

# INFO BULLETIN

## INFORMATION FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

National

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### Supporting Indigenous women's and 2SLGBTQI+ organizations program

We are now accepting project concept submissions for multi-year initiatives (3 to 5 years) to [support Indigenous women's and 2SLGBTQI+ organizations](#) beginning in fiscal year 2026 to 2027. Applications for the 2026 to 2027 fiscal year will follow a two-stage process, beginning with the submission of a concept note.

This program funds projects that:

- increase the ability of Indigenous women's and 2SLGBTQI+ organizations to engage at the grassroots level
- advance grassroots voices and the priorities of Indigenous women and 2SLGBTQI+ people within all levels of government
- support real and meaningful systemic change in Canada

**Concept submissions will be accepted from August 26 to September 26, 2025.** For more information, including [project eligibility](#) and detailed instructions on [how to apply](#), please visit the [Supporting Indigenous Women's and 2SLGBTQI+ Organizations program](#).

### Funding opportunities for sport projects that promote social development in Indigenous communities

On August 13, 2025, Canada [announced the launch of a funding opportunity under the Sport for Social Development in Indigenous Communities \(SSDIC\) program](#). The [SSDIC program](#) supports Indigenous Peoples in their efforts to be more active and healthier and helps them connect with culturally relevant physical activity. Funded projects are designed and led by Indigenous organizations and community members to address self-identified social development goals, including providing alternatives to risky behavior and improving opportunities for education and employment.

Funding is available for projects serving Indigenous communities across the country for 2026 to 2027 and 2027 to 2028 through the [first two SSDIC streams](#). **The deadline to submit applications for Stream Two funding is September 24, 2025.**

For more information, please visit the [Sport for Social Development in Indigenous Communities](#).

### The Government of Canada launches a call for interest to join the Indian Residential Schools National Monument Steering Committee

The Government of Canada, in collaboration with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR), is launching a [public call for interest for membership of the Indian Residential Schools National Monument Steering Committee](#) (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit). Residential School Survivors and intergenerational Survivors who identify as First Nations, Inuit or Métis are encouraged to apply and help lead the next phase of this important project.

The Steering Committee will continue to ensure that the Monument project, located on the unceded traditional territory of the Algonquin Anishinabeg on the West Terrace of Parliament Hill, remains grounded in Indigenous values and perspectives. Committee members will help guide the next phase of the project, including the design selection process, the development of educational and outreach materials, and future on-site programming.

**Applications will be accepted until September 9, 2025.** Interested individuals can visit [www.canada.ca/residential-school-survivors](http://www.canada.ca/residential-school-survivors) for more information on applying.

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Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women  
and Girls Support Line  
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## First Nations Environmental Contaminants Program

The program helps First Nations communities improve their health, by supporting communities in identifying, investigating and characterizing the impact of exposure to environmental hazards.

**The deadline to submit your proposal is September 22, 2025 at 11:59 pm, Mountain Time.**

For more information and [who can apply](#), please visit [here](#).

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## Fourth annual progress report on the implementation of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*

On August 21, 2025, the Government of Canada abled the [fourth annual progress report on the implementation of the \*United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act\* \(UN Declaration Act\)](#). The report provides an overview of Canada's progress in [implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples \(UN Declaration\)](#), guided by the [UN Declaration Act Action Plan](#) released in June 2023.

The Government of Canada will continue to work with Indigenous partners and across all departments and agencies, to accelerate the [implementation of the UN Declaration Act](#) and ensure that the human rights of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis are upheld. Through continued partnership, we will build a more inclusive, equitable, and prosperous Canada for all.

For more information, please visit the [news release](#).

## Canada invests to build and mobilize knowledge on wildfires

On August 12, 2025, Canada [announced \\$45.7 million in funding for 30 projects](#) across Canada through Natural Resources Canada's [Build and Mobilize Foundational Wildland Fire Knowledge](#) program. This program addresses gaps in foundational knowledge by developing and evaluating wildland fire risk assessment and risk mitigation strategies and technologies that support Indigenous Peoples, local and provincial/territorial governments and fire management agencies to reduce wildland fire risk because of a changing climate. Within this program, the Supporting and Mobilizing Indigenous Fire Knowledge grant focuses on building and enhancing capacity to support Indigenous communities in identifying and managing their own wildland fire risk.

For more information, please visit [backgrounder](#) and [news release](#).

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## Climate Change and Health Adaption Program

The program funds efforts of First Nations and Inuit communities to identify, assess and respond to the health impacts of climate change.

**The deadline to submit your proposal for CCHAP South is September 12, 2025. CCHAP North has an ongoing intake.** For more information, including [eligibility](#) and [how to apply](#), please visit the [Climate change and Health Adaptation Program](#).



## Regional

### Manitoba ends state of emergency

On August 22, 2025, the [Province of Manitoba announced that the province-wide state of emergency under the Emergency Measures Act has expired and will not be extended](#). Evacuation orders set by local authorities remain in place until it is deemed safe to return.

For information on the [status and location](#) of active wildfires, [fire restrictions and bans](#), [evacuations](#), and [how to help prevent wildfires](#) and more, please visit the [Wildfire Information page](#).

### Treaty One Nations advance next phase of Naawi-Oodena Development with new federal support

On August 21, 2025, [Treaty One Nations](#), together with the Government of Canada, are moving forward on the next stage of development of [Naawi-Oodena](#), one of the largest First Nation-led Economic Development Zones in Canadian history. During the tour of Naawi-Oodena, Minister Mandy Gull-Masty visited the new Oodena Gas & Convenience Store, which opened in June 2025, to witness first-hand the remarkable progress Treaty One Nations are making in turning its bold economic vision into reality.

The latest funding brings total federal investment in [Naawi-Oodena's](#) planning, training, and site development to approximately \$5.5 million through Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada and Indigenous Services Canada. This includes \$3.5 million, which supported the development of Block A, home to Oodena Gas & Convenience—the first business to open on Treaty One's 109 acres of Naawi-Oodena lands.

For more information, please visit the [news release](#).

### 50 years after it closed, the Government of Canada and Long Plain First Nation honour the national historic significance of the Former Portage La Prairie Indian Residential School

On August 14, 2025, the Government of Canada and [Long Plain First Nation](#) commemorated the national historic significance of the Former Portage La Prairie Indian Residential School with a special ceremony to unveil 3 plaques at the [National Indigenous Residential School Museum of Canada](#). Built in 1914-1915, the Former Portage La Prairie Indian Residential School is located on Keeshkeemaquah Reserve, part of the reserve lands of Long Plain First Nation. This building was nominated for designation by Long Plain First Nation who worked collaboratively with Parks Canada to identify the historic values of this Former residential school.

For more information please visit the [backgrounder](#) and [news release](#).

### Government of Canada provides early decision on York Factory First Nation Ten Shilling Aerodrome Project in Manitoba

On August 15, 2025, the [Impact Assessment Agency of Canada](#) (IAAC) announced they have assessed the [York Factory First Nation Ten Shilling Aerodrome Project](#), a new aerodrome along Ten Shilling Creek in Manitoba, and determined that its potential adverse effects within federal jurisdiction would be limited or addressed through other means. York Factory First Nation may now move forward with obtaining any necessary authorizations and permits.

As proposed, the project would include a single, private 1,530-metre-long airplane runway that would be used for emergency services, improve access to York Factory First Nation's traditional territory, and support tourism and future development in the local area. For more information, please visit the [news release](#).



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