

First Peoples Language Initiatives *Preservation and Revitalization*

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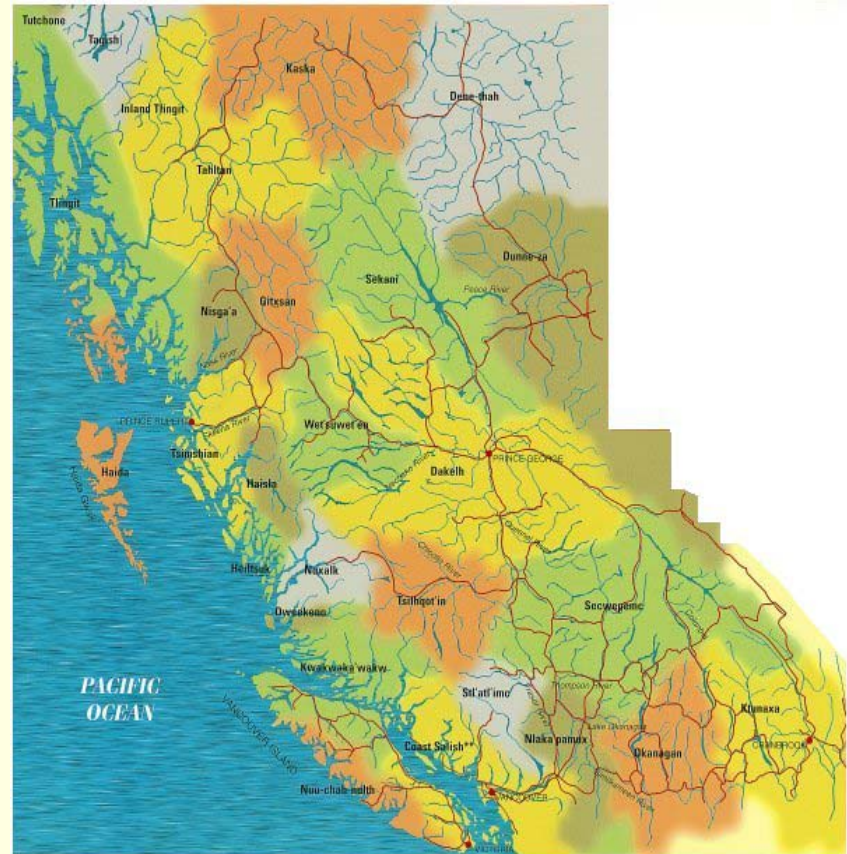
Preservation and Revitalization

- **New Era commitment - doubling of First Citizens Fund principal to \$72 million by April 1, 2004**
- **By 2004 - \$3.9 million in annual interest revenue to support a variety of programs including preservation of indigenous languages in B.C.**

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- B.C. is the ancestral home of 32 unique First Nations languages, approximately 60% of all Aboriginal languages in Canada



First Nations Peoples of British Columbia

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- ***FirstVoices.com* - unique, made in B.C., web-based tool for archiving and teaching indigenous B.C. languages**
- **Garnering national and international attention and interest**
 - **Provincial and Territorial governments in Canada**
 - **Aboriginal communities in California**
 - **Agencies in Australia**

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FirstVoices™
Aboriginal Language Resources

First Voices Online is a set of Aboriginal language resources and services designed to:

- Preserve and archive Aboriginal languages
- Teach people to speak Aboriginal languages
- Teach about Aboriginal language and culture

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From the *FirstVoices.com* Web site – online presentation

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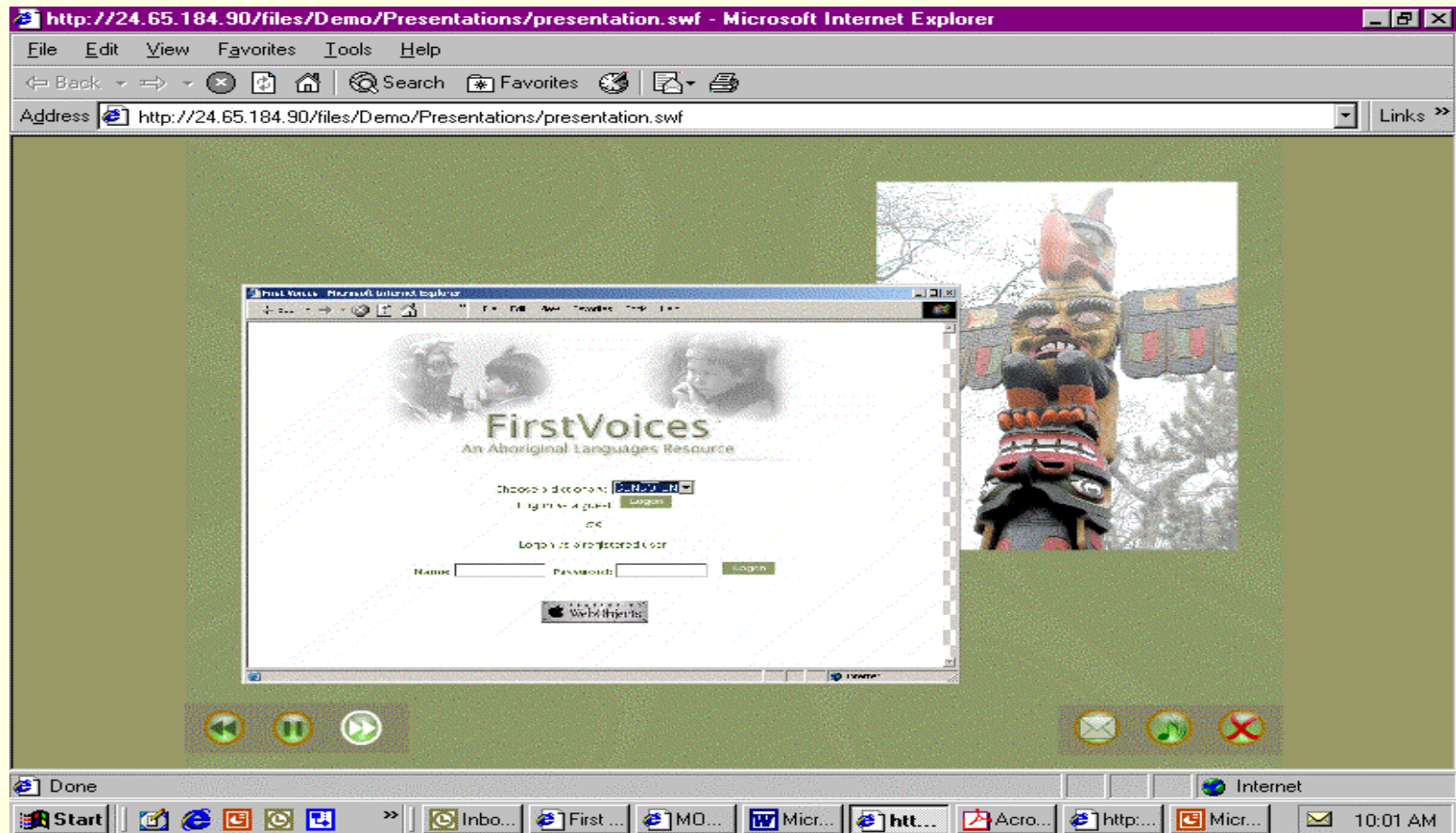


Image of the *FirstVoices.com* Web site login screen

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FirstVoices.com Web site login screen

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- ***FirstVoices.com* uses revolutionary technology**
- **Created from a concept of John Elliott (Tsartlip) and Peter Brand (Tribal School computer teacher)**
- **Developed from the groundbreaking efforts of Dave Elliott (Tsartlip) to develop a written form of the Saanich language**

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- Official launch June 19 - **LÁU, WELNEW**
Tribal School, Tsartlip Reserve
- June 21 - National Aboriginal Day
- One of many recognition events in
British Columbia
during the week of
June 21



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- **Successful partnerships have made *FirstVoices.com* possible**
 - **Province and First Nations in B.C.**
 - **MCAWS and the First Peoples' Cultural Foundation**
 - **Apple Computers, Hewlett-Packard, Shaw Communications**

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