



Anishinaabe Governance is... **FIRST NATIONS & THE ANISHINABEK GOVERNMENT**

First Nations Control of the Anishinabek Nation Government

Canada is recognizing the inherent jurisdiction of First Nations.

- First Nations have full control of the Anishinabek Nation Government and any Anishinaabe Institutions established under it.
- First Nations delegate roles and any authorities of the Anishinabek Nation Government.
- First Nations make up the Anishinabek Nation Government.
- First Nation jurisdiction is paramount.
- The Anishinabek Nation Government represents the First Nations working together as a collective governing body. The name can be changed since not all 39 Anishinabek First Nations are included at this time.
- The collective governing body can fulfill certain responsibilities to assist First Nations to exercise inherent jurisdictions.

The roles of the collective governing body might include:

- Establishing an Anishinabek appeals body. Once a First Nation's appeals process has been exhausted, an Anishinabek Nation tribunal could hear and decide on the matter, saving precious time and financial resources in going to outside courts.
- Establishing an Anishinabek statistical institution for collecting, managing, and analyzing data; strategic planning; and measuring results.
- Maintaining a registry of laws and a registry of Anishinabek First Nation citizens.
- Coordinating the proposed Intergovernmental Forum and the negotiation of future Fiscal Agreements. The number of First Nation citizens used to determine future funding requirements is determined by the First Nations' Citizenship Laws.
- Receiving the fiscal transfers from Canada and distributing the funds guaranteed to each First Nation. Each First Nation has received a specific fiscal offer to be included in the global fiscal transfer. The fiscal offers are on average 7 times more than the amount each First Nation now receives as Band Support Funding and Band Employee Benefits. The entire First Nation amount will be transferred. The Anishinabek Nation Government has its own, separate funding.

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