

MORE INFORMATION ON SERVICES FOR FIRST NATIONS



We want your input

All of us want to see a new era of reconciliation, opportunity and shared purpose between aboriginal and non-aboriginal British Columbians.

In addition to negotiating treaty settlements, the province is working to materially improve the quality of life, education and health care of aboriginal families.

I welcome your input and invite you to contact me for more information on our initiatives to build new partnerships with First Nations.

Gordon Campbell
Premier

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SKILLS AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Interim Measures and Treaty-Related Measures

Treaty Negotiations Office
Victoria: 250 356-8281
Toll-free provincewide: 1 800 880-1022
www.gov.bc.ca/tno/

Local Government – First Nations Relations

www.mcaaws.gov.bc.ca/lgd/gov_structure/first_nations/

Aboriginal Directorate/First Citizens Fund

Victoria: 250 356-5276
www.mcaaws.gov.bc.ca/aboriginal_dir/index.htm

First Nations Interests

Land and Water BC Inc.
Victoria: 250 387-6408
lwbc.bc.ca/for_first_nations/

Business Development/Community Relations with BC Hydro

Toll-free provincewide: 1 877 461-0161
www.bchydro.com/ard/

Job Opportunities in the Forest Sector

www.for.gov.bc.ca/protect/firefighter/equity.htm

Aboriginal Programs – Ministry of Education

Victoria: 250-356-1891
www.bced.gov.bc.ca/abed/

Aboriginal Programs – Ministry of Advanced Education

www.aved.gov.bc.ca/aboriginal/

BC Hydro Post-Secondary Education Scholarships

Vancouver: 604 224-9376
Toll-free provincewide: 1 800 224-9376
www.bchydro.com/community/scholarships/scholarships878.html

Post-Secondary Education Opportunities

Toll-free provincewide: 1 888 664-2256

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Aboriginal Health

Ministry of Health Planning
Victoria: 250 952-3151
www.healthplanning.gov.bc.ca/aboriginal/

First Peoples' Cultural Foundation

Aboriginal Languages
Victoria: 250 361-3456
www.fpcf.ca

B.C. Parents in Crisis Society

Aboriginal Program
Toll-free provincewide: 1 800 665-6880

B.C. Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres

Victoria: 250 388-5522
Toll-free provincewide: 1 800 990-2432
bcaafc.com

A Guide to Aboriginal Organizations and Services in British Columbia

www.mcaaws.gov.bc.ca/aboriginal_dir/guide.htm



A NEW ERA for FIRST NATIONS

The province is working to establish a new relationship with First Nations, based on respect, reconciliation and initiatives to improve their quality of life.

These include:

- Building new partnerships.
- Expanding economic opportunities.
- Creating more jobs for B.C. aboriginals.
- Strengthening First Nations communities.

We are expanding services for First Nations, investing in aboriginal entrepreneurship and business development, and working to establish new relationships that will help ensure aboriginal British Columbians share equally in a prosperous future for our province.



REVITALIZING TREATY NEGOTIATIONS TO PROVIDE CERTAINTY

The province is working to revitalize treaty negotiations, to create certainty and new opportunities for all British Columbians. It has:

- ▶ Issued instructions to provincial negotiators to discuss all issues and examine new options for advancing treaty negotiations.
- ▶ Entered into 38 treaty-related measures with a total provincial investment of \$1.8 million.
- ▶ Approved the Lheidli T'enneh and Maa-nulth First Nations Agreements-in-Principle, which form the basis of a final treaty, and negotiated similar agreements with three more First Nations.

RENEWING OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH FIRST NATIONS

We are working to open a new dialogue with First Nations and forge stronger partnerships that give aboriginal leaders greater input into decisions that impact their communities. The province has:

- ▶ Included a statement of respect and reconciliation in the throne speech expressing regret for the political and social injustices of the past and committing to a new relationship based on respect and the pursuit of common goals.
- ▶ Initiated annual meetings between cabinet and the First Nations Summit to discuss challenges and opportunities for co-operation.
- ▶ Established a First Citizens' Forum to open dialogue between the government and aboriginal people on social and economic issues.

MORE RESOURCES TO INCREASE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

While treaty negotiations proceed, we're also investing resources to help First Nations access new economic opportunities now. The province has:

- ▶ Established the four-year, \$40-million Economic Measures Fund to open up First Nations business opportunities in oil and gas, shellfish aquaculture, tourism and forestry. To date, \$25 million has been invested in 113 projects.
- ▶ Committed \$95 million in revenue sharing over three years for First Nations interested in helping revitalize the forest industry to create new jobs in their communities.
- ▶ Added funding to double the First Citizens Fund to \$72 million by April 2004, to support programs like the business loan program, including new business advisory services in Fort St. John and Cranbrook.

Strengthening economic opportunity



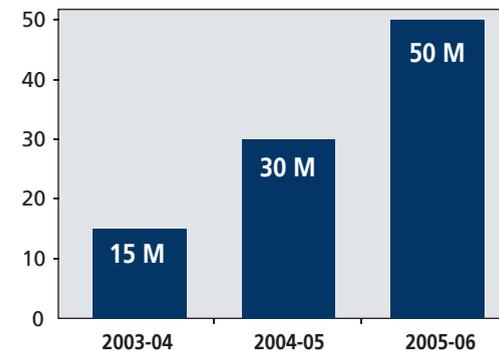
The \$40-million Economic Measures Fund is supporting greater First Nations participation in key sectors like forestry.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS TO CREATE FIRST NATIONS JOBS

The province is working with First Nations to build new partnerships that will create more jobs for aboriginal British Columbians. The province has:

- ▶ Established a new partnership with Treaty 8 First Nations to streamline reviews of potential oil and gas developments that will help create new jobs and opportunities for their members.
- ▶ Partnered with First Nations in land-use planning. This has already resulted in many agreements that will provide land-base certainty while creating new economic opportunities for coastal First Nations.
- ▶ Worked to ensure First Nations are directly involved in planning, and receiving economic benefits from, the 2010 Winter Games.
- ▶ Committed to include First Nations representatives on the new B.C. Resort Task Force, to ensure they share in the benefits of developing resort tourism opportunities across the province.

Revenue sharing to create First Nations jobs



B.C. has committed \$95 million in revenue sharing to help First Nations participate in forestry.

STRENGTHENING FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES

We are keeping our commitment to help materially improve the quality of life of aboriginal people and build stronger First Nations communities. The province has:

- ▶ Signed an agreement with aboriginal leaders to reduce the number of aboriginal children coming into government care and return children to their communities when appropriate.
- ▶ Developed the B.C. First Nations Health Handbook as a companion to the B.C. Health Guide.
- ▶ Dedicated \$1 million to preserving and promoting indigenous aboriginal languages.
- ▶ Expanded aboriginal early childhood development services in 37 communities and appointed B.C.'s first aboriginal infant development program adviser.
- ▶ Provided \$800,000 toward revitalizing Vancouver's downtown eastside, with emphasis on health care for aboriginal women, children and families.

Preserving B.C.'s aboriginal heritage



B.C. is supporting FirstVoices.com, an innovative program designed to preserve aboriginal languages.