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First Nations Consultative Areas Database (CAD) Public Map Service

User Guidance Overview

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Overview

The Consultative Areas Database (CAD) is a tool to assist in identifying which First Nations the Province may be required to consult with regarding any proposed activity or project in a particular location that may adversely affect Aboriginal Interests.

It is hoped that making public aspects of CAD will facilitate proponents' ability to engage early with First Nations who may be impacted or interested in a proposed activity/project, and to facilitate more effective consultation between the Province and First Nations.

Frequently Asked Questions Document

A frequently asked questions (FAQ) document has been developed. It is suggested you review that document prior to using the CAD Public Map Service. The FAQ document is available here:

http://maps.gov.bc.ca/ess/rest/sites/cadb/viewers/cadb/virtualdirectory/Resources/docs/CAD_Public_Map_Service-User_Guidance-FAQ.PDF

Technical Instructions for using the CAD Report Tools

A technical instructions document has been developed to demonstrate how to operate the CAD Report Tools. It is suggested you review that document prior to using the CAD Report Tools. The technical instructions document is available here:

http://maps.gov.bc.ca/ess/rest/sites/cadb/viewers/cadb/virtualdirectory/Resources/docs/CAD_Public_Map_Service-User_Guidance-Technical_Instructions.pdf

Disclaimer

The intent in providing this Consultative Areas Database (CAD) Public Map Service is to create awareness for the general public, proponents and First Nations of First Nations asserted and proven rights and title on the land base. We hope that this tool will provide a small, first step in establishing healthy and respectful relationships with First Nations.

The CAD Public Map Service Report provides preliminary contact information for First Nations who may have Aboriginal Interests identified within the area queried. These contacts are based on knowledge currently available to the Province. It is recommended users of the service seek support from the host agency you wish to make application to or contact the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (MARR) Manager in your area for more information prior to engaging First Nation contacts:

http://maps.gov.bc.ca/ess/rest/sites/cadb/viewers/cadb/virtualdirectory/Resources/docs/MARR_Managers_List.pdf

Those choosing to provide information and involve First Nations early in a proposed project have the opportunity to develop mutual understanding of the interests around the project. This can be important to successful business planning and project development. Any such engagement with First Nations can support Provincial consultation processes relating to any applications for authorizations and the goals of the New Relationship.

The information provided is not intended to create, recognize, limit, or deny any aboriginal or treaty rights, including aboriginal title, that First Nations may have, or impose any obligations on the Province or alter the legal status of resources within the Province or the existing legal authority of British Columbia. The Province makes no warranties or representations regarding the accuracy, timeliness, completeness, or fitness for use of any or all data provided in the reports.

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Boundaries are not Viewable

Boundaries are not displayed in the CAD Public Map Service or in the public version of iMapBC due to sensitivities that some parties have with their distribution.

Information for First Nations

Requesting a CAD Boundary

The Province can share the consultation boundary with the corresponding First Nation upon written request from an authorized representative of the First Nation. First Nations can only have access to the boundary relating to their own First Nation. A First Nation authorized representative (Chief or Council) may submit their request to the contacts listed in the contact section of this document. Due to confidentiality concerns, the Province will not provide a First Nation's CAD boundary area information to a different entity, even if they are affiliated. Where there are boundaries within CAD associated with a tribal association/council, these boundaries can be shared with the corresponding tribal association/council.

Submitting a New Boundary, Name Change, or Revising Contact Information

If a First Nation is of the view that a boundary within CAD does not accurately capture where it has traditionally used or occupied, a request to change the existing boundary can be submitted. Requests to change the contact information can also be submitted. The update should come in the form of a letter or email. If the correspondence is from a First Nation staff member the request should be cc'd to the Chief and Council. The update can be submitted to the contacts in the following section.

CAD Support Information

Prior to contacting the parties listed below it is suggested you review the CAD Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document. The FAQ document is available here:

http://maps.gov.bc.ca/ess/rest/sites/cadb/viewers/cadb/virtualdirectory/Resources/docs/CAD_Public_Map_Service-User_Guidance-FAQ.PDF

Business Inquiries

For CAD business inquiries or to submit boundary related changes please contact the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (MARR) Manager for your region as listed here:

http://maps.gov.bc.ca/ess/rest/sites/cadb/viewers/cadb/virtualdirectory/Resources/docs/MARR_Managers_List.pdf

For a PDF map of the regions is available here:

http://maps.gov.bc.ca/ess/rest/sites/cadb/viewers/cadb/virtualdirectory/Resources/docs/NRS_Regions.pdf

Technical Inquiries

For technical questions or if you encounter problems with the CAD Public Map Service contact the GeoBC Service Desk:

- NRSApplications@gov.bc.ca
- Toll Free (within BC): 1-866-952-6801
- Phone (within Victoria): (250) 952-6801