

# Our Government's Progress on **RECONCILIATION** Working Together for a Fairer Canada

## Summary Report 2025 - 2026

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## INTRODUCTION

# A Commitment to Reconciliation

In 2015, our government made clear that there is no relationship more important to the federal government than the Nation-to-Nation relationship with First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities. Since then, we have invested approximately \$200 billion up to 2024 in partnership with Indigenous Peoples to deliver better access to health care, education, child and family services, housing, and infrastructure.

Our government passed Bill C-15, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, co-developed with Indigenous partners. We have worked to implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, supported affordable Indigenous housing, and committed to ending all long-term drinking water advisories on reserve. Budget 2025 and the Spring Economic Update 2026 continue and advance this work.

This summary report highlights our government's work for 2025-2026. For a full record of investments from 2015 through 2024, please visit [TerryBeechMP.ca/reports](https://TerryBeechMP.ca/reports).



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AT A GLANCE

# Key Investments: Budget 2025 and Spring Economic Update 2026

Federal commitments to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities

HOUSING AND WATER

**\$2.8B**

Urban, Rural, and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy confirmed

**\$3B+**

Remaining for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis housing priorities

**\$2.3B**

First Nations Water and Wastewater Enhanced Program over three years

**\$3B**

Canada Infrastructure Bank Indigenous infrastructure target raised to at least \$3B

SPRING ECONOMIC UPDATE 2026

**\$794M**

Non-Insured Health Benefits for First Nations and Inuit in 2026-27

**\$700M**

Child and family services jurisdiction over six years

**\$630M**

Mental wellness services over two years

**\$601M**

K-12 education on reserve in 2026-27

LOCAL CONTEXT

## Progress with the Tsleil-Waututh Nation

Our riding encompasses the traditional, unceded territory of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation. The Tsleil-Waututh's oral histories tell of up to 10,000 members living before contact with Europeans. The wrongs of the past cannot be undone, but we can and must work to rebuild often-broken relationships and support Indigenous communities in building better conditions for their members.

Since 2015, our government has completed several vital projects in partnership with the Tsleil-Waututh Nation:

- Designed and constructed a new **\$2.7 million community health facility** in partnership with the Nation
- Maintenance and repairs to an existing early learning and childcare facility; invested \$55,000 in the Tsleil-Waututh Child and Family Development Centre
- Supported the BC First Nations Housing Conference on housing program reform with approximately \$238,000
- Provided \$100,000 to support the Nation's ability to govern, manage, and maintain its housing portfolio
- Provided **\$300,000** for a community-led land use plan reflecting the community's vision for land, resource use, and infrastructure development

## Key Outcomes Since 2015

Federal investments have improved lives and created new opportunities in communities across the country. Key outcomes include:

- **Mental wellness teams** expanded from 11 teams serving 86 communities in 2015 to 77 teams serving over 385 First Nations and Inuit communities in 2026
- Over \$2 billion to invest in 353 education infrastructure projects, 247 completed and 106 ongoing, benefitting 341 First Nations communities. This includes the construction of 84 new schools and renovations or upgrades to 152 existing schools
- Over \$1.5 billion in 729 health-related infrastructure projects, 538 completed and 191 ongoing, benefitting 372 First Nations communities
- The **Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management Act**, in force since December 2022, with 124 First Nations now operating under their own enacted land codes as of May 2026
- The **BC Tripartite Education Agreement** benefitting all First Nations students in BC and 200 First Nations communities

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## Building Strong, Sustainable Communities

Since April 2016, Indigenous Services Canada has invested \$19.45 billion toward 14,621 infrastructure projects supporting Indigenous communities. As of March 2026, this includes 7,635 housing-related projects across 612 First Nations communities, worth \$4.63 billion, resulting in 8,971 new housing units and 19,085 units renovated or upgraded.

## Budget 2025 and Spring Economic Update 2026

Build Canada Homes, launched September 2025, will partner with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis leadership to determine how this new federal housing agency can best contribute to Indigenous-identified housing needs and priorities. The government has confirmed \$2.8 billion reallocating to the Urban, Rural, and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy, with \$3 billion or more remaining available for First Nations on-reserve, Inuit, and Métis housing priorities.

The Canada Infrastructure Bank's target for Indigenous infrastructure investments has been raised from at least \$1 billion to at least \$3 billion across priority sectors. Budget 2025 also proposes to explore a bonding and surety backstop pilot for First Nations contractors on reserve to enable on-reserve construction companies to bid for infrastructure projects.

### HEALING AND PAST HARMS

#### HEALING AND ADDRESSING PAST HARMS

## Settlements

Since 2015, the federal government has overhauled the Crown's approach to litigation, prioritizing negotiation wherever settlement is possible. Combined major settlements are over \$50 billion up to 2025, supporting Indigenous people and communities to pursue new opportunities to heal from the harmful legacies of colonialism.

#### MAJOR SETTLEMENTS

\$23.3B - First Nations Child and Family Services (Apr 2023)

\$10B - Robinson-Huron Treaty unpaid annuities (Jun 2023)

\$2.8B - Gottfriedson Band Class settlement, residential schools (Mar 2023)

\$8B - Safe Drinking Water Settlement (Dec 2021)

\$6.6B - Federal Indian Day Schools Settlement, paid to survivors as of May 2025

#### RECONCILIATION ACTION

\$126.5M - National Council for Reconciliation established

Pope Francis delivered formal apology to residential school survivors, July 25, 2022

\$13.4M - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation commemoration

Government committed to reconciliation with programs delivering child and family services, primary health care, and essential community infrastructure

LIFTING DRINKING WATER ADVISORIES

# 156 Long-Term Advisories Lifted, And More Committed

Since 2015, 156 long-term drinking water advisories have been lifted and more than 300 short-term advisories have been prevented from becoming long-term, 40 long-term advisories in effect in 38 communities, per ISC's tracker as of July 30, 2026.

Budget 2025 proposes \$2.3 billion over three years to renew the First Nations Water and Wastewater Enhanced Program, maintaining approximately 800 active projects, including ending remaining water advisories and upgrading at-risk systems.

On June 16, 2026, the Minister of Indigenous Services introduced Bill C-37, the proposed First Nations Clean Water Act, alongside \$4.6 billion in targeted funding for water and wastewater in First Nation communities.

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water advisories  
lifted since 2015

300+

Short-term advisories  
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becoming long-term

\$2.3B

Budget 2025 renewal for  
First Nations Water and  
Wastewater Program

\$4.6B

The largest single  
commitment ever made  
for First Nations water

INVESTING IN A BRIGHTER FUTURE

## Education, Youth, and Community Capacity

Indigenous Peoples are the fastest-growing population in Canada, and young people make up a larger share of the Indigenous population than the non-Indigenous population. Investing in their future is central to long-term community well-being.

### K-12 Education on Reserve

The Spring Economic Update 2026 proposes \$601 million in 2026-27 to support high-quality, culturally relevant elementary and secondary education on reserve, ensuring First Nations youth can participate fully in Canada's skilled workforce. Since 2019, First Nations education systems have benefited from more than \$3.8 billion under a new co-developed policy approach.

### Child and Family Services

The Spring Economic Update 2026 proposes \$700 million over six years to continue supporting Indigenous communities in implementing their own solutions to protect children and families through jurisdiction under An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families.

### Indigenous Governance Capacity

The Spring Economic Update 2026 proposes \$359 million over three years for data collection and Indigenous governance capacity programs, enabling First Nations to effectively deliver community-based services and actively participate in Canada's economy while keeping pace with population growth.

### Urban Indigenous Peoples: Friendship Centres

The Spring Economic Update 2026 proposes \$168 million over five years, starting in 2026-27, for Urban Programming for Indigenous Peoples, including Friendship Centres, which provide critical services to urban Indigenous Peoples including health, housing, education, employment, language, and cultural wellness.

ADVANCING INDIGENOUS SELF-DETERMINATION

## Rights-Based Agreements, Governance, and Tax Jurisdiction

Since 2017, discussions at rights-based negotiation tables have led to 64 new arrangements with Indigenous partners, including the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement in October 2022, the Whitecap Dakota Nation Self-Government Treaty in May 2023, and the Nang K'uulaas Recognition Agreement with the Haida Nation in July 2023.

### Indigenous Tax Jurisdiction

Budget 2025 is advancing opt-in Indigenous tax jurisdiction frameworks, enabling Indigenous governments to exercise their tax jurisdiction with more flexibility and generate revenues for community priorities, advancing economic self-determination.

### Crown Consultation

Budget 2025 builds the capacity of Indigenous communities to participate in Crown consultation processes through the Federal Initiative on Consultation, ensuring the perspectives, rights, and interests of First Nations, Inuit and Métis are reflected throughout major project planning and decision-making.

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ECONOMIC RECONCILIATION

ADVANCING ECONOMIC RECONCILIATION

## Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program Expanded to \$10 Billion

Economic reconciliation means ensuring Indigenous communities can share in Canada's prosperity. The Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program provides Indigenous groups access to capital to overcome historic barriers and become meaningful equity partners in major projects. The program has been doubled from \$5 billion to \$10 billion and eligibility expanded beyond energy and natural resources.

#### Two live loan guarantees delivered

- Announced May 2025 and closed July 2025: a \$400 million guarantee enabling the Stonlasec8 Indigenous Alliance, now representing 38 First Nations in BC, to acquire a 12.5% stake in Enbridge's Westcoast system through an investment of roughly \$715 million.
- In March 2026, a federal guarantee enabled Aamjiwnaang First Nation and the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation to acquire a nearly 20% equity interest in Hydro One's Chatham-to-Lakeshore transmission project.

Budget 2025's nation-building agenda creates dedicated pathways for Indigenous communities to become owners of major national projects. The Canada Infrastructure Bank's Indigenous Equity Initiative supports Indigenous communities in accessing ownership stakes in major infrastructure.

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## HEALTH

### HEALTHY INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

# Health Care, Mental Wellness, and Non-Insured Benefits

#### Non-Insured Health Benefits

The Spring Economic Update 2026 proposes \$794 million in 2026-27 to support the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program, providing First Nations and Inuit with medical travel, pharmaceuticals, mental health counselling, and other essential health products and services.

#### Mental Wellness

The Spring Economic Update 2026 proposes \$630 million over two years to maintain trauma-informed and culturally appropriate mental wellness services, including crisis lines and Indigenous-led programming grounded in culture and ceremony.

### Primary Care

The Spring Economic Update 2026 proposes \$400 million over five years to maintain access to nurses, nurse practitioners, and paramedics for First Nations in rural and remote on-reserve communities.

### Tuberculosis Elimination in Inuit Nunangat

The Spring Economic Update 2026 provides \$27 million over five years to continue concrete action toward eliminating tuberculosis in Inuit Nunangat by 2030.

### Assisted Living Program

The Spring Economic Update 2026 proposes \$592 million over nine years for the Assisted Living Program on reserve, supporting people with chronic illness or disability to maintain independence and community participation.

### Food Security in the North

The Spring Economic Update 2026 provides an additional \$6.3 million in 2026-27 for the Northern Isolated Communities Initiatives Fund, supporting local and Indigenous food production systems in the North, including innovative northern food businesses. This complements a \$30 million top-up to the Nutrition North Canada Retail Subsidy, helping make nutritious food and essential items more affordable in 124 isolated northern communities, most of which are Inuit.

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## SAFETY AND JUSTICE

### SAFE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

# Policing, Justice, and Emergency Preparedness

The legacy of colonialism has left Indigenous communities without culturally appropriate policing and justice services. Our government is committed to developing Indigenous-led alternatives guided by community input.

### First Nations and Inuit Policing

The government is continuing work on legislation to recognize First Nations policing as an essential service. Budget 2021 committed \$861 million over five years and \$145 million per year ongoing for policing and community safety in Indigenous communities, including \$108.6 million for policing facilities. Budget 2024 added a further \$200 million over five years to repair, renovate, and replace policing facilities in First Nations and Inuit communities. This funding continues through the 2025-26 fiscal year.

### Red Dress Alert

The federal government is advancing co-development of a Red Dress Alert system with Indigenous partners, which will notify the public when an Indigenous woman, girl, or two-spirit person goes missing, as part of the National Action Plan to address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. A pilot is under development in Manitoba. The fourth annual Indigenous-Federal-Provincial-Territorial meeting, held in February 2026, focused on strategies to combat human trafficking, Manitoba's Red Dress Alert pilot, and the safety implications of major projects.

### Emergency Management and Climate Resilience

With Canada's 2023 wildfire season the most destructive on record, and more than 95 Indigenous communities evacuated, the government is investing in climate resiliency and structural mitigation strategies that protect communities, homes, and essential infrastructure from climate disasters.

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### YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR BURNABY NORTH-SEYMOUR

Reconciliation is not a destination. It is an ongoing commitment that shapes how our government governs and how I approach my work as your Member of Parliament. Our riding encompasses the traditional, unceded territory of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation, and that responsibility matters deeply to me. From lifting 156 long-term drinking water advisories, to the \$23.3 billion settlement for First Nations children harmed by the child welfare system, to expanding the Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program to \$10 billion so First Nations communities can own a share of the projects built on their lands, real and meaningful progress is being made. There is much more to do, and I am committed to continuing this work.

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