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Broadband Fund policy review – Announcement of separate process for co-development of Indigenous stream

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1. In *Call for comments – Broadband Fund policy review*, Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2023-89, 23 March 2023, as modified by Telecom Notice of Consultation CRTC 2023-89-1, 17 April 2023, the Commission announced its plan to review the Broadband Fund policy. The policy review aims to make the Broadband Fund application process faster and easier, broaden the type of funding available, and advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.
2. In response to suggestions received from several parties to the Broadband Fund policy review proceeding, the Commission will be launching a separate process for the co-development of an Indigenous stream of the Broadband Fund. The intent of the process is to create a policy that will better engage Indigenous partners, respect their rights and traditions, and advance reconciliation. Further details on the separate co-development process will be provided in an upcoming Commission notice.
3. The Commission has created an Indigenous Relations Team (IRT) to act as a dedicated point of contact for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis groups and communities. The IRT's role is to engage with these groups and communities to inform them of Commission issues, as well as to support Indigenous peoples' participation in Commission processes. The IRT will assist in the co-development process to ensure that the diverse needs, perspectives, and experiences of Indigenous peoples are heard.
4. Interested persons who wish to participate in early meetings related to the Indigenous stream are invited to contact the IRT
 - using the web form that can be found in the introduction section of the IRT's [webpage](#);
 - by email at era-irt@crtc.gc.ca;
 - by telephone at 1-866-236-0122;

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