



CIBC to help advance sustainable business opportunities for First Nations in Canada

Bank joins First Nations Major Projects Coalition's Sustaining Partners Program

February 7, 2022 (Coast Salish Territory) – The First Nations Major Projects Coalition (FNMPC) is pleased to announce CIBC as a new member of its Sustaining Partners Program. The program furthers FNMPC's ability to advance relationships between its members and the private sector on issues of mutual interest. CIBC along with existing program members, Colliers Project Leaders, COWI, Gowling WLG and New Gold Inc., will benefit from an exclusive relationship with FNMPC that will be focused on advancing progressive Indigenous business initiatives between the partners and FNMPC members.

In working with these companies, FNMPC will further advance strategies that promote meaningful Indigenous inclusion in major developments and articulate Indigenous perspectives concerning ESG investment standards and sustainable business practices generally.

"CIBC's involvement supports FNMPC in its efforts to create pathways for reconciliation," says Chief Sharleen Gale, Chair of FNMPC. "Our Sustaining Partners support our most important work," Chief Gale added. "By working closely with a select group of private sector organizations who share our vision for meaningful Indigenous inclusion in the economic mainstream of Canada."

"CIBC is proud to be a Sustaining Partner and we look forward to a strong continued relationship with FNMPC and its members. As we work towards reconciliation, we are committed to building prosperity for Indigenous peoples in Canada while mobilizing towards a lower carbon world and a more sustainable and inclusive economy," Jaimie Lickers, Vice-President, Indigenous Markets.

As a Sustaining Partner CIBC will participate in FNMPC's annual conference and will benefit from an exclusive working relationship with FNMPC specifically designed to advance stronger business relationships with Indigenous communities outside of a project-specific environment. For more information on the program, please contact Niilo Edwards, FNMPC's executive director at executivedirector@fnmpc.ca

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About FNMPC:

The First Nations Major Projects Coalition (FNMPC) is a non-profit organization comprised of 70+ Indigenous communities that span across Canada. FNMPC members recognize that we are stronger together and was established to promote the shared interests of our members. Advancing major projects is the core of FNMPC's service delivery. FNMPC's technical team is active in supporting our member communities with tools, capacity supports, and advice related to corporate structures and benefit sharing models, as well as tools to promote environmental protection and impact assessment.

About CIBC:

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