

Local Governments, Indigenous Reconciliation and the Declaration Act

September 2022

Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act

- The Declaration Act implements the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration), which the Truth and Reconciliation Commission confirms as the framework for reconciliation.
- **Action Plan:**
 - 5 year plan
 - 89 priority actions

Action plan cont.

The actions identified in the plan are broken into themes:

1. Self-Determination and Inherent Right of Self-Government
2. Title and Rights of Indigenous Peoples
3. Ending Indigenous-specific racism and discrimination
4. Social, cultural and economic well-being

Action plan cont.

Items directly referencing local governments:

- 1.11 Support inclusive regional governance by advancing First Nations participation in regional district boards.
- This Action was first raised by UBCM membership
- 4.27 Review the principles and processes that guide the naming of municipalities and regional districts, and evolve practices to foster reconciliation in local processes.
- This Action was raised by First Nations and local governments in feedback to the Draft Action Plan

1.11 Inclusive Regional Governance

Next Steps:

- Researching
- Engagement phases
- Legislative options

What we know now:

- Existing models

1.11 Inclusive Regional Governance

Treaty First Nation	Regional District	Joined
Tsawwassen First Nation	Metro Vancouver	2009
Huu-ay-aht First Nations	Alberni Clayoquot	2012
Yuułu?it?ath (Ucluelet) First Nation	Alberni Clayoquot	2012
Uchucklesaht Tribe	Alberni Clayoquot	2014
Toquaht Nation	Alberni Clayoquot	2016
Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k:tles7et'h' First Nations (KCFN)	Strathcona	2021
Nisga'a Treaty, preceded the 2007 Local Government Act changes, as implementation was in 2000. Thus, Nisga'a lands form most of an electoral area of the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine for the purposes of continued representation of individuals in the regional district.		
Tla'amin Nation may become a member of the qathet Regional District without time restriction or obligation, by giving notice to the province.		

1.11 Inclusive Regional Governance

- Diverse interests
- Flexible approaches
- Local government experiences?

4.27 Naming



- Looking at place names can be an important part of reconciliation.
- Different in each community.
- Province has committed to reviewing approach and practices to help guide local governments on their renaming process.
- Early lessons are to encourage collaboration between local governments and First Nations; and community engagement.

4.27 Naming

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B.C. municipality changes name to ancestral First Nation name



In a first for British Columbia, a municipality is changing its name back to its ancestral First Nations title.

The Village of Queen Charlotte on Haida Gwaii has officially changed its name to the Village of Daajing Giids, pronounced daw-jean geeds, which is its ancestral Haida name.

4.27 Naming



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Joint Working Group Releases Name Change Report and Calls for Period of Reflection

Joint working group report released for qweyqwaystəm (Let's talk)
community conversation reveals need for further education and dialogue

JOINT INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES AND RELATIONS

A collection of resources related to initiatives, agreements, arrangements, partnerships, and the provision of services between Indigenous governments and organizations, and local governments in British Columbia.



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Resources

Declaration Act

- [Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act](#)
- [Declaration Act Action Plan](#)
- [Local Government Fact sheet on the Declaration Act](#)
- [UBCM Draft Action Plan Submission](#)

Pathways to Success

- [MOU: Engagement with UBCM and Local Governments on Treaty Agreements, Non-Treaty Agreements and Indigenous Initiatives](#)
- [Joint Indigenous and Local Government Initiatives and Relations collection](#)
- [Pathways to Collaboration](#)
- [Community to Community Forum \(C2C\)](#)

Research

- [Contacts for First Nation Consultation Areas](#)
- [BC Treaty Annual Reports](#)
- [Provincial Agreements with First Nations \(A to Z\)](#)
- [MUNI Local Government and First Nations Relations Webpage \(Guides found here\)](#)
- [Interactive Guide to Building Relationships with First Nations](#)
- Indigenous communities' websites

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