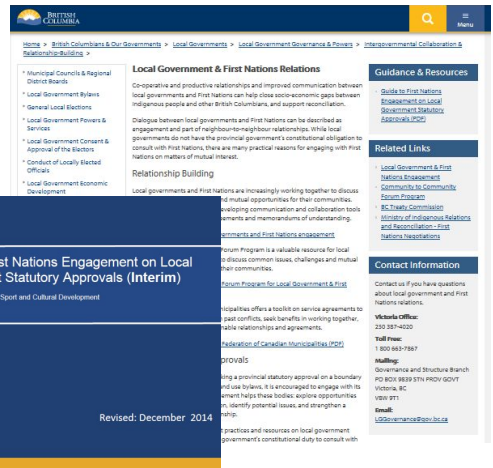


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Snapshot of the Area



- 7 / 11 language families in Canada are here in BC
- Salishan Language Family spoken in the Pacific Northwest
- Ktunaxa Language Family spoken in the Kootenay region of B.C.

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C2C Regional Stories

- 2015/16 joint-council meeting between the TNRD, Simpcw First Nation, Resort Municipality of Sun Peaks, and Districts of Clearwater and Barriere
- Interactive session on the role of governance in food security
- Barriere Aquatics Greenhouse
- UBCM resolution aimed at reducing roadblocks and red tape associated with getting “meat to the table” in their region

