



Geoscience engagement at the British Columbia Geological Survey



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The engagement context

Through its engagement program, the British Columbia Geological Survey is connecting Indigenous Peoples, local communities, government, the minerals industry, and the public to the geology and mineral resources of the province. This work enhances land-use planning and resource co-management and helps foster relationships.

Engagement with Indigenous Peoples

There is growing interest from Indigenous communities and leadership to better understand the mineral endowment of their traditional territories. As an unbiased public geoscience agency, the Survey is building trusted relationships with Indigenous Peoples in all facets of exploration and mining.

The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (2019) reiterates the right of Indigenous Peoples to participate in making decisions about their lands.

By walking together and learning from each other, we share traditional knowledge and Western science to build a common understanding of the natural history and geological resources in the province.



The Survey engagement program

Given intersecting and diverse interests about mineral resource development in the province, the Survey engagement program provides unbiased geological information to link everyone living in British Columbia to the knowledge needed to balance exploration and mining, environmental and heritage concerns, and economic realities.

The Survey strives to be an ally and trusted broker of information and expertise about geological resources to rights holders across British Columbia. Through the engagement program, the Survey works with Indigenous Nations to raise awareness of research projects on their lands, identify opportunities and challenges, and explore partnerships. The Survey also provides Indigenous Nations with geoscience knowledge and tools to guide resource management and land-use decisions.

Using understandable materials tailored for different audiences, the Engagement Geologist communicates technical information to communities across the province.



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