

7 INDIGENOUS PRIORITIES FOR THE FIRST 100 DAYS OF PARLIAMENT

AND HOW THEY ALIGN TO THE PRIORITIES OUTLINED IN THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

PRIORITY 1

INVEST IN THE INDIGENOUS ECONOMY

“Central to this commitment is the creation of long-term wealth and prosperity with Indigenous Peoples.”

Can be achieved by:

- Passing an amendment to the FNFA to allow the FNFA to lend to Special Purpose Vehicles
- Settling land claims and speeding up ATRs to clear the way for “projects of national significance”
- Supporting Indigenous businesses to unlock \$65B in potential contributions to the GDP through increased domestic and international trade

PRIORITY 3

RE-INTRODUCE C-61 EQUIVALENT

“...upholding Canada’s world-leading environmental standards and its constitutional obligations to Indigenous Peoples.”

Can be achieved by:

- Respecting the terms of the 2021 First Nations Drinking Water Settlement and immediately reintroducing the version of C-61 that passed in committee in the last Parliament

PRIORITY 5

TA’N ETLI-TPI’TMK (TEA) - FISCAL RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT

“The Government will balance its operating budget over the next three years by cutting waste, capping the public service, ending duplication, and deploying technology to improve public sector productivity.”

Can be achieved by:

- Taking ISC officials and departmental staff out of the equation, and enabling TEA staff to add the disbursement of social assistance payments (comparable to that received by Nova Scotians living off-reserve) to their current duties

*Fulfilling this priority only requires that information requested and already compiled be sent to TEA after over a year’s wait so that negotiations can continue to move forward.

PRIORITY 7

ENABLE ACTION ON DFO’S 2019 RECONCILIATION STRATEGY

“The Government will be a reliable partner to Indigenous Peoples, upholding its fundamental commitment to advancing reconciliation.”

Can be achieved by:

- Providing DFO with a flexible and enabling mandate to promote and recognize the concurrent application of Indigenous fisheries laws and management structures in the implementation of rights-based fisheries and develop plans for increased fisheries access including increased species allocation as well as infrastructure investment into facilities and capacity.

PRIORITY 2

SUPPORT INDIGENOUS-LED HOUSING INITIATIVES

“...Government will undertake a series of measures to... [create] an entirely new housing industry — using Canadian technology, Canadian skilled workers, and Canadian lumber...will act to accelerate the development of new affordable housing.”

Can be achieved by:

- Supporting Indigenous-led initiatives, such as One Bowl

PRIORITY 4

TA’N ETLI-TPI’TMK (TEA) - DISABILITY PAYMENTS

“Transfers to provinces, territories, or individuals will be maintained. “

Can be achieved by:

- Flowing the Disability Income Assistance funding currently being held by ISC to TEA for disbursement to all 13 Mi’ kmaq communities in Nova Scotia

PRIORITY 6

FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE DFO EXTERNAL REVIEW

“... it is my great hope that in each of your communities, and collectively as a country, a path is found toward truth and reconciliation, in both word and deed.”

Can be achieved by:

- Tendering and standing up the external review committee promised to Mi’ kmaq on July 8, 2024

