

Indigenous Relations

Urban Initiatives Program

Who We Are

Ministry of Indigenous Relations

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First Nations Relations

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What Do We Mean by Urban Communities?

Twenty communities with friendship centres:

- **High Level, Fort McMurray, Peace River, High Prairie, Grande Prairie, Slave Lake, Lac La Biche, Cold Lake, Athabasca, Bonnyville, St. Paul, Lloydminster, Edson, Hinton, Edmonton, Rocky Mountain House, Red Deer, Calgary, Lethbridge, Pincher Creek**

Also special initiatives in Medicine Hat, Wetaskiwin, St. Albert, Spruce Grove

Four Main Areas of Work

- **Friendship centres and Alberta Native Friendship Centre Association (ANFCA)**
- **Partnered with INAC and ANFCA on developing community plans in twenty one urban areas**
- **Building municipal/community relations**
- **Developing community action tables in some larger urban centres**

Some Municipal Projects

- **Spruce Grove: Family and Community Support Services Dialogue Project**
- **St. Albert: Reconciliation Garden**
- **Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo: Community Planning**
- **Lethbridge: Inter-Agency Tables and Community Plan Implementation**
- **Wetaskiwin: Transitional Supports Working Group**
- **Calgary: TRC Implementation Plan**

What We Are Hearing From First Nations

- **There are 48 First Nations in three Treaty areas in Alberta**
- **Want good relationships with municipalities**
- **Some Key Issues:**
 - Access to services and programs
 - Roads and infrastructure
 - Water
 - Business opportunities

Making Connections and Building Relationships

- **Let us know how we can help:**
 - Connecting you with Indigenous communities
 - Aboriginal Consultation Office information
 - Projects and agreements
 - Anything else?

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