

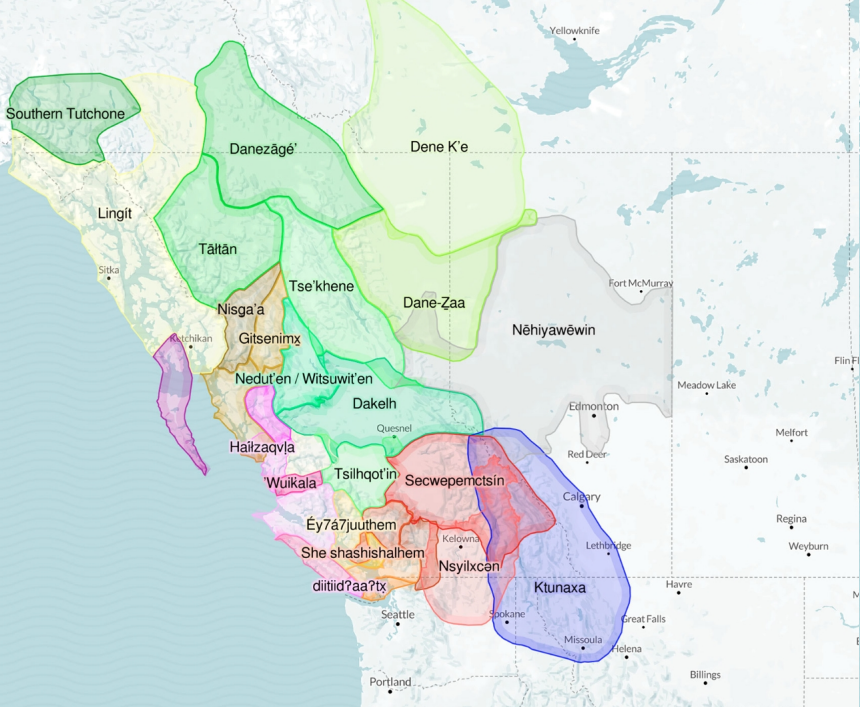
# Our Shared Canadian History and The Urban Indigenous Context

## Current Issues



### First Nations Language Map of BC

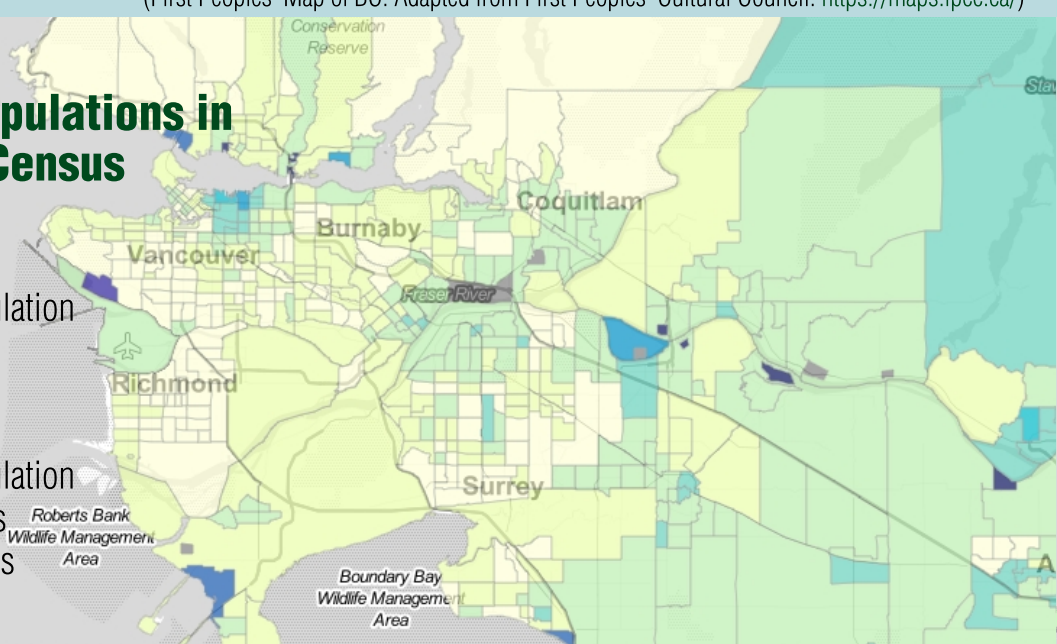
- 34** Indigenous Language Groups in BC
- 204** First Nation Groups in BC
- 290, 200+** People Identity as Indigenous in BC



(First Peoples' Map of BC. Adapted from First Peoples' Cultural Council. <https://maps.fpcc.ca/>)

### Density of Indigenous Populations in Metro-Vancouver, 2016 Census

- 7.5%** Increase in Indigenous population in BC between 2016 to 2021
- 12.5%** Increase in Indigenous population living in large Urban Centres between 2016 to 2021 across Canada



(Density of Indigenous Population in BC based on 2016 Census. Adapted from Census Mapper. <https://censusmapper.ca/>)

**“[Indigenous] communities are moving out of this place of dependence that was forced on the communities, not through their inability to adapt but for the power of these policies that the government instituted ... we need to understand that history shapes the lens that so many people are walking through.”**  
Flavio Caron

## Indian Act & Land Use Management Challenges



### Agricultural Development

The Indian Act enabled the government to lease out Indigenous land to non-Indigenous peoples for farming.



### Denied Women Status

As matriarchs are essential in passing down knowledge and tradition, denying women status forced further assimilation.



### Creation of Reserves

The creation of reserves while restricting mobility for Indigenous peoples to move off reserve or into sub/urban spaces.



### Residential Schools

Attendance in Residential Schools became mandatory for children with status regardless of consent from the family.

## CURRENT LEGISLATION

### UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Adopted by the general assembly in 2007 to provide a universal framework to reconciliation across the world and elaborates on existing human rights and freedoms.

### Truth and Reconciliation Commission: 94 Calls to Action

Passed in 2015, the TRC provides 94 actionable policy recommendations to address the intergenerational impacts of Residential schools and systemic violence towards Indigenous peoples.

### Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act

Passed in 2019, implements UNDRIP as the Province's framework to reconciliation. Requires the Provincial government to ensure that laws are consistent with UNDRIP.

## HISTORICAL TIMELINE OF SETTLER COLONIALISM AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES



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