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**To** Chair and Directors, Indigenous Relations Committee

**And To:** Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** Stephanie Masun, Manager of Intergovernmental Relations

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## Short Summary:

UNDRIP & BC DRIPA

## Background:

**United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) & *British Columbia Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA)***

### UNDRIP

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007. UNDRIP is a framework for progressing and protecting the rights of Indigenous peoples internationally and guides the development of national policies and practices.

UNDRIP outlines Indigenous peoples' rights related to self-determination, land, identity, and resources. The UN Declaration highlights the importance of Indigenous peoples' participation in decision-making processes that affect them and affirms the rights to establishing and maintaining distinct cultural, economic, social, political, and legal institutions.

Canada adopted UNDRIP in 2016.

### DRIPA

BC formally adopted UNDRIP's standards by passing the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA)* in November of 2019.

DRIPA is BC's framework for reconciliation and aligns with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action which outline commitments to respecting the human rights of Indigenous peoples through collaboration and consultation.

This legislation mandates the province to align laws with UNDRIP and to consult with Indigenous Peoples to develop and implement an action plan to achieve the legislation's aims.

**B.C.'s Declaration Act Action Plan**

BC's 2022-2027 Declaration Act Action Plan is a five-year commitment which includes 89 actions to end anti-Indigenous racism and to advance Indigenous peoples' self-determination, rights, and title.

**Additional Information**

[Fact sheet – United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act](#)

[BC Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act](#)

[BC Declaration Act Action Plan](#)

[Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action](#)

**Attachments:**

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