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Statement by Minister Hajdu on the changes to operating procedures related to processing requests under Jordan's Principle

On February 10, 2025, the Minister of Indigenous Services, Patty Hajdu, issued a statement on the changes to operating procedures related to processing requests under Jordan's Principle.

[Read the full statement.](#)

Closing February 24 - Apply to the Youth Employment and Skills Program

On January 9, 2025, the Government of Canada announced that [applications will open for the Youth Employment and Skills Program \(YESP\)](#). Supported by an investment of approximately \$13.5 million, the [Youth Employment and Skills Program](#) is an initiative aimed at helping young Canadians access employment opportunities and gain valuable work experience in the agricultural sector, while contributing to the growth of the agricultural community here in Canada.

Eligible applicants include producers, agri-businesses, industry associations, provincial and territorial governments, Indigenous organizations and research facilities. Applications from Indigenous employers will be prioritized for the 2025 to 2026 program year.

Submit your application on or before February 24, 2025.

For more information, including [eligibility](#) and [how to apply](#), please visit the [Youth Employment and Skills Program](#).

Survivors of the Former Kamloops Indian Residential School, T'k'emlúps te Secwépemc and the Government of Canada mark the national historic significance of the Kamloops Indian Residential School

On February 12, 2025, [T'k'emlúps te Secwépemc](#) and the Government of Canada announced the [designation of the Former Kamloops Indian Residential School as a national historic site](#) under Parks Canada's [National Program of Historical Commemoration](#). The Former Kamloops Indian Residential School is located on Kamloops Indian Reserve #1 of T'k'emlúps te Secwépemc.

This building was nominated for designation by T'k'emlúps te Secwépemc, and a collaborative process was undertaken between Parks Canada and the First Nation to identify the historical importance of this former school. The Kamloops Indian Residential School was the largest institution in a system designed to carry out what the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada](#) described as cultural genocide.

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

Official launch of the Call for Proposals for Indigenous-led Options for Solutions to the Second-Generation Cut-Off and Section 10 Voting Thresholds

Indigenous Services Canada has launched a [call for proposals](#) as part of the consultation events and activities phase of the [Collaborative Process on the Second-Generation Cut-Off and Section 10 Voting Thresholds](#). They are currently seeking options for potential solutions to the second-generation cut-off and section 10 voting thresholds from First Nations, tribal councils, treaty organizations and Indigenous organizations.

The solutions and results of these assessments will be broadly distributed to help guide discussions in the second part of the consultation events and activities phase (First Nations-led events) to determine which solutions work best for Rights-Holders.

If your First Nation or organization would like to participate in the first step of the consultation phase by submitting options for solutions, please complete the funding proposal application through [GC Forms](#) by **March 14, 2025**. For more information or assistance, contact the Registration Reform team at reforme-de-linscription-registrations-reform@sac-isc.gc.ca.

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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

Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line
1-866-925-4419

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
and Girls Support Line
1-844-413-6649

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Taxes and benefits for Indigenous Peoples

Are you an Indigenous business owner? Or just need help filing your taxes? There are toolkits, [webinars](#) and other resources that can help you at tax time.

Check out these [tips](#) and [learn where to find tax help](#). Visit Taxes and benefits for [Indigenous Peoples](#).



Significant investments made in marine safety supports Indigenous communities through the Oceans Protection Plan

On February 4, 2025, the Government of Canada announced an [investment of over \\$125 million through 2 initiatives](#) under the [Ocean's Protection Plan](#) to strengthen marine safety in 47 communities across Canada. Specifically, funding will:

- support Indigenous communities in hiring marine coordinators, through the [Indigenous and Local Communities Engagement and Partnership Program \(ILCEPP\)](#)
- expand the [Enhanced Maritime Situational Awareness \(EMSA\)](#) initiative, which provides an overview of the marine environment to local governments and organizations to advance marine safety, environmental monitoring and protection in their communities

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

\$24.2 million invested in Indigenous sport programs to empower First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities

On February 7, 2025, the Government of Canada [announced the 2024 to 2026 funding recipients](#) for the [Sport for Social Development in Indigenous Communities \(SSDIC\) program](#). The \$24.2 million investment will support 119 Indigenous-led projects, expanding access to sport and physical activity for communities from coast to coast to coast. These initiatives will prioritize culturally relevant and community-designed programming to empower Indigenous People, including youth, women, girls, 2SLGBTQI+ individuals and persons with disabilities.

Please consult the backgrounders for a detailed list of 2024 to 2026 [Stream One](#), [Stream Two](#) and [Stream Three](#) recipients. For more information, please visit the [news release](#).

Measles Prevention: What You Need to Know

Vaccination is the most effective way to prevent measles. Measles vaccines are tested and effective at protecting you and others from serious illness. Parents and caregivers should make sure that children are up to date with their measles vaccines according to their [local routine vaccination schedules](#). If an adult or a child in their care has missed any doses of the vaccine or are unsure if vaccines are up to date, it is very important to contact their healthcare provider or local public health department.

If you may have been exposed to measles and are not fully vaccinated, immediately contact your healthcare provider or local public health department for advice. They may recommend the measles vaccine or a medication that contains protective antibodies. These should be given as soon as possible after exposure. Symptoms of measles include: fever; cough; runny nose; red, watery eyes; or rash (which looks like red spots and blotchy patches that start on the face and then spread down the body, arms and legs).

For more information, please visit [Measles: Symptoms and treatment](#).

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Eligibility for Children's disABILITY Services expanded to First Nations communities

Effective February 4, 2025, eligibility for [Children's disABILITY Services](#) (CDS) has expanded to include residents of First Nations communities (that is, children living on reserve). This means children with disabilities, and their families who live in First Nation communities, may now access the provincially funded CDS program and its services and supports.

The CDS program supports families who are raising a child (or children) with developmental and physical disabilities to meet some of the additional needs they may have. Children's disABILITY Services offers families a variety of resources and supports to assist them to care for their children at home in their own communities, where children grow and thrive.

For more information, including [program eligibility](#) and [how to apply](#), please visit [Children's disABILITY services](#). You may also contact the program at (204) 945-8311 or email at [cgs@gov.mb.ca](mailto:cds@gov.mb.ca).

\$36.4 million invested in rail line and Port of Churchill to increase international trade

The Manitoba government is [investing \\$36.4 million over 2 years to the Arctic Gateway Group](#) (AGG) for capital infrastructure projects at the Port of Churchill that will expand international trade and create jobs for northern Manitobans. The investment will support the [Arctic Gateway Group's](#) port and rail development, vision and plan to expand traffic diversification and growth opportunities, and attract private investment partners from the agriculture, mining, fertilizer and resupply sectors. Planned works include wharf repairs and freight warehouse upgrades.

The AGG is a subsidiary company of OneNorth, a partnership of 41 First Nation and Bayline communities in Manitoba. In August 2024, AGG and Hudbay Minerals Inc. piloted a successful 10,000-tonne zinc concentrate export shipment through the port, establishing Churchill as a northern trade critical minerals supply route.

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

Shoppers Foundation for Women's Health makes \$10 million donation to MMIWG2S+ Healing and Empowerment Endowment Fund

The [Shoppers Foundation for Women's Health](#) is donating [\\$10 million to Manitoba's MMIWG2S+ Healing and Empowerment Endowment Fund](#). Launched in 2024 with an initial \$15 million investment, the MMIWG2S+ Healing and Empowerment Endowment Fund will generate revenue from funds managed by The Winnipeg Foundation. These funds will be used to provide application-based supports for healing and empowerment for MMIWG2S+ families.

The Manitoba government is working with MMIWG2S+ families, community partners and the Matriarch Circle to set eligibility and distribution guidelines for the first round of funds that will become eligible later this year. The MMIWG2S+ Healing and Empowerment Endowment Fund was the first foundational initiative of [Mino'Ayaawag Ikwewag: All Women Doing Well](#), Manitoba's provincial strategy to support the safety, protection and empowerment of Indigenous women, girls, two-spirit and gender-diverse relatives.

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

Manitoba supports 5 prevention programs aimed at men and boys

The Manitoba government is providing [\\$811,000 through the National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence](#) to support programs that empower men to end gender-based violence (GBV). The funding supports 5 programs across the province focused on men and boys:

- \$25,000 for the Northern Men and Boys Programming through The Pas Family Resource Centre
- \$166,000 for the NorWest Men's Relationship Program
- \$200,000 for the EmpowerMen Program through Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre
- \$200,000 for the Aboriginal Health and Wellness – Men's Program
- \$220,000 for the Inspiring Newcomer Men's GBV Program through Elmwood Community Resource Centre

The announcement is part of a bilateral funding agreement under the 10-year National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence. Year 2 combines over \$6.2 million in federal funding with \$6.35 million from Manitoba for 19 community initiatives across the province focused on ending gender-based violence.

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