



Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

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Organization – Who Are We?

Ministry Profile

A/DM Responsible: Tom McCarthy

The Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation guides the Province of British Columbia's priority to achieve lasting and meaningful reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. These efforts are advanced through transformative actions and collaboratively developing related legislation, policy and practices, and negotiating and implementing treaties, agreements, and partnerships that affirm self-determination. Strengthening relationships with Indigenous communities is key to growing B.C.'s modern, inclusive economy and improving social, health and cultural outcomes for Indigenous Peoples and everyone in B.C.

Ministry Vision

British Columbia is a place where Indigenous communities are healthy, prosperous, sustainable and self-determining founded on positive, lasting relationships between Indigenous Peoples and all British Columbians.

The ministry works closely with all ministries and is closely associated with the Declaration Act Secretariat, which is a stand-alone organization from the Ministry.

Ministry Mandate

Achieving true government-to-government relationships is a shared responsibility based on respect, recognition and exercise of Aboriginal title and rights, and reconciliation of Aboriginal and Crown titles and jurisdiction. The Ministry leads this work in alignment with:

- The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), through implementation of the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, which guides Crown-Indigenous relations in B.C., and the Declaration Act Action Plan, which outlines government actions designed to achieve the objectives of UNDRIP;
- The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's (TRC): Calls to Action;
- Relevant case law, including the landmark 2014 decision by the Supreme Court of Canada which granted a declaration of Aboriginal title to a portion of Tsilhqot'in territory; and
- The Draft Principles that Guide the Province's Relationship with Indigenous Peoples.

True and lasting reconciliation calls for the Ministry to partner with Indigenous governments, urban Indigenous organizations, Métis, and treaty partners. The Ministry's focus is to build lasting relationships with Indigenous Peoples by working toward flexible agreements that can evolve over time and developing collaborative approaches to policy making. The Ministry also engages federal and municipal partners, stakeholders, and the public. While reconciliation is a shared responsibility, the Ministry provides guidance and leadership to other areas of government.

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**2022/23 – 2024/25
SERVICE PLAN**

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The *Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation 2022/23 – 2024/25 Service Plan* was prepared under my direction in accordance with the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*. I am accountable for the basis on which the plan has been prepared.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Murray Rankin".

Honourable Murray Rankin
Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
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