

# FIRST NATIONS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

September 13, 2024

Elections BC  
PO Box 9275 Stn Prov Govt  
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Via Email: [electionsbc@elections.bc.ca](mailto:electionsbc@elections.bc.ca)

## RE: Establishment of Polling Stations on All Reserves in British Columbia

Dear Elections BC,

The First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC) is writing to express our urgent request for the establishment of polling stations on all First Nations' occupied reserves across across British Columbia.

The FNLC is committed to ensuring that all eligible First Nations have fair and equitable access to the electoral process. Currently, many communities face significant barriers when participating in elections due to the lack of polling stations on reserves. This situation undermines the democratic rights of our people and limits our ability to engage fully in the electoral process.

We respectfully request that Elections BC work collaboratively with First Nations communities to identify suitable locations for these polling stations and ensure that they are adequately staffed and equipped. We believe that this initiative will not only enhance the accessibility and efficiency of the voting process but also contribute to a more inclusive and representative democratic system.

We look forward to your response and to working together to ensure that every First Nations person in British Columbia has the opportunity to participate fully in the electoral process.

Sincerely,

## FIRST NATIONS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

### On behalf of the FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT



Cheryl Casimer



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### On behalf of the UNION OF BC INDIAN CHIEFS



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**On behalf of the BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS:**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Terry Teegee', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Regional Chief Terry Teegee

CC: BC First Nations