

BACKGROUND

First Nation and Métis Consultation Policy Framework Engagement Summary

Duty to Consult

The Government of Saskatchewan will consult with and accommodate, as appropriate, First Nations and rights-bearing Métis communities in advance of decision or actions which may adversely impact Aboriginal and Treaty rights. For example, when a proponent submits a land related project proposal to government for authorization, the responsive ministry (Environment, Agriculture, etc.) will assess whether the project triggers the duty to consult with First Nation and rights-bearing Métis communities.

Released in 2010, the First Nation and Métis Consultation Policy Framework (CPF) sets out government's commitment to fulfilling its legal duty to consult and accommodate in advance of decisions or actions that have the potential to adversely impact the exercise of:

- Aboriginal and Treaty rights such as the right to hunt, fish and trap for food on unoccupied Crown land and other land to which a community has a right-of-access for these purposes; and
- Traditional uses of land and resources such as the gathering of plants for food and medicinal purposes and carrying out ceremonial and spiritual observances and practices on unoccupied Crown land and other land to which a community has a right of access for these purposes.

Review of 2010 First Nation and Métis Consultation Policy Framework

In the summer and fall of 2022, the Government of Saskatchewan engaged with the leadership of First Nation and Métis communities and organizations, industry associations, and municipal organizations to discuss the successes, strengths and opportunities to revise the CPF.

By December 2022, 31 per cent of First Nations and 38 per cent of Métis locals had participated in a session. Thirty-five engagement sessions were held involving 22 First Nations, three Tribal Councils, 37 Métis locals, seven MN-S regional offices, four Indigenous organizations, 39 companies and industry associations and three municipal organizations.

The compiled feedback fell within five themes:

- Preserve Land to Practice Aboriginal and Treaty Rights
- Build Strong Relationships
- Improve Transparency and Communications Throughout the CPF Process
- Improve Policy, Process and Implementation of the CPF
- Build Greater Capacity

The First Nation and Métis Consultation Policy Framework Engagement Summary can be read at [saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca). The Government of Saskatchewan has been guided by this feedback to revise the CPF.