

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.



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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

Support is available 24/7

- 1-866-925-4419: National Indian Residential School Crisis Line, for former Residential School students and their families.
- 1-855-242-3310: Hope for Wellness Helpline, for all Indigenous peoples. Online chat also available at hopeforwellness.ca.

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. While the wrongs of the past cannot be undone, our government is working to rebuild relationships and support Indigenous communities in building better conditions for their members.

Since 2015, our government has completed several 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

DELIVERING ON PRIORITIES

DELIVERING ON INDIGENOUS PRIORITIES

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

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 in September 2025 with an initial \$13 billion in capital, 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.

Housing in the North

In March 2026, Build Canada Homes advanced a partnership with the Government of Nunavut and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated to deliver up to 750 public, affordable, and supportive homes across Nunavut. Of these, 25 homes will be delivered and managed by Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, aligned with the Inuit-led housing model of the Igluvut Corporation. Construction has started on an Iqaluit public housing development expected to deliver approximately 46 homes.

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, 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)
- \$8B - Safe Drinking Water Settlement (Dec 2021)
- \$7.7B - Agricultural benefits claims, 58 resolved under the Expedited Resolution Strategy (as of Aug 2026)
- \$6.6B - Federal Indian Day Schools Settlement, paid to survivors as of May 2025

RECONCILIATION ACTION

- \$5M - National public education effort to address Residential Schools denialism
- \$630M - Mental wellness services over two years, including renewal of the Trauma-Informed Health and Cultural Support program for those healing from Indian Residential Schools and Indian Day Schools
- Pope Francis delivered formal apology to residential school survivors, July 25, 2022
- Government committed to reconciliation with programs delivering child and family services, primary health care, and essential community infrastructure

Addressing Residential Schools Denialism

Backed by \$5 million announced in Budget 2024, the government is advancing a national public education effort to reinforce the historical record, strengthen public understanding of the history and legacy of Residential Schools, and address misinformation and denialist claims. Partnerships and delivery mechanisms are being finalized, with a focus on informative and accessible content.

LIFTING DRINKING WATER ADVISORIES

158 Long-Term Advisories Lifted, And More Committed

Since November 2015, 158 long-term drinking water advisories have been lifted. As of September 10, 2026, 38 long-term advisories remain in effect in 36 communities, per Indigenous Services Canada's tracker.

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.

In July 2026, Shawanaga First Nation opened a new centralized water treatment plant serving 101 homes and 10 community buildings. The plant is supported by a combined investment of approximately \$31 million, including over \$26 million from Indigenous Services Canada and approximately \$5 million through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program's Green Infrastructure Stream.

158

Long-term drinking water advisories lifted since 2015

81%

Long-term advisories lifted, with 10% more complete and pending lift

\$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. In June 2026, Canada and Zagimē Anishinabēk advanced a new school providing a modern, culturally grounded learning environment where students can succeed academically while remaining connected to their language, traditions, and community values.

Inuit Nunangat University

The government will invest \$50 million through Budget 2025's Build Communities Strong Fund to support the development of Inuit Nunangat University, the first Inuit-led university in Canada.

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.

In May 2026, the \$8.5 billion Ontario Final Agreement to reform the First Nations Child and Family Services Program was officially implemented. Funding now flows to First Nations-led approaches focused on prevention, family supports, and better outcomes for children.

In July 2026, Canada, the Innu Takuaikan Uashat mak Mani-utenam (ITUM) Council, and the Government of Québec signed the Tshisheuatishitau Child and Family Services Coordination Agreement. It is the first such agreement with a First Nation and Québec under An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families, and recognizes ITUM's inherent jurisdiction over child and family services.

Jordan's Principle and the Inuit Child First Initiative

In February 2026, the government announced \$1.55 billion to renew Jordan's Principle until March 31, 2027, protecting uninterrupted access to essential supports for First Nations children. It also announced \$115 million to renew the Inuit Child First Initiative until March 31, 2027, so Inuit children and families continue to access essential health, social, and educational services while Canada and Inuit partners co-develop an Inuit-led, long-term approach.

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. Recent milestones include the Tłegóhł Got'ínę Government Self-Government Agreement, signed in September 2025, and implementing legislation for the Red River Métis Self-Government Treaty, introduced in February 2026.

Treaties and Self-Government Legislation

In February 2026, the government introduced Bill C-21 to implement the Red River Métis Self-Government Treaty, recognizing the Manitoba Métis Federation as the representative government of the Red River Métis. Bill C-21 is at second reading in the House of Commons.

In September 2025, Canada signed the Tłegóhł Got'ínę Government Self-Government Agreement, affirming the Tłegóhł Got'ínę's inherent right to self-government in the Northwest Territories. Implementing legislation passed third reading in the House of Commons on June 18, 2026 and is awaiting first reading in the Senate.

In September 2025, the government introduced Bill C-10 to establish an independent Commissioner for Modern Treaty Implementation, responding to calls from modern treaty partners and strengthening accountability for Canada's treaty commitments.

Inuit-Crown Partnership

On June 30, 2026, the Prime Minister and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami President Natan Obed co-chaired the Inuit-Crown Partnership Committee with elected Inuit leadership from Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, Makiwvik, and the Nunatsiavut Government. Leaders reaffirmed a partnership grounded in Inuit self-determination, with a focus on the role of Inuit in Arctic sovereignty, defence and security, and Arctic foreign policy.

Additions to Reserve

In the last year, the government completed 83 Additions to Reserve, adding more than 134,000 acres of reserve land across Canada to support housing, community infrastructure, cultural revitalization, and Indigenous-led economic development. Recent additions include more than 400 acres for Membertou First Nation, 17 acres including a water lot for Millbrook First Nation's urban reserve on Halifax Harbour, 195 acres for Snuneymuxw First Nation in Nanaimo, BC, and 4,203 acres for Pays Plat First Nation in September 2026.

Indigenous-Led Conservation

The government invested over \$230 million to expand the Indigenous Guardians Program, including a new Arctic Indigenous Guardians Program, supporting monitoring, land stewardship, and careers in Indigenous communities. The Wiinipaakw Indigenous Protected Area is part of Canada's new nature strategy. In addition, \$90 million supports the Wood Buffalo National Park World Heritage Site Action Plan, including recovery of wood bison, a species of spiritual and cultural importance to Indigenous Peoples. In December 2025, \$19.6 million was invested in 82 Indigenous-led climate action and nature protection initiatives.

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 proposes \$10.1 million over three years to continue the Federal Initiative on Consultation, supporting Indigenous-led resource centres and consultation protocols so that the perspectives, rights, and interests of First Nations, Inuit and Métis are reflected throughout major project planning and decision-making.

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.

Major loan guarantee transactions

- Announced May 2025, a \$400 million guarantee, the first transaction supported by the Indigenous Loan Guarantee Program, enabling the Stonlasec8 Indigenous Alliance, representing 38 Indigenous communities, to acquire a 12.5% ownership interest in the Westcoast natural gas pipeline system. Construction on the Enbridge Sunrise Expansion Program began in July 2026, increasing transportation capacity on the Westcoast system and supporting long-term revenue opportunities for participating communities.
- 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.
- In June 2026, the government announced a loan guarantee transaction that will allow seven Williams Treaties First Nations in Ontario to eventually own a significant minority interest in the Darlington New Nuclear Project. It is the largest Indigenous loan guarantee ever issued in Canada.

Indigenous Partnership in Major Projects

The Major Projects Office, launched in August 2025, is guided by an 11-member Indigenous Advisory Council of First Nations, Inuit, Métis, Modern Treaty, and Self-Governing partners. The government committed \$40 million to support Indigenous participation in major projects. The First Nations Major Projects Summit in July 2025, with more than 250 First Nations leaders, and the Métis Major Projects Summit in August 2025 engaged Indigenous leaders on building major projects in partnership.

Nation-Building Projects with Indigenous Partners

Indigenous-led and Indigenous-partnered projects advancing include:

- Ksi Lisims LNG, developed in partnership with the Nisga'a Nation on Nisga'a Nation treaty lands
- The Iqaluit Nukkiqsautiit Hydroelectric Project, a 100% Inuit-owned project that could replace Iqaluit's diesel-generated electricity
- The Northwest Critical Conservation Corridor, with partnership and equity ownership opportunities for local First Nations
- The Mackenzie Valley Highway, an 800-kilometre all-season corridor connecting Tulita, Norman Wells, and Fort Good Hope
- The Grays Bay Road and Port, delivered through a partnership between the Kitikmeot Inuit Association and private investors
- The Arctic Economic and Security Corridor, led by the Tłıchǫ Government and Yellowknives Dene First Nation
- The Taltson Hydro Expansion, with the NWT Métis Nation, Akaitcho Dene First Nations, and Salt River First Nation, to double the Northwest Territories' hydro capacity
- Port of Churchill Plus, supported by a joint federal-provincial investment of \$262.5 million over five years, with the Manitoba Crown-Indigenous Corporation set to become a full partner

Protecting the North

In March 2026, the government announced a plan backed by more than \$35 billion in federal investments to defend, build, and transform Canada's Arctic and Northern region in partnership with territorial and Indigenous partners, including renewed Inuit child supports, tuberculosis response in Inuit Nunangat, and food security funding for isolated Northern and Indigenous communities.

Indigenous Business

In August 2025, the Government of Canada officially recognized the Red River Métis Business Directory as a source for verified Red River Métis businesses.

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.

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.

Virtual Health Hub

In August 2026, the government invested \$5.4 million in the Virtual Health Hub in Whitecap Dakota Nation. Once fully operational, the hub will support 80 jobs and serve 30 communities, with reach expected to expand to as many as 90 northern and remote communities by 2029.

Tuberculosis Elimination in Inuit Nunangat

The Spring Economic Update 2026 provides \$27 million over five years to support Inuit-led, community-specific approaches to eliminate tuberculosis across Inuit Nunangat, in partnership with Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and Inuit Treaty Organizations.

Assisted Living Program

The Spring Economic Update 2026 proposes \$592.4 million through 2034 for the Assisted Living Program, providing non-medical social support services for low-income individuals ordinarily resident on reserve, including seniors, people with disabilities, and those with chronic health conditions or activity limitations.

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.

In March 2026, all 124 Nutrition North communities were invited to a first Food Sovereignty Summit to inform Nutrition North Canada reform, with input on community-driven approaches, local harvesting, and northern food economies.

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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.

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQI+ People

The 2025–26 Federal Pathway Annual Progress Report shows developments on 163 Calls for Justice through 171 initiatives led by 28 federal departments and agencies. Highlights include more than \$7.5 million for 33 Indigenous-led projects, and funding for 80 Indigenous-led shelter and housing projects (38 shelters and 42 transitional homes), with 24 already open and more than 665 beds being created for women, children, and 2SLGBTQI+ people fleeing violence. Budget 2025 invested \$223.4 million over five years, with \$44.7 million ongoing, to strengthen federal action on gender-based violence. The government also brought forward the Protecting Victims Act, which addresses coercive control.

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. 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. In May 2026, the government announced an additional \$300,000 to support implementation of the Red Dress Alert system.

Emergency Management and Climate Resilience

The government is investing in climate resiliency and structural mitigation strategies that protect communities, homes, and essential infrastructure from climate disasters. In May 2026, Canada, Abegweit First Nation, and the Province of Prince Edward Island signed a first-of-its-kind multilateral emergency management agreement. It establishes Abegweit First Nation as a full partner in the provincial emergency management system, with a direct role in decisions, planning, training, and preparedness, and sets a jointly developed annual plan to coordinate action.

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Reconciliation 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 guides my work. From lifting 158 long-term drinking water advisories, to \$4.6 billion in targeted funding for First Nations water and wastewater, the largest single federal commitment ever made for First Nations water, 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, progress is being made. There is much more to do, and I am committed to continuing this work.

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