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CIRNAC - Supporting the Regional Assessment in the Ring of Fire Region

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Supporting Federal Consultation and Engagement Efforts

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) supports the whole-of-government approach to consultation, accommodation, and engagement with Indigenous Peoples. Our efforts are strengthened through collaboration with Indigenous partners. Below are the key functions of the Consultation and Accommodation Unit by team and the services they provide.



Single Window

The point of entry for inquiries related to Consultation Support Services, including accessing information, system support, and other services on Indigenous consultation and engagement.

Please contact:

indigenous.consultations.autochtones@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca



Strategic Policy

- Provides advice on consultation, accommodation and engagement
- Leads the development of policy guidance, including updates to the consultation guidelines
- Works with federal, provincial and territorial partners to support collaboration and information-sharing
- Manages the federal officials interdepartmental network on consultation



Partnerships

- Provides regionally-focused consultation advice
- Co-develops and implements consultation protocols
- Co-develops resource centre agreements
- Manages regional federal interdepartmental Consultation Networks
- Supports collaboration among federal consultation practitioners to support innovation, consistency and respectful relationships
- Builds relations with provinces and territories on Indigenous consultations



Major Projects

- Coordinates CIRNAC's subject matter expertise in support of impact assessments and provides policy advice in relation to major projects.
- Supports senior management participation in governance structures established under the Impact Assessment Process as well as governance structures related to clean growth initiatives.



Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Information System (ATRIS)

- ATRIS is a web-based, geographic information system that maps and describes Indigenous nations, collectives, communities, and organizations and displays information pertaining to their potential or established Aboriginal and treaty rights.
- ATRIS has a public version and an account-based, internal to government version that contains additional information.
- Information is maintained through ongoing consultation and engagement. To discuss ATRIS content or create an account, contact the Single Window.
- ATRIS allows users to easily access geographic data from multiple departments at once in an interactive and customizable way.



Training

Engagement,
Consultation &
Accommodation
Training

Information
Sessions,
Presentations,
& Executive
Fireside Chats

Drop-In
ATRIS
Webinar
Training

For information, training, and tools on Modern Treaties please email the Modern Treaty Implementation Office

bmtmmtio@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca





The Role of the Major Projects Team

- CIRNAC is a federal authority and supports governance structures under the *Impact Assessment Act*.
- During impact assessment processes, the Major Projects Team coordinates CIRNAC's subject matter expertise related to the federal government's legal duty to consult and relationship with Indigenous groups.
- The Team supports the Agency and federal partners by:
 - Sharing information related to recognition of Indigenous rights and self-determination tables (RIRSD),
 - Modern treaties or self-government agreements, and other related negotiations and processes,
 - As well as through Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Information System (ATRIS).





Supporting the Regional Assessment

CIRNAC's Role:

- CIRNAC does not have a regulatory function in the context of projects that might be proposed in the Ring of Fire area
- Will continue to participate as a member of the Federal Review Team for the Regional Assessment and provide advice as requested.

Programs Supporting Consultation:

- Federal Initiative on Consultation: Supports Indigenous consultation capacity building, particularly through the establishment of consultation protocols and resource centres to help ensure Indigenous are able to meaningfully participate in consultation and engagement activities.

