



An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families
Authorized Indigenous Governing Bodies in Canada under Section 12 of the Act

Background

An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families (formerly called Bill C-92) is the first federal legislation on the subject of Indigenous Child and Family Services.

The Act is the first statute to recognize inherent Indigenous jurisdiction over child and family services as an Aboriginal right in Canada (section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*). It enables Indigenous communities to create their own laws for child and family services, including a provision for those laws to be recognized as paramount to those of the provincial and federal governments.

As called for in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Final Report (2015), the Act establishes national minimum standards for the delivery of child and family services for Indigenous children and families, which focus on the principles of best interests of the child, cultural continuity, and substantive equality. It applies to all Indigenous children, regardless of where they reside in Canada.

The Act came into effect on January 1, 2020, and the National Standards apply in all provinces as of that date. Where there is conflict or inconsistency with provincial laws, the National Standards prevail.

Indigenous Governing Bodies

Under the Act, an Indigenous Governing Body means a council, government or other entity that is authorized to act on behalf of an Indigenous group, community or people that holds rights recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.

Under section 12 (1) of the Act, it states: *In the context of providing child and family services in relation to an Indigenous child, to the extent that doing so is consistent with the best interest of the child, before taking any significant measure in relation to the child, the service provider must provide notice of the measure to the child's parent and the care provider, as well as to the Indigenous governing body that acts on behalf of the Indigenous group, community of people to which the child belongs and that has informed the service provider that they are acting on behalf of that Indigenous group, community or people.*

For more information about the Act, please visit the Indigenous Services Canada website at:

https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/annualstatutes/2019_24/

Below is a list (in alphabetical order by province) of the authorized Indigenous Governing Bodies in Canada that require notice of a significant measure regarding an Indigenous child. This list will continue to be updated and circulated as new information becomes available.

Name of Indigenous Governing Body	Indigenous group(s) represented by Indigenous Governing Body	Effective date	Contact information for providing notice of significant measure regarding an Indigenous child
Manitoba			
Island Lake First Nations	Garden Hill First Nation Red Sucker Lake First Nation St. Theresa Point First Nation Wasagamack First Nation	July 21, 2020	<p>Chief and Council Garden Hill First Nation General Delivery Island Lake, Manitoba ROB OTO Phone: (204) 456-2085 Toll Free: 1-877-427-4999 Fax: (204) 456-9315</p> <p>Chief and Council Red Sucker Lake First Nation General Delivery Red Sucker Lake, Manitoba ROB 1H0 Phone: (204) 469-5041 Fax: (204) 469-5966</p> <p>Chief and Council St. Theresa Point First Nation General Delivery St. Theresa Point, Manitoba ROB 1J0 Phone: (204) 462-2106 Toll Free: 1-866-279-5463</p>

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			Fax: (204) 462-2646 Chief and Council Wasagamack First Nation General Delivery Wasagamack, Manitoba ROB 1Z0 Phone: (204) 457-2337 Fax: (204) 457-2255
Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc. Child Welfare Secretariat (authorized by Shamattawa First Nation)	Shamattawa First Nation	October 9, 2020	Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc. ATTN: Child Welfare Secretariat 102-1700 Ellice Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 0B1 Phone: (204) 927-7500 Fax: (204) 927-7509 Email: Amanda.ouskan@mkonorth.com
Manitoba Metis Federation	Metis of Manitoba	February 26, 2020	Metis Child, Family and Community Institute Manitoba Metis Federation 300-150 Henry Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 0J7 Fax: (204) 947-1816 Email: cfc-notice@mmf.mb.ca
Norway House Cree Nation Chief and Council	Norway House Cree Nation	September 23, 2020	Kinosao Sipi Minisowin Agency Box 640 Norway House, Manitoba ROB 1B0

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			Phone: (204) 359-4551 Fax: (204) 359-8654 rosannah@minisowin.org
Peguis First Nation Chief and Council	Peguis First Nation	August 12, 2020	Clemene Hornbrook, Executive Director, Peguis CFS Agency P.O Box 610 Peguis, Manitoba R0C 3J0 Phone: (204) 645-2049 Toll Free 1-877-777-2049 Fax: (204) 645-2558 Clemene.hornbrook@peguiscfs.org
Sagkeeng First Nation Chief and Council	Sagkeeng First Nation	August 13, 2020	Chief and Council Sagkeeng Anicinabe Government Office Box 3 Fort Alexander, Manitoba R0E 0P0 Phone: (204) 367-2287 Toll Free: 1-866-878-2911 Fax: (204) 367-4315
Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Chief and Council	Sioux Valley Dakota Nation	January 29, 2020	Dakota Tiwahe Services Inc. Building 3611 Sioux Valley Dakota Nation PO Box 39 Griswold, Manitoba Phone: (204) 573-4372 Fax: (204) 855-2671

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Asubpeeschoseewagong Netum Anishinabek First Nation (Grassy Narrows First Nation)	Asubpeeschoseewagong Netum Anishinabek First Nation (Grassy Narrows First Nation)	July 15, 2020 (BCR dated 27-11-2019)	Sinéad Dearman (Legal Counsel) Phone: (416) 981-9356 Fax: (416) 981-9350 Email: sdearman@oktlaw.com
Iskatewizaagegan No. 39 Independent First Nation (Shoal Lake No. 39 First Nation)	Iskatewizaagegan No. 39 Independent First Nation (Shoal Lake No. 39 First Nation)	November 5, 2020	Charlene Mandamin (Director of Social) Phone: (807) 733-1110 Fax: (807) 733-1116 Email: charlenemandamin@iifn39.ca Bianca Packo (Child Advocate) Phone: (807) 733-1110 Fax: (807) 733-1116 Email: biancapacko@iifn39.ca Chief Gerald Lewis Phone: (807) 733-2560 Fax: (807) 733-3106 Email: gerald_2k@hotmail.com
Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation (Big Trout Lake First Nation)	Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation (Big Trout Lake First Nation)	February 5, 2020 from community's law office out of Toronto	Sinéad Dearman (Legal Counsel) Phone: (416) 981-9356 Fax: (416) 981-9350 Email: sdearman@oktlaw.com
Wabaseemoong Independent Nations	Wabaseemoong Independent Nations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whitedog • One Man Lake • Swan Lake 	January 1, 2020	Betsy Mandamin, Executive Director, Nigonigawbow Secretariat Government Office General Delivery, Whitedog Post Office Whitedog, ON POX 1P0 Phone: (807) 927-2000 Fax: (807) 927-2071 Email: betsy.mandamin@wabaseemoong.ca

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British Columbia			
Cowichan Tribes Chief and Council	Cowichan Tribes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kw'amutsun • Qwum'yiqun' • Hwulqwselu • S'amuna' • L'uml'umuluts • Hinupsum • Tl'ulpalus 	April 30, 2020	Cowichan Tribes General Manager 5760 Allenby Road Duncan, British Columbia V9L 5J1 Phone: (250) 748-3196 Fax: (250) 748-1233
Lake Babine Nation	Lake Babine Nation	November 23, 2020	Primary Contact: Sara Jack, Child and Family Support Services PO Box 879, Burns Lake, British Columbia V0J 1E0 Phone: (250) 692-4735 (office) (250) 692-9451 (cell) Fax: (250) 692-4735 Email: Sara.jack@lakebabine.com Alternate Contact (if primary does not respond via phone or email within 24 hours): Emma Palmantier, Health Director Phone: (250) 692-4726 (office) (250) 617-1987 (cell) Fax: 250-692-4726 Email: Emma.palmantier@lakebabine.com
Nisga'a Lisims Government	Nisga'a Lisims Nation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gitlaxt'aamiks (formerly New Aiyansh) Village • Nisga'a Village of Gitlakdamix 	April 1, 2020	Director of Programs and Services PO Box 231, 2000 Lisims Drive Gitlaxt'aamiks (formerly New Aiyansh), British Columbia V0J 1A0

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laxgalts'ap Village • Gingolx Village 		Phone: (250) 633-3019 Fax: (250) 633-3086
Simpcw Chief and Council	Simpcw First Nation	June 1, 2020	Social Development Manager Box 220 Barriere, British Columbia V0E 1E0 Phone: (250) 672-9995 Fax: (250) 672-5858 Alternate contact: Simpcw Councilor Phone: (250) 672-9995
Alberta			
Aseniwuche Winewak Nation of Canada (Rocky Mountain People)	The members of the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muskeg Seepee Cooperative • Susa Creek Cooperative • Kamisak Enterprise • Victor Lake Cooperative • Joachim Enterprise • Wanyandie Flats Cooperative 	October 7, 2020	Aseniwuche Winewak Nation of Canada 10020 99 St. Box 1808 Grande Cache, Alberta Phone: (780) 827-5510 Fax: (780) 827-4788
Saskatchewan			
Quebec			
New Brunswick			
Nova Scotia			

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Prince Edward Island			
Newfoundland and Labrador			
Yukon			
Northwest Territories			
Nunavut			