



BC First Nations
**Climate
Strategy**
and Action Plan

Executive Summary (Excerpt)



Background

In 2019 and 2021, First Nations leadership in BC passed resolutions calling for the development of a BC First Nations Climate Strategy and Action Plan (UBCIC Resolution No. 2019-02; BCAFN Resolution No. 04/2019; and FNS Resolution No. 2021.15). The FNLC was mandated to coordinate the development of this work in collaboration with First Nations in BC to ensure:

- First Nations' Title, Rights, and Treaty Rights were asserted and protected in addressing climate change.
- First Nations knowledge, laws, legal processes, and worldviews were recognized and implemented in climate planning and response.
- Effective and immediate responses to the climate emergency were identified to reduce impacts and vulnerability within and across communities.

The FNLC was instructed to also ensure that the Strategy would work to support reducing GHG emissions to 40-60% by 2030 from 2010 levels and net-zero emissions by 2050, support renewable

energy and alternative energy economies, and strengthen the participation and leadership of First Nations in a green economy.

To develop the Strategy, the FNLC worked with First Nations in all regions of the province to identify community-specific challenges related to climate change and the needs and priorities for climate action. The Strategy combines input and feedback from First Nations leadership, staff, Elders, Knowledge Holders, youth, women, First Nations institutions and organizations, and climate experts and advocates.

The Strategy serves as a representation of the knowledge, histories, and experiences that have been shared but it does not represent the voice of all Indigenous Peoples.

There is more work to be done, there are more voices to be heard, there is more knowledge to be shared, and the Strategy cannot be used as a substitute for continuous and meaningful engagement with inherent Title and Rights holders directly.

The Strategy is province-wide in scope, seeking to respond to the needs and priorities of First Nations as a collective body. However, the Strategy also respects the diversity and self-determination of First Nations in BC who are invited to use the Strategy as a foundation to guide the development of their own climate responses and initiatives based on their unique needs, priorities, and processes.

Overview

The BC First Nations Climate Strategy and Action Plan is grounded on a vision, five guiding principles, and four priority pathways for climate action (Figure 1.0).

The Strategy begins with a core pathway entitled **Inherent Title and Rights**. This pathway acts as an essential building block for First Nations climate action.

It enables the work of all other identified pathways and is a key component to thoroughly meet the strategies and actions outlined in this document.

The other pathways identified are more specific to realize and respond to the impacts and experiences of First Nations across the province. They include:

- **Capacity and Leadership**
- **Land and Water Protection**
- **Climate Response and Preparedness.**

Each pathway is described in more detail in what follows. For more information relating to Strategy structure please see Appendix “A” – Guide to the Strategy. For a visual summary of Strategy content please see Appendix “B” – Summary Strategy Chart.

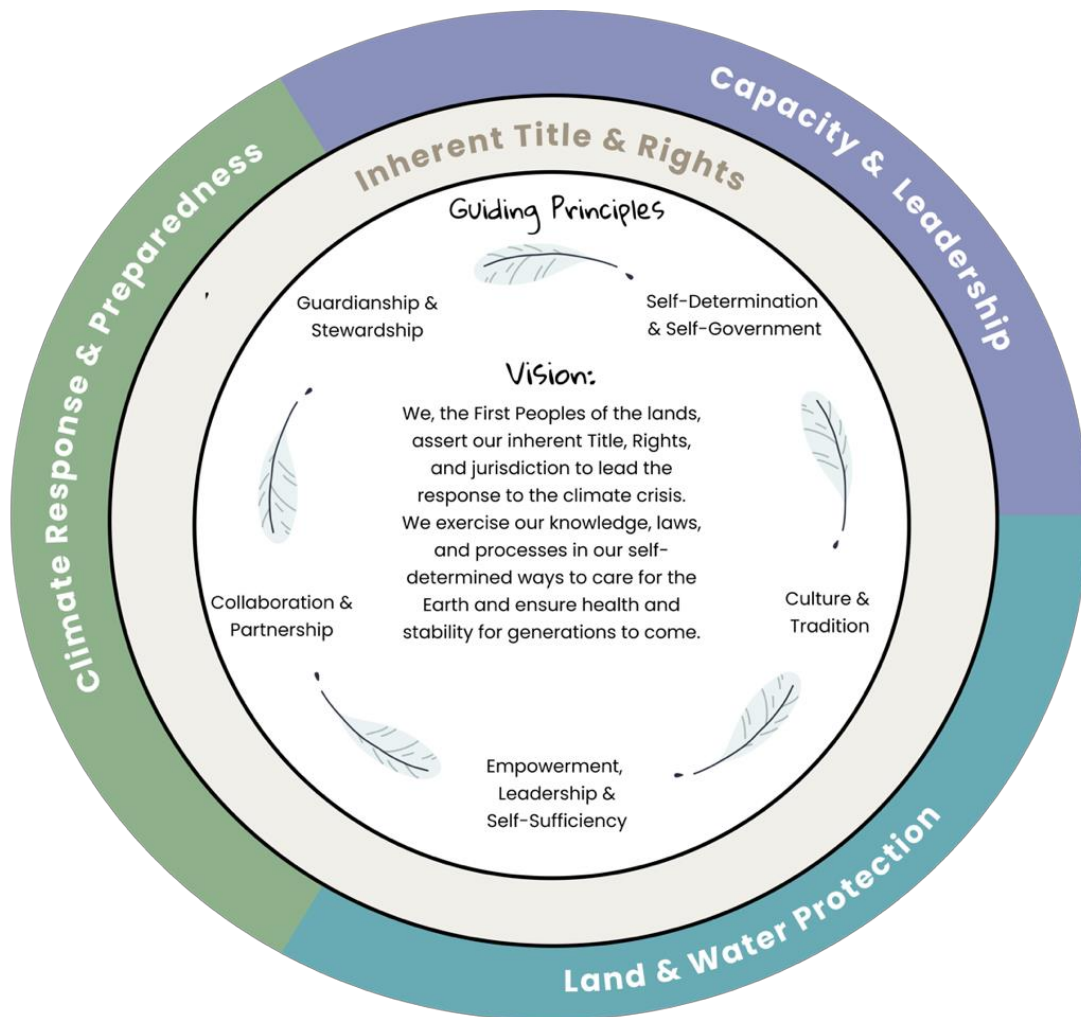


Figure 1.0: Vision, Guiding Principles, and Pathways

PATHWAY: INHERENT TITLE AND RIGHTS

Goal: Ensure First Nations' Title, Rights, and Treaty Rights in BC are recognized and affirmed in climate planning and response.

As a foundation to the Strategy, it is essential that First Nations in BC are recognized in climate planning and response as inherent Title and Rights holders. The aim is to provide an opportunity to begin a new path where First Nations are treated as true and equal partners in climate planning and response. This involves ensuring:

- First Nations in BC have full enjoyment of their rights to self-determination and self-government, including their right to use their own laws, processes, language, and knowledge in climate action. This involves supporting First Nations in developing, maintaining, and implementing their own institutions, governing bodies, and political, economic, and social structures to address climate change.
- All climate-related legislation, policies, programs, and their implementation mechanisms are reviewed and aligned with the UN Declaration and the Declaration Acts. It is essential to ensure that any limitations on assertions of First Nations' jurisdiction to manage and care for their territories and resources are immediately removed.
- First Nations knowledge, laws, and languages are protected and preserved as a foundation for building resiliency and responding to the climate crisis both today and in the future. Indigenous Knowledge has the power to combat climate change but must be broadly recognized as legitimate in the same way that western science is.
- Engagement and collaboration with First Nations is strong, moving away from the “duty to consult” and focusing on creating meaningful government-to-government partnerships to co-develop climate legislation, policies, and programs, and co-managing implementation.

PATHWAY: CAPACITY AND LEADERSHIP

Goal: Ensure First Nations in BC are empowered and prepared with the capacity and tools needed to effectively lead the response to the climate crisis both now and in the future

First Nations in BC are climate leaders. However, in order to guarantee continued leadership and long-term climate resiliency within communities it is essential to focus on capacity building to ensure tools are in place for Nations and community members to effectively respond to the climate crisis. The strategies and actions identified in this pathway are focused on:

- Working to identifying capacity challenges and needs for First Nations communities across the province to assess disparities, areas for collaboration, and mechanisms for capacity building.
- Strengthening knowledge and awareness within First Nations communities on climate change, including its sources, impacts, and effective response mechanisms.
- Creating adequate opportunities for climate-related training and skills development for First Nations both on and off reserve that incorporates both Indigenous Knowledge and western science. This involves preparing the future generations through sufficient advocacy and training opportunities and the facilitation of intergenerational knowledge sharing.
- Ensuring long-term and stable climate funding for First Nations communities. Specifically, by establishing a BC First Nations Climate Fund.

- Implementing effective climate data governance and management systems within and between Indigenous communities broadly.
- Ensuring inclusive participation and empowerment for First Nations youth, women, and 2SLGBTQIA+ (Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and others) peoples in climate action.

PATHWAY: LAND AND WATER PROTECTION

Goal: Ensure the health, stability, and resiliency of the land, waters, and environment for generations to come.

Climate change and human activity continue to impact the state of the lands and waters across the province. Both human and non-human beings rely on the health and stability of the land and waters. The strategies and actions identified under this pathway focus on environmental stewardship while also ensuring that First Nations in BC are enabled to uphold their responsibilities and obligations to the land, waters, and resources and to continue to protect them in perpetuity. This includes:

- Ensuring mechanisms are in place to restore the lands, waters, and ecosystems that have been impacted by human activity and climate change. This involves strengthening First Nation-led conservation efforts and implementing accountability measures for environmentally impactful human actions.
- Ensuring respect and recognition of First Nations water governance and the protection of natural water ecosystems through First Nation-led water management policies and practices.
- Prioritizing sustainable forestry management, including Old-Growth forests, in recognition of the interconnectedness and link between forest fires and increased floods, erosion, and landslides.
- Recognizing First Nations jurisdiction to access, use, and manage their territories and resources, including food and water sources and medicines, in their own self-determined ways. This involves transforming urban, industrial, and mining development processes and implementing consent-based approaches in line with the minimum standard of Free, Prior and Informed Consent.
- Strengthening and informing state-led resource management and supporting First Nations in the development and maintenance of their own laws, policies, protocols, and guidelines for land, water, air, and resources within their traditional territories.
- Developing collaborative partnerships and strengthening information sharing within and between First Nations communities, organizations, and others to collectively care for the Earth.

PATHWAY: CLIMATE RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS

Goal: Ensure First Nations in BC are effectively responding to the climate emergency and current and projected climate impacts by working to reduce GHG emissions and developing their own self-determined initiatives grounded in community-specific priorities

This pathway is focused on working to keep global warming below 1.5°C in line with the IPCC’s recommendation while also supporting First Nations in the development of their own climate responses and initiatives grounded in community-specific priorities by:

- Assessing, identifying, and meeting infrastructure needs in communities to protect community and ecosystem health, adapt to climate impacts, and reduce GHG emissions and reliance on fossil fuels.
- Establishing and/or maintaining culturally appropriate, energy-efficient, and resilient housing and buildings within First Nations communities. This involves supporting First Nations in the development of community-specific housing strategies and plans to build and manage homes and buildings and to explore sustainable and affordable clean energy options.
- Effectively responding to climate-related emergencies and associated risks and impacts by strengthening First Nation-led emergency management and preparedness mechanisms and increasing collaboration between relevant entities.
- Developing community specific climate strategies and action plans that include risk and cumulative impact assessments, monitoring of land use changes, water quality, pollution, etc. This may also involve support for First Nation-led monitoring and the establishment of data collection frameworks to create robust baseline data.
- Reducing GHG emissions through the phase out of oil and gas subsidies and increased support for First Nations to reduce their own emissions, to strengthen their mitigation efforts, and to implement nature-based solutions. This involves eliminating barriers for Nations to pursue land-based carbon offsets.
- Investing in clean energy development and ensuring that First Nations can participate in a green economy. This involves reviewing and reforming Crown policies and programs to ensure accessibility and equitable opportunities for First Nations, exploring alternatives to diesel, oil, and gas, diversifying energy sources within communities, and investing in off-grid energy sources.
- Assessing impacts of climate change on First Nations health and wellness and developing appropriate responses to ensure long-term resiliency. As an immediate action, this involves ensuring that all First Nations have long-term and reliable access to safe and clean food and water sources.
- Ensuring First Nations' economic independence through the development of source revenue, ensuring appropriate revenue-sharing, and exploring sustainable and low carbon economic development opportunities. This involves restoring the ability for First Nations to generate revenue from selling electricity through, for example, Independent Power Agreements and/or other alternatives.

Together, these interconnected and interrelated pathways form the BC First Nations Climate Strategy and Action Plan, a comprehensive plan to meet climate adaptation, mitigation, and resilience-building needs based on First Nations knowledge and goals across the province.

Implementation

The Strategy is designed to be a living and flexible document for use and implementation in different contexts. It is meant to set a foundation for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous individuals and communities to work with one another to respond to the climate crisis. It is intended as a means for collective advocacy on climate change while respecting the autonomy and self-determination of each Nation to address climate change on their own terms and through their own processes.

The Strategy is also intended to be used by different actors and read by different audiences. Climate change intersects with many different sectors; considering the scale of the climate crisis we are experiencing, we each have a role to play. Implementation may be led by First Nations leadership, communities, and organizations. It

may also be led by local, provincial, and federal Crown governments, institutions, and entities in the private sector.

To strengthen implementation, the Strategy assigns a priority level for the identified climate strategies and actions. These are prioritized as either **immediate** or **ongoing**. Where possible, the Strategy also provides recommendations, calling on specific entities to lead implementation. These entities include: First Nation governments (both Band and hereditary leadership systems), First Nations communities, organizations (both Indigenous and non-Indigenous), the First Nations Leadership Council, institutions (such as educational institutions and school districts), Crown governments (which for the purposes of the Strategy includes federal and provincial governments *and* municipal governments and regional districts), entities in the private sector, and others.

Further discussions, collaboration, and the development of meaningful and true partnerships will be required in order to thoroughly implement the Strategy. To begin the implementation process, the following actions are recommended:

- The FNLC shall continue to engage with First Nations in BC to discuss implementation of the Strategy. This includes holding an all-Chiefs meeting to develop an implementation plan based on discussed priorities.
- The FNLC shall present the Strategy to the provincial and federal governments and other relevant partners to communicate key climate priorities for First Nations in BC.
- First Nations in BC, with the support of the FNLC and the provincial and federal governments, may adapt the Strategy based on their own needs and priorities through community-specific climate strategies and action plans.
- The provincial and federal governments shall provide sufficient resources for implementation of the Strategy in line with Article 39 of the UN Declaration and to provide an annual BC First Nations Climate Strategy and Action Plan Accountability Report to First Nations in BC and the FNLC.
- Finally, all entities shall work to implement the Strategy's 20 Urgent Calls for Climate Action.

Appendix “A” – Guide to the Strategy

The Strategy is organized in the following manner:

Vision

The Strategy’s vision is a collective representation of what First Nations in BC hope to see and experience in the future in the face of the ongoing global human caused climate crisis.

Guiding Principles

These principles serve to guide the development and implementation of the Strategy. These principles point to recurring themes and values expressed by First Nations in BC when sharing their knowledge and experiences with our team.

Pathways

There are four pathways identified in the Strategy:

- Inherent Title and Rights.
- Land and Water Protection.
- Capacity and Leadership.
- Climate Response and Preparedness.

Goals

Each pathway has an achievable and relevant goal:

- Ensure **First Nations’ Title, Rights, and Treaty Rights in BC are recognized and affirmed** in climate planning and response.
- Ensure First Nations in BC are **empowered and prepared with the capacity and tools needed** to effectively lead the response to the climate crisis both now and in the future.
- Ensure the **health, stability, and resiliency of the land, waters, and environment** for generations to come.
- Ensure First Nations in BC are **effectively responding to the climate emergency and current and projected climate impacts** by working to reduce GHG emissions and developing their own self-determined initiatives grounded in community-specific priorities.

Themes

Each pathway includes a set of related themes. These themes represent many of the climate action priorities discussed throughout the Strategy’s development as part of engagement and collaboration activities with First Nations in BC. Priorities for First Nations may differ based on a Nation’s unique context, including their geography, histories, capacities, challenges, and overall experiences of climate change impacts. Included within each theme are a set of objectives, strategies, and actions.

Priority

The strategies and actions listed under each theme have been assigned a priority level of either **immediate** or **ongoing**. The prioritization of these items within the Strategy is a general guide and may not reflect priorities in every community or region. First Nations in BC are encouraged to assess and identify their own priority levels based on their Nation and community-specific needs.

Implementation Recommendations

The identified strategies and actions are general in nature in order for them to be used by all First Nations in BC and to respect their diversity, distinctiveness, and right to self-determination. At the same time, Strategy content responds to priorities and needs of First Nations as a collective body, such as affirming inherent and constitutional rights and building capacity to address climate change.

The Strategy attempts to provide cohesive implementation recommendations. Where possible, the Strategy identifies key actors and approaches to lead implementation and/or support First Nations in leading implementation efforts. These include: First Nation governments (both Band and hereditary leadership systems), First Nations communities, organizations (both Indigenous and non-Indigenous), the First Nations Leadership Council, institutions (such as educational institutions and school districts), Crown governments (at all levels, which for the purposes of the Strategy will include federal and provincial governments *and* municipal governments and regional districts), entities in the private sector, and others.

Examples

The Strategy includes real-world examples and local experiences that can provide additional guidance in support of the identifies strategies and actions.

Resources

The Strategy includes resources to assist individuals, organizations, and institutions to implement specific strategies and actions.

Appendix “B” – Strategy Summary Chart

BC First Nations Climate Strategy and Action Plan

Vision

We, the first peoples of the lands, assert our inherent Title, Rights, and jurisdiction to lead the response to the climate crisis. We exercise our knowledge, laws, and processes in our self-determined ways to care for the Earth and ensure health and stability for generations to come.

Guiding Principles

- Self-Determination and Self-Government: Respect and recognize the assertion of First Nations’ inherent jurisdiction over their traditional territories and their right to self-determination and self-government in climate action.
- Culture and Tradition: Protect First Nations culture, values, and identity, including the knowledge, laws, and languages of each individual Nation, as an essential element of responding to the climate crisis.
- Guardianship and Stewardship: Exercise reciprocity, restoration, and collaboration with the lands, waters, and environment in maintaining ecosystem health and stability for generations to come.
- Collaboration and Partnership: Collaborate and develop true partnerships between First Nations and Crown governments, the private sector, organizations, institutions, Indigenous Peoples, and society as a whole to effectively address the climate emergency.
- Empowerment, Leadership, and Self-Sufficiency: Build capacity and self-sufficiency within First Nations communities to strengthen resiliency while also preparing and empowering the future generations for projected climate impacts.

Pathways

Inherent Title and Rights

Capacity and Leadership

Land and Water Protection

Climate Response and Preparedness

Goals

Ensure First Nations’ inherent Title, Rights, and Treaty Rights in BC are recognized and affirmed in climate planning and response.

Ensure First Nations in BC are empowered and prepared with the capacity and tools needed to effectively lead the response to the climate crisis both now and in the future.

Ensure the health, stability, and resiliency of the land, waters, and environment for generations to come.

Ensure First Nations in BC are effectively responding to current and projected climate impacts by working to reduce GHG emissions and developing their own self-determined initiatives grounded in community-specific priorities.

Themes and Objectives			
Theme 1.1: Self-Determination and Self-Government	Theme 2.1: Climate Capacity Building	Theme 3.1: Restoration and Conservation	Theme 4.1: Green Infrastructure
<p>Objective 1.1.1: Ensure First Nations in BC have full enjoyment of their rights to self-determination and self-government in climate planning and response.</p> <p>Objective 1.1.2: Respect and support First Nations in developing, maintaining, and implementing their own institutions, governing bodies, and political, economic, and social structures related to climate change.</p>	<p>Objective 2.1.1: Identify climate capacity needs of each individual First Nation community throughout the province.</p> <p>Objective 2.1.2: Strengthen overall capacity within First Nations communities to respond to climate change.</p>	<p>Objective 3.1.1: Restore the lands and waters, including natural habitats and native plants and medicines, disturbed due to climate change and/or urban and industrial development (including resource extraction such as logging, mining, and fracking).</p> <p>Objective 3.1.2: Strengthen long-term conservation efforts and accountability measures to preserve and protect the lands, waters, habitats, and non-human beings while adapting to climate impacts.</p> <p>Objective 3.1.3: Enhance development and implementation of First Nation-led conservation work that facilitates the exercise of First Nations rights and their ability to uphold responsibilities in line with their laws.</p>	<p>Objective 4.1.1: Establish appropriate infrastructure within First Nations to protect community and ecosystem health, reduce GHG emissions and reliance on fossil fuels, and adapt to current and projected climate impacts.</p>
Theme 1.2: Legislation, Policy, and Program Reform	Theme 2.2: Education and Training	Theme 3.2: Water, Watershed, and Ocean Protection	Theme 4.2: Transportation
<p>Objective 1.2.1: Ensure all climate-related legislation, policies, programs, and their implementation mechanisms are aligned with the UN Declaration and the Declaration Acts.</p> <p>Objective 1.2.2: Remove legislative barriers on First Nations in BC in being able to exercise their inherent Title, Rights, and Treaty Rights in climate planning and response.</p> <p>Objective 1.2.3: Strengthen collaboration and partnership between First Nations in BC and Crown governments in climate response, conservation, and</p>	<p>Objective 2.2.1: Strengthen knowledge and awareness within First Nations communities on climate change, including climate impacts, sources, mitigation and adaptation response, and energy efficiency.</p> <p>Objective 2.2.2: Strengthen climate-related training and skills development for First Nations both on and off reserve that incorporates both Indigenous Knowledge and western science.</p> <p>Objective 2.2.3: Effectively establish and fulfil climate-related positions and</p>	<p>Objective 3.2.1: Ensure respect and recognition of First Nations water governance and authority to steward and manage water sources, including fresh and brackish waters, watersheds, and the ocean.</p> <p>Objective 3.2.2: Protect natural water ecosystems (marine ecosystems and freshwater ecosystems) and enhance water management policies and practices to safeguard long-term water quality and quantity.</p>	<p>Objective 4.2.1: Ensure reliable and affordable low-carbon and active transportation within and between First Nations communities.</p> <p>Objective 4.2.2: Support First Nations in reducing reliance on fossil fuels.</p>

environmental, land, and water protection and stewardship.

advocacy roles within First Nations communities.

Theme 1.3: Indigenous Knowledge, Laws, and Languages

Objective 1.3.1: Support the preservation and use of First Nations knowledge, laws, and languages as a foundation to build resiliency and respond to the climate crisis today and in the future.

Objective 1.3.2: Revitalize and implement First Nations laws and legal orders to guide climate change response.

Theme 2.3: Climate Funding

Objective 2.3.1: Ensure First Nations communities obtain the financial resources needed to continually build climate capacity and develop their own self-determined climate responses.

Objective 2.3.2: Improve both provincial and federal funding frameworks and programs to reflect First Nations priorities on climate change.

Objective 2.3.3: Ensure adequate government support for First Nations with their applications for climate-related funding.

Objective 2.3.4: Increase long-term government investments for First Nations in BC in their climate mitigation and adaptation actions and initiatives.

Theme 3.3: Forest Protection and Sustainable Management

Objective 3.3.1: Facilitate forest regrowth and prioritize sustainable forestry management to reduce fires, landslides, and flood risks.

Objective 3.3.2: Protect Old-Growth forests and their contributory role in water retention, species protection and survival, human health, and combating climate change.

Theme 4.3: Housing and Buildings

Objective 4.3.1: Ensure that housing and buildings within First Nations communities are culturally appropriate, energy-efficient, and resilient to climate change.

Objective 4.3.2: Address the systemic inequity of housing security for First Nations both on and off reserve as a component of building resiliency and adaptation to climate change.

Objective 4.3.3: Strengthen First Nations management and capacity to build homes and buildings in their own self-determined ways.

Theme 1.4: Crown Engagement and Honouring Commitments

Objective 1.4.1: Strengthen the Crown “duty to consult” by ensuring meaningful Crown engagement, collaboration, and partnership with First Nations in climate planning and response.

Objective 1.4.2: Support First Nations capacity to meaningfully participate in negotiations, consultations, and climate-related engagement and collaboration discussions.

Theme 2.4: Data Governance

Objective 2.4.1: Strengthen First Nations data governance and support Nations in generating, managing, and accessing climate data and information to inform decision-making and climate response.

Objective 2.4.2: Engage in respectful and reciprocal generation and sharing of climate data and information with First Nations in BC.

Theme 3.4: Urban and Industrial Development Processes

Objective 3.4.1: Transform resource extraction and other urban/industrial development processes, including project approval and associated decision-making, to ensure respect and recognition of First Nations jurisdiction to steward and manage their lands and resources.

Objective 3.4.2: Implement a consent-based approach in line with the minimum standard of FPIC in urban and industrial project processes.

Objective 3.4.3: Strengthen collaboration in true partnership between entities in

Theme 4.4: Food Security and Healthy and Sustainable Food Systems

Objective 4.4.1: Strengthen food and seafood security for First Nations through the recognition and support of traditional food systems which are also sustainable and low carbon.

Objective 4.4.2: Support First Nations in creating and enhancing mechanisms to effectively respond to the impacts of climate change on traditional food, seafood, and medicinal sources.

Objective 4.4.3: Support innovative solutions to ensure food security and establish self-sufficiency within First Nations communities, especially those in

the private sector and First Nations communities for climate initiatives, proposed development, and resource management.

colder climates with short outdoor growing seasons and those most vulnerable to climate-related impacts and emergency-related disasters.

Theme 1.5: Public Knowledge and Education

Objective 1.5.1: Enhance public knowledge and understanding of the societal, cultural, and economic consequences of climate change impacts on First Nations in BC, as well as the unique and essential role of Indigenous Peoples in addressing the climate crisis.
Objective 1.5.2: Increase public understanding of the role of colonization and colonial laws, such as the *Indian Act*, in limiting and restricting First Nations ability to respond to climate change.

Theme 2.5: Gender Equity and Inclusion

Objective 2.5.1: Implement the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, including the Calls for Justice in climate action.
Objective 2.5.2: Recognize the impacts of colonization on First Nations women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ individuals and strengthen recognition and respect of their right to culture, health, security, and justice as part of climate preparedness and adaptation planning.
Objective 2.5.3: Remove barriers, such as sexual and gender norms grounded on colonial ideals, experienced by First Nations women and 2SLGBTQQIA+ individuals throughout climate action.

Theme 2.6: Commitment to Youth

Objective 2.6.1: Increase opportunities for First Nations youth to take on climate advocacy and leadership positions both within and outside of their communities.
Objective 2.6.2: Create inclusive and culturally appropriate spaces for First Nations youth, including 2SLGBTQQIA+ youth, to participate in climate discussions and response and support the implementation of any outcomes.

Theme 3.5: Resource Management

Objective 3.5.1: Support First Nations in developing and maintaining laws, policies, and guidelines for land, water, air, and resource management to use within and between their territories.
Objective 3.5.2: Support First Nations compliance and enforcement systems to promote respect for and compliance with their laws, policies, plans, and guidelines.
Objective 3.5.3: Strengthen Crown-led resource management engagement, processes, and communications between the provincial and federal governments and First Nations communities.

Theme 3.6: Collective Stewardship

Objective 3.6.1: Strengthen collaboration, partnership, and information sharing within and between First Nations communities, organizations, and others to collectively care for the Earth and build climate leadership and resiliency.

Theme 4.5: Emergency Response

Objective 4.5.1: Effectively respond to climate-related emergencies and associated risks and impacts on First Nations communities.
Objective 4.5.2: Strengthen First Nations-led emergency management and preparedness to effectively respond to climate-related impacts, risks, and emergencies.

Theme 4.6: Climate Plans, Monitoring, and Risk Assessments

Objective 4.6.1: Ensure First Nations communities are equipped and informed through the development of their own climate strategies, actions plans, risk assessments, and monitoring programs and initiatives.
Objective 4.6.2: Recognize First Nations authority to conduct climate-related assessments and monitoring work in their own self-determined ways to generate their own data and inform their self-determined climate response and planning.

Theme 4.7: GHG Emission Reduction

Objective 4.7.1: Meet and exceed provincial and federal climate targets to align with the IPCC's recommendation to limit global warming to 1.5°C.

Objective 4.7.2: Strengthen collaboration and partnerships between First Nations, governments, corporations, institutions, and organizations to reduce global GHG emissions and carbon pollution.

Theme 4.8: Clean Energy Development

Objective 4.8.1: Facilitate First Nations energy independence and energy security while building sustainable economies within First Nations communities by supporting First Nations participation and ownership in the generation, transmission, and distribution of clean energy (renewable, non-combustible and/or low carbon energy sources).

Objective 4.8.3: Reduce energy poverty in First Nations communities by ensuring access to clean, affordable, and reliable energy and energy sources that reduce total GHG emissions and mitigate environmental impacts relative to alternative sources.

Theme 4.9: Community Health and Wellness

Objective 4.9.1: Better understand the impacts of climate change on First Nations health and wellness.

Objective 4.9.2: Ensure long-term First Nations community health and wellness to ensure resiliency in the face of the climate emergency.

Theme 4.10: Just and Green Economy

Objective 4.10.1: Strengthen First Nations economic independence by supporting and recognizing First Nation-led sustainable and low carbon economic development initiatives.

Objective 4.10.2: Maximize First Nations participation in economic development and employment opportunities arising from the transition to a low-carbon society.

Objective 4.10.3: Ensure recognition and implementation of the "economic component" of First Nations' Title and facilitate equitable resource revenue sharing with First Nations communities.