



**First Nations Emergency Management Partnerships**



# Presentation Overview

## **Reconciliation, Governance and Strategic Frameworks**

- An overview of the frameworks and principles that guide working in partnership with First Nation communities

## **The 2017/2018 Freshet and Wildfires**

- A narrative of the 2017/2018 freshet and wildfire seasons

## **Working in Partnership**

- Activities currently underway at EMBC that are changing the way we are working in partnership across our organization

## **Partnership Tool Kit**

- An exercise to explore the resources and values that we bring to working in partnerships

# United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP)

- A comprehensive instrument, developed in collaboration by Indigenous peoples, nation states, UN agencies, NGOs over twenty years.
  - *Indigenous peoples actively shaped the Declaration, and contributed with their knowledge in a concrete and collective manner.*
  - *The Declaration is a framework representing minimum standards for the survival, dignity, and well being of Indigenous peoples.*
  - *In 2007 UNDRIP was adopted in broad consensus by 143 countries (in 2016 Canada its adoption and implementation of UNDRIP).*
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# Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

The Framework calls for countries to:

- Shift their focus from managing disasters to managing risks, which requires a better understanding of risk in all its dimensions of vulnerability, exposure and hazard.
- Focus on people-centred, all-hazards, and multi-sectoral based approach to disaster risk reduction.
- It aims to guide multi-hazard management of disaster risk in development at all levels as well as within and across all sectors with engagement from all of society.



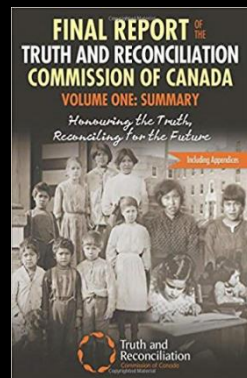
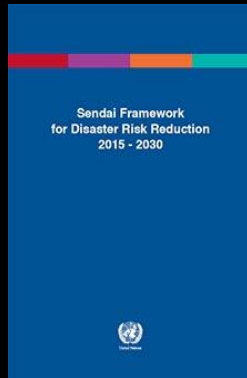
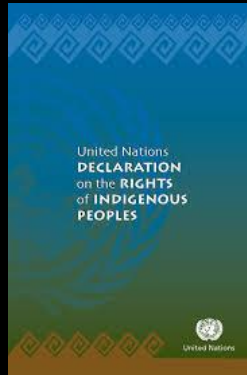
# Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada was established in 2008 with the mandate to:

- Reveal to Canadians the complex truth about the history and the ongoing legacies of the church-run residential schools; and
- Guide and inspire a process of truth and healing, leading towards reconciliation within Indigenous families, and between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, churches, governments, and Canadians generally.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada created 94 Calls to Action as a way to mobilize all levels of government, organizations, as well as individuals to make concrete changes in society.

# ***Building Points of Connection***



Communication

Inclusivity

Equity

Education

# Draft Principles that Guide the Province of British Columbia's Relationship with Indigenous Peoples

- In May 2018, the B.C. Government provided all employees of the public service with the *Draft Principles*
- The 10 draft Principles are a resource to guide public servants as we build relationships with Indigenous peoples based on respect and recognition of inherent rights.
- The Principles guide our work to implement UNDRIP and the TRC recommendations
- The Principles highlight that “how” we collaborate with Indigenous peoples is as important as “what” we do.
- The Principles are being shared in draft, as a starting point for necessary conversations with Indigenous peoples on their content.

# EMBC Strategic Plan



**1. EMBC IS CONTRIBUTING TO  
A RESILIENT PROVINCE.**



**2. EMBC IS A  
RESILIENT ORGANIZATION.**



**3. EQUITABLE EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT SUPPORT  
FOR EVERY PERSON IN B.C.**

» Risk

» Shared responsibility

» Operational readiness

» People

» Infrastructure systems

» Continuous improvement

» Culture

» Partnerships

» Community needs



# Emergency Management Bilateral Services Agreement

A black helicopter is parked on a grassy field. Several people are standing around the helicopter, some looking into the open side door. The background shows a line of trees under a cloudy sky.

- Emergency Management BC (EMBC) entered into a 10 year agreement with the Department of Indigenous Services (DISC), effective April 1, 2017, to enhance emergency management services for First Nations communities.
  - Replaces a DISC/EMBC Letter of Understanding that covered only response and recovery services on reserve
  - EMBC now provides additional services to First Nations communities
  - Responsibility for emergency management on reserve remains with DISC





# First Nation Partnerships

- Tripartite Emergency Management
  - First Nations Leadership Council, the Province, Canada
- Regional Emergency Management Partnerships
  - First Nations, Local governments, Regional Districts
- First Nations Emergency Management Partnership Tables
  - First Nations, Emergency Management BC, First Nations Emergency Services Society



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indigenous  
partnerships project.



# Indigenous Youth Internship Program and Emergency Management

- Currently EMBC has one IYIP intern working in Prince George Regional Office
- 2017 and 18 two IYIP interns working in First Nations Coordination and Organization Learning and Public Education Units
- Previous IYIP interns permanent positions in EMBC Human Resources Unit and Parliamentary Secretary Rice s Constituency Office



# First Nations Emergency Management Training Pilots

- 2 day discussion based workshop launched in 2018 in partnership with the JIBC and 6 participating FN communities
- Improved preparedness/EM awareness by providing resources, future training information and face to face communication between communities and EMBC
- Preliminary feedback review complete
- Refine for use as a broader engagement approach



# Exercise Planning

- EMBC intends to incorporate more tabletop exercises, group activities and role play into existing training
- EMBC welcomes flexibility to broaden outreach for training and exercise opportunities
- EMBC acknowledges that local knowledge and history sharing are integral parts of the learning process





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# Questions

*Thank you for attending*