

Response and Additional information CTZ-2023-31304

Amendments to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA) include new definitions and commitments around Indigenous governing entities (IGEs). In Schedule 1 of FOIPPA, IGE is defined as an Indigenous entity that exercises governmental functions and includes but is not limited to an Indigenous governing body as defined in the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (Declaration Act).

In alignment with the Declaration Act and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Information Access Operations (IAO) supports IGEs to self-identify for FOI request purposes. IAO's 'procedure' is embedded into the application submission process (see screen grab below). IAO does not 'confirm' an organization as an IGE, and instead, for the purposes of FOIPPA, enables IGEs to self-identify through the FOI request application process:

 **Request records from the B.C. Government**

1. Getting Started

2. Your Request

3. Contact Info

4. Review & Submit

5. Complete

We may need to get in touch with you to clarify your request, discuss the status of your request or arrange payment of any additional processing fees related to your request.

Your name

First name *:

Middle name:

Last name *:

Business/Organization name:

☐ I certify that I am a representative of, and authorized to make a request on behalf of, an **Indigenous Governing Entity**. An Indigenous Governing Entity is not required to pay application fees. Indigenous governing entity "means an Indigenous entity that exercises governmental functions, and includes but is not limited to an Indigenous governing body as defined in the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act."

 If you are a law firm: Please identify whether you are representing this client or representing someone else. Please also include a file # where possible.

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"Indigenous governing entity" means an Indigenous entity that exercises governmental functions, and includes but is not limited to an Indigenous governing body as defined in the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*;

In the rare case that IAO is still unsure if the organization is an IGE, IAO will contact the applicant to seek more information (see record: Fees - IGE Information Requested).

Fees - IGE Information Requested

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Use this blurb in the case where someone declares they are an IGE, but has not provided you with enough information to verify that they are in fact an IGE. Use this very cautiously, and only after approval from the TL.

In reviewing your original request, our records indicate you selected in your submission that you are officially representing an Indigenous Governing Entity.

So that we can complete your profile in our system, can you specify which IGE you are officially representing with this request?

[Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

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Thank you.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/indigenous-people/supporting-communities/child-family-development/indigenous-governing-bodies>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/consulting-with-first-nations/first-nations-negotiations/first-nations-a-z-listing>

List of Organizations CTZ-2023-31304



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