Resources for IFC Booklet

Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (RCAP)

The Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples was a Canadian Royal Commission established in 1991 to investigate issues relevant to Indigenous peoples of Canada, which continue today, that had come to light with recent events such as the Oka Crisis and the Meech Lake Accord. The commission released a final report in 1996 that set out a 20-year agenda for implementing changes.

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/aboriginal-heritage/royal-commission-aboriginal-peoples/Pages/final-report.aspx>

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)

The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples outlines and defines the individual and collective rights of Indigenous peoples, including their ownership rights to cultural and ceremonial expression, identity, language, employment, health, education and other issues. It prohibits the discrimination against Indigenous peoples and promotes their full and effective participation in all matters that concern them. Developed through 1994-2006, it was not until 2016 that Canada officially adopted and promised to implement the declaration fully; in 2017, the BC provincial government announced that it will govern in accordance with the principles outlined in the Declaration.

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/declaration-on-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples.html>

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC)

The TRC was organized by the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement and was officially established in 2008 with the purpose of documenting the history and lasting impacts of the Canadian Indian Residential School system on Indigenous students and their families. The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) is an archival repository home to the research, documents, and testimony collected from 2008-2015. Check out the NCTR website with links to the TRC Final Report, Calls to Action, and other related documents.

<http://nctr.ca/reports.php>

National Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)

The National Inquiry into MMIWG was established in 2016 to 2019 to gather truths and testimony from family members, survivors of violence, experts, and Knowledge Keepers at public hearings across the country. The National Inquiry’s Final Report reveals the root causes of violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA people, as well as Calls for Justice directed at governments, institutions, social service providers, industries, and all Canadians.

<https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report/>

Final Report of Special Advisor Chief Ed John – Indigenous Child Welfare in BC

“Indigenous Resilience, Connectedness and Reunification – From Root Causes to Root Solutions” is the final report from Special Advisor Grand Chief Ed John on Indigenous Children in Care. Grand Chief Ed John travelled to many Indigenous communities to hear firsthand from the families and communities about their children in care and receive advice from those who are directly impacted by the existing laws, regulations, policies, and practices of the state. The report includes the context of Indigenous child welfare service delivery (e.g. MCFD, delegated agencies, UNDRIP) and the context behind the report, areas for focused action including prevention services, reunification and permanency planning, and policy frameworks, and final reflections.

<http://fns.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Final-Report-of-Grand-Chief-Ed-John-re-Indig-Child-Welfare-in-BC-November-2016.pdf>

CBC Indigenous

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has an Indigenous section that covers current social issues, Indigenous events, and inspiring Indigenous artists, leaders, and activists. Check out CBC Indigenous Top Stories or focus on issues and events happening in BC through the local section. You can also follow CBC Indigenous on Facebook and Twitter!

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous>

You can also check out CBC Radio and Other Podcasts

*Unreserved* is the radio space for Indigenous community, culture, and conversation. Host Rosanna Deerchild introduces listeners to the storytellers, culture makers and community shakers from across the country. Listen live or download podcasts to listen on the go!

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/unreserved>

*The Secret Life of Canada* highlights the people, places and stories that have been hidden in Canadian history. Although this podcast is not solely focused on Indigenous stories, there are quite a few stories focused on Indigenous history.

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/secretlifeofcanada>

*New Fire* focuses on stories from remote reserves to bustling big cities sharing the voices and passions of Indigenous youth today. Urban Native Girl, Lisa Charleyboy, weaves her gift as a storyteller and personal experiences together to tell the contemporary stories of the Indigenous people of Turtle Island.

Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN)

The Aboriginal Peoples Television Network is a Canadian broadcast television network. APTN was established in 1992; the network airs and produced programs made by, for and about Indigenous peoples in Canada and the US. Check out show options and schedules on their website, including APTN documentaries, kid shows, and news. APTN has full shows and docuseries available to watch on their website, including “We Were Children”, “Taken”, “Mohawk Girls”, “Medicine Line”, “First Contact”, “All Our Relations”, and “Urban Native”, among others.

<https://aptn.ca/>

Reconciliation Canada

Reconciliation Canada is a nonprofit organization located in Vancouver that aims to revitalize relationships among Indigenous peoples and all Canadians through engaging people in dialogue to understand diverse histories and experiences. Check out Reconciliation Canada’s current programs, find out about events, and access helpful resources on their website. You can also follow Reconciliation Canada on Facebook and Twitter!

<https://reconciliationcanada.ca/>