

# INFO BULLETIN

## INFORMATION FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

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### Apply now – National Council for Reconciliation Board of Directors

The Transitional Committee and the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations are seeking diverse, highly qualified candidates to serve on the first board of the [National Council for Reconciliation](#). Interested candidates should have the following qualifications:

- experience advancing reconciliation efforts in Canada
- strong existing networks and relationships in the area of reconciliation
- experience on a national board of directors
- experience related to the impacts of the realities and histories of Indigenous Peoples in Canada

Selection will be based on individual merit and the overall composition of the first board. The board will be comprised of 9 to 13, with at least two-thirds being Indigenous, and will take into account the requirements in the [National Council for Reconciliation Act](#).

**The deadline to submit your application is October 20, 2024 at 11:59 pm Pacific Time.** For more information, including [required documents](#), [eligibility criteria](#) and [how to apply](#), please visit [About the National Council for Reconciliation](#).

### Call for art submissions by Indigenous artists in Canada

The [Indigenous Art Centre](#) and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) invite Indigenous artists to [apply to the 2024 to 2025 peer juried Indigenous art acquisition program](#). The Indigenous Art Collection in Gatineau, Quebec, is one of the most significant public art collections of contemporary Indigenous art in Canada. Since the early 1960s, the Indigenous Art Centre has been collecting works by living artists to create a unique collection that represents the artistic practices of community-based and urban Indigenous artists throughout Canada.

The Indigenous Art Centre has more than 50 years of experience in promoting the art of Indigenous artists in Canada and abroad through:

- its lending program for arts and cultural institutions
- national and international projects
- research for national and international scholars and curators

**The deadline for submissions to be received by the Indigenous Art Centre is October 1, 2024.** For more information, including [eligibility](#) and [submission requirements](#), please visit [Call for art submissions by Indigenous artists in Canada](#).

### Special programming marking National Day for Truth and Reconciliation featured on nfb.ca in September

The [National Film Board of Canada](#) (NFB) is featuring powerful and thought-provoking free programming throughout the month of September to mark the [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#). September kicks off with a special spotlight on Indigenous cinema with 3 channels:

- [Residential Schools](#)
- [Transmission of Indigenous Knowledge](#)
- [Indigenous-Made Animation Films](#)

Starting September 30, Dr. Jules Arita Koostachin's deeply personal [WaaPaKe \(Tomorrow\)](#) unravels the tangled threads of silence suffered by residential school Survivors through truth, freedom and power. This acclaimed film will be featured on the [Residential Schools](#) channel on [nfb.ca](#). Honours to date for [WaaPaKe \(Tomorrow\)](#) include the Best BC Film Award at VIFF and the APTN Award at the Montreal First Peoples Film Festival.

For more information, please visit the [news release](#).

**HELP IS AVAILABLE  
WHENEVER YOU  
NEED IT.**

**Immediate support is available 24/7  
for all Indigenous people in Canada.**

Hope for Wellness Help Line and Chat  
**1-855-242-3310 or [www.hopeforwellness.ca](http://www.hopeforwellness.ca)**

Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line  
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Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women  
and Girls Support Line  
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The Government of Canada has announced [recruitment and retention allowances to triple through to 2025 for Indigenous Services Canada nurses in remote and isolated communities](#).

Become a northern community nurse in a First Nations community and build relationships that will last a lifetime!

Visit Indigenous Services Canada's website to [find out more and apply](#) and read [testimonials](#) from nurses with experience working in First Nations in Canada.

## First Nations Baseline Assessment Program on Health and the Environment

The [First Nations Baseline Assessment Program on Health and the Environment](#) (BAPHE) brings together First Nations communities, principal investigators and scientists to gather baseline data on the current state of human health and the environment, prior to the implementation of a major industrial project. A baseline is a measurement of select human health and environmental indicators and can be used to show changes over time. Projects supported by BAPHE must include both a human health and an environmental baseline.

BAPHE supports 2 types of projects:

- **Primary research:** Community-based research to collect and analyze data on human health and the environment directly through questionnaires, surveys, interviews and sampling.
- **Knowledge integration:** Community-based research that compiles, integrates and analyzes existing community information and scientific data on human health and the environment.

The call for proposals is now open. **The deadline for submission is November 1, 2024.** For more information, including examples of primary research and knowledge integration projects, as well as eligibility and how to apply, please visit [First Nations Baseline Assessment Program on Health and the Environment](#).

## Whooping cough – Infection prevention and control

The best way to protect yourself, your family and your community from [pertussis \(whooping cough\)](#) is to get vaccinated. Other ways you can help stop the spread:

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when coughing or sneezing
- wash your hands often with soap and water, or use an alcohol-based hand rub
- keep high-touch surfaces in your home clean and disinfected
- if you are sick, self-isolate at home, limit your contact with household members, especially those too young to be vaccinated, and do not have visitors
- if able, open windows in the home to increase air circulation
- contact your healthcare provider for assessment, but make sure to phone ahead to protect others
- if you are directed to visit the health care facility, wear a medical mask when you leave your house

[Prevention](#) is key. Your healthcare provider can tell you if your family's vaccinations are up-to-date and where you can get vaccinated. For more information, please visit [Pertussis \(whooping cough\)](#).

**Vaccines prevent serious diseases from spreading**

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## Regional

### Manitoba's affordable energy plan launches historic partnerships in wind generation

On September 20, 2024, the Manitoba government unveiled their [plan to build the next generation of affordable energy](#). For the first time in the province's history, the [Manitoba Affordable Energy Plan](#) formalizes into government policy, Indigenous-owned, and utility-scale electricity resource supply through the creation of government-to-government partnerships with Indigenous nations in wind generation, while ensuring Manitoba Hydro stays public.

Other actions in the plan include:

- creating an Indigenous loan-guarantee program to provide First Nations and Métis people or organizations the capital support and capacity to participate in the energy transition and finance new partnerships in wind generation
- refurbishing Manitoba Hydro generating stations to unlock up to 200 megawatts of power
- ending the first-come, first-served approach for large grid connection to better align with Manitoba's economic development goals
- strengthening energy codes for homes and buildings to generate long-term energy savings for Manitoba families
- stronger oversight of the oil and gas sector with regular provincial inspections to ensure environmental safety and reliability
- installing new Manitoba Hydro owned and operated public electric vehicle chargers
- a renewed focus on energy security with stronger protections in place for procurement and data management to keep Manitoba's energy supply safe and secure

For more information, please visit the [news release](#). To read the plan, visit [The Manitoba Affordable Energy Plan](#).

### Engaging with rural Manitobans on new poverty reduction strategy

The Manitoba government is [launching a series of in-person public meetings in rural communities](#) across the province to gather feedback on the development of a new 5-year poverty reduction strategy. Public meetings are taking place throughout October and November in Thompson, The Pas, Dauphin, Brandon, Morden and Arborg. There will also be targeted consultations with Indigenous rightsholders and community stakeholders, as well as dedicated focus groups with Manitobans who have lived experience of poverty to hear about the challenges and realities they face.

The Manitoba government has also hosted roundtable discussions with representatives of front-line service providers who work in poverty alleviation including community organizations, advocates and experts. Key areas of discussion across all engagements include prioritizing work to support people's basic needs, education and training, employment, health, well-being and a sense of belonging, as well as identifying current successes and future gaps in supports.

For more information and to [register for an in-person or virtual public engagement meeting](#), please visit [Poverty Reduction Strategy Consultation](#). The [online survey](#) closes November 15, 2024.

### Manitoba government investing in construction project on Provincial Road 224

The Manitoba government is [investing in making roads safer for Manitobans travelling on Provincial Road](#) (PR) 224 from PR 325 to Fisher River First Nation, an investment of \$18.3 million to reconstruct a 45-kilometre section of PR 224. The project will include excavating failed sections, repairing the subgrade and replacing the surface. Additionally, sections that have not yet failed will receive a thin lift overlay of bituminous asphalt to increase the overall life of the roadway, and adding gravel shoulders along the route will also be reconstructed.

Construction is expected to be completed in fall 2025. Additional details regarding Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure's capital projects can be found on [Manitoba Infrastructure Projects Map](#).



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<b>Report a hydro outage:</b>	<b>1-888-624-9376</b>
<b>Highway closure info:</b>	<b>511</b>
<b>Medical transportation: (Non-Insured Health Benefits)</b>	<b>1-877-983-0911</b>