



Cariboo Regional District Indigenous Relations Framework

Strong Relationships, Regional Resilience

The Cariboo Regional District's 2022-2026 Strategic Plan sets out a clear vision with key goals for building relationships, enhancing engagement, and prioritizing communications with Indigenous communities in and around the Cariboo region with aim to advance reconciliation.

These enhanced engagement and communication objectives strive to cultivate awareness and grow opportunities to build enduring and resilient partnerships to the benefit of the region's current and future residents.

Establishing a Framework to Support Meaningfully Built Relationships

Strong relationships help to identify shared priorities and facilitate finding solutions to known and emerging concerns. Common understanding underpins mutually beneficial services, co-operation, and collaboration.

The following framework serves as a guideline to support decision making and operational activities to realize the Board of Director's strategic commitments:

Governing & Guiding

- Renewing and reaffirming the CRD's dedication to the principles of reconciliation.
- Participating in community-to-community events to invite ongoing dialogue, build mutual understanding, and to co-develop protocols to guide district staff and contractors as they conduct business activities throughout the region day-to-day.

Reviewing & Developing Policy

- Striving to align current and emerging policies with relevant legislation such as BC DRIPA, UNDRIP, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's calls-to-action recommendations, as appropriate for regional government and local Indigenous communities.

Business Planning & Budgeting

- Committing the appropriate resources to achieve the region's relationship building vision as it expands and evolves year-to-year.

Learning & Implementing

- Embracing Indigenous cultural awareness training opportunities, and when available, participating in local training and events to grow our collective understanding to guide further actions toward addressing systemic bias and attitudinal barriers to reconciliation.

The Cariboo Regional District aims to foster a healthy and prosperous region by building and strengthening relationships with Indigenous Peoples and embracing the principles of reconciliation.