



**Dear First Nations, allies and friends,**

The ***First Nations Leadership Council*** is committed to changing the course of First Nation-Crown relations in BC in a way that empowers First Nations and results in real, concrete change to our children, families, and communities. The FNLC has identified the upcoming provincial election as a critical turning point in which First Nation voters have the potential to significantly shift not only the focus of the election but the outcome as well.

To assist you and your community's participation in this year's provincial election, the FNLC has compiled the attached 2017 Provincial Election Package.

The FNLC's 2017 Election Package is being provided to all 203 First Nations in BC. Included in the package are:

- [Questions posed to all provincial parties;](#)
- [Responses from the parties;](#) and
- [Basic voting information from Elections BC;](#)

Please note that the FNLC encourages not only the further distribution of this information to your community members but encourages each community to pose questions to your respective riding candidates. Please feel free to use or adapt the attached letter if you wish to do your own correspondence on election issues of significance to your community.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Matthew Norris ([matthew@ubcic.bc.ca](mailto:matthew@ubcic.bc.ca)) or Colin Braker ([cbraker@fns.bc.ca](mailto:cbraker@fns.bc.ca)).

Yours truly,

**FIRST NATIONS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**

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