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A Detailed Plan to Secure the Future of Canada's Indigenous Peoples



Canada's Conservatives will:

- Develop a comprehensive plan to implement TRC Calls to Action 71 through 76.
- Fund the investigation at all former residential schools in Canada where unmarked graves may exist, including the sites where children have already been discovered.
- Ensure that proper resources are allocated for communities to reinter, commemorate, and honour any individuals discovered through the investigation, according to the wishes of their next of kin.
- Develop a detailed and thorough set of resources to educate Canadians of all ages on the tragic history of residential schools in Canada.
- Build a national monument in Ottawa that honours residential school survivors and all the children who were lost.

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) has affirmed the right of Indigenous communities to pursue economic opportunities and benefit from the development of resources on their traditional territories.

A Conservative government will respect and uphold these rights by:

- Working with Indigenous-led organizations, such as the First Nations Major Project Coalition, the Indigenous Resource Network, the Indian Resource Council, the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business, the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers, the National Coalition of Chiefs, and First Nations LNG Alliance, to support communities that wish to become partners in good projects that meet high environmental standards.
- Creating the Canadian Indigenous Opportunities Corporation that will support First Nations and Inuit organizations seeking to purchase an equity stake in major projects.
 - Based on the Alberta Indigenous Opportunities Corporation, it will apply rigorous market analysis to guarantee loans to Indigenous groups so they can invest in natural resource and infrastructure projects.
 - We will provide an initial \$5 billion of capital for investment in projects across the country.
- Requiring future governments to consult with Indigenous Communities before cancelling approved projects when they have signed or are negotiating benefit agreements or partnerships.
- Implementing Article 18 of UNDRIP by working with First Nations to develop a transparent process that communities can use to identify who represents them in consultations if it is to be someone other than elected Chiefs.
- Working with First Nations and other Indigenous rights holders to develop a consultation process that allows for more meaningful dialogue.
- Creating a streamlined environmental review process for major projects that partner with First Nations during the environmental assessment phase.
 - This will encourage early partnerships, allow the incorporation of traditional knowledge, and build confidence in the assessment process.
 - For clarity, such agreements will not be prejudicial to First Nations consultation.
- Supporting Indigenous Protected Areas that safeguard culturally significant areas without alienating future benefits that may accrue to the impacted Indigenous community if used in a way that maintains those safeguards.

- Support an Indigenous Guardians program that will support communities in developing and maintaining protected areas, among other things.

To level the playing field and encourage Indigenous business success in Canada, Canada's Conservatives will:

- Provide \$4 million over three years in targeted funding for the hiring and training of local and regional economic development officers.
- In collaboration with municipal and First Nations organizations, promote mechanisms that foster relationships between municipalities and neighbouring First Nations.
- Utilizing the existing infrastructure of Indigenous national organizations (NACCA & CCAB), provide capacity building and business education to enhance and promote Indigenous business success and success stories.
- Develop an Indigenous Business Mentorship Program where Indigenous communities and entrepreneurs can connect with and receive guidance from others who have succeeded.
- Modernize the First Nations Land Management Act to bring it more in line with the Framework Agreement.
- Commit \$25 million to a national police support and community training program to reduce the incarceration rates of Canada's Indigenous communities.
- Working with Indigenous community groups, establish a national working group in the Canadian public service to encourage applications from Canada's Indigenous communities.
- Improve opportunities for Indigenous businesses to receive government contracts by:
 - Setting active targets and accountability mechanisms for departmental procurement officers.
 - Ensuring procurement rules don't unnecessarily exclude legitimate Indigenous businesses.
 - Providing constructive feedback to unsuccessful bidders.
 - Working with ISED, investigating new measures (or enhancing previous measures) through the Industrial and Technological Benefits policy to increase Indigenous business involvement in the defence and security industries.