

Key Definitions

Aboriginal title and rights

the entitlement to ownership, management and use of traditional lands and resources. Aboriginal title and rights are based on continuous occupation and use.

Extinguishment

the ending or surrender of Aboriginal title and rights to land and resources in exchange for rights granted in a treaty or agreement.

First Nations

the self-determined political unit of the Aboriginal community that has the power to negotiate, on a government-to-government basis, with the province and Canada.

Indian reserve

defined in Section 2 of the *Indian Act* as a tract of land that has been set apart by the Federal government for the use and benefit of an Indian band.

Traditional territory

a territory inhabited and used by a First Nation to which they have a primary sacred, cultural and economic connection.