



Institute on
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Indigenous Governance

Forging new partnerships

Our research shows that sound governance is a prerequisite for the rapid improvement of the wellbeing of Indigenous communities and citizens. Our work in this area helps Indigenous communities and organizations formulate effective governance structures that meet their needs, suit their capacities and achieve their vision. It is informed by our wealth of experience working with Indigenous communities and organizations, and with all relevant levels of government throughout the country.

Recent Experience

BC First Nations Health Authority

We have been working with the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) since 2013 as they strive to transform the planning, designing, managing and funding of the delivery of health programs and services for BC First Nations. We worked to analyze and improve processes and structures and develop a strategic plan and achieve its mandate and support its unique governance structure. Our practice based insights and analytical tools developed through the Public Governance Exchange, such as the Governance Continuum, helped promote better understanding of their governance challenges.

BC Treaty Commission

We undertook a series of symposiums focused on Section 35 of the Constitution during 2012 and 2013 with the British Columbia Treaty Commission in an effort to encourage constructive public dialogue regarding contemporary Canadian Indigenous issues. Our work sought to elevate the discussion beyond the legal implications and draw greater attention to where research has lagged: the practical hallmarks of Indigenous self-government and implementation.

Our Virtuous Circle

Our leading expertise is rooted in the balanced growth of our research, advisory and learning activities. This “virtuous circle” means that you benefit from a strong applied research focus that strengthens our ability to provide advisory services and informs our learning products; advisory services that shape our research and leverage our learning programs; and learning products that are based on evidence and experience.



Our advisory work addresses your specific needs

Our approach takes account of your particular objectives, history, stakeholders, personalities and culture and is underpinned by our extensive research in all areas of governance. We can help your Indigenous community and/or organizations by:

- Building governance structures that meet your needs, suit your capacities and achieve your vision
- Developing governance tools, bylaws, policies and constitutions
- Conducting customized training, facilitation and moderated workshops and retreats
- Supporting strategy development and strategic planning through in depth analysis and expert facilitation
- Conducting policy research, bolstering your policy capacity and providing strategic advice
- Engaging your stakeholders in issue specific dialogue that help inform your decision-making processes

We can act as trusted an effective intermediary between the private sector, the public sector and Indigenous communities, organizations and governments by:

- Building effective relationships and partnerships that produce outcomes that are acceptable to all stakeholders
- Educating partners on the Duty to Consult and the Duty to Accommodate
- Providing strategic advice on ‘whole’ of government’ approaches
- Community engagement and communications
- Partnering in policy development and service delivery