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To Chief and Council:

On December 6, 2016, Prime Minister Trudeau announced that the Government of Canada is committed to enact an Indigenous Languages Act, co-developed with Indigenous peoples. On June 15, 2017, Canadian Heritage, the Assembly of First Nations, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and the Métis Nation launched the co-development process for Indigenous languages legislation and stated that they will work “collaboratively, transparently and on a distinctions-basis to co-develop national First Nations, Inuit and Métis languages legislation whose content will reflect the distinct geographic, political, legislative and cultural contexts impacting language revitalization, recovery, preservation, protection, maintenance and promotion”.

Canadian Heritage, the Assembly of First Nations, the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and the Métis Nation have engaged with First Nation, Inuit and Métis language experts and knowledge keepers through an ‘Early Engagement’ period from June 2017 to February 2018. This work has led to the development of overarching principles that outlines the core elements that would be proposed in the legislation.

We are seeking your input on these elements prior to introducing a Bill into the House of Commons for Parliamentary consideration. This can be accomplished either by direct engagement at one of the sessions that are being held in your area (a schedule is attached); and/or by way of an electronic submission at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/indigenous-languages-legislation.html>; and/or through a written submission by email at [PCH.lla-ill.pch@canada.ca](mailto:PCH.lla-ill.pch@canada.ca) or to the following address:

**INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES LEGISLATION**  
25 Eddy Street, 12th Floor, Room 085  
Gatineau QC K1A 0M5

Canadian Heritage will cover the travel and hotel costs of up to two participants from your community/organization to attend the pre-meeting and direct engagement session in your area. These costs will be reimbursed based upon Treasury board Guidelines up to an established maximum amount.

Should you wish to participate you can contact the engagement coordinator at the Indigenous Leadership Development Institute at [info@ildii.ca](mailto:info@ildii.ca) or 204-940-1700. You can also directly fax the registration form to them at 204-940-1719.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Gagnon', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Stephen Gagnon  
Federal Representative  
Indigenous Languages Legislation

# REGISTRATION FORM

## INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES LEGISLATION ENGAGEMENT

Invitation to Indigenous groups (First Nations, Inuit, and Metis) to provide input into a policy document to draft language legislation.

Who should attend? Leadership, Technical Experts and Language Practitioners

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization/Community: \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ City and Province: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select a session nearest to your location:

(dates are subject to change)

Location	Session	Date	Select one
Ontario – Ottawa	Urban Inuit Engagement	June 15, 2018	
Alberta – Calgary	First Nations	June 19, 2018	
Alberta – Edmonton	First Nations	June 22, 2018	
British Columbia – Vancouver	Metis	June 26, 2018	
British Columbia – Vancouver	First Nations	June 27, 2018	
British Columbia – Kamloops	First Nations	June 29, 2018	
British Columbia – Nanaimo	First Nations	July 4, 2018	
British Columbia – Prince George	First Nations	July 6, 2018	
Ontario – Toronto	First Nations	July 10, 2018	
Ontario – Toronto	Metis	July 11, 2018	
Ontario – Thunder Bay	First Nations	July 12, 2018	
Quebec – Montreal	Urban Inuit Engagement	July 16, 2018	
Nunavut – Iqaluit	Inuit	July 18, 2018	
Quebec – Kuujuaq, Nunavik	Inuit	July 24, 2018	
Labrador – Nain, Nunatsiavut	Inuit	July 27, 2018	
Alberta – Edmonton	Metis	July 30, 2018	
Northwest Territories – Yellowknife	First Nations	August 2, 2018	
Northwest Territories – Inuvik, Inuvialuit	Inuit	August 3, 2018	
Quebec – Montreal	First Nation	August 8, 2018	
Quebec – Quebec City	First Nations	August 10, 2018	
Saskatchewan – Regina	First Nations	August 22, 2018	
Saskatchewan – Saskatoon	Metis	August 23, 2018	
Saskatchewan - Saskatoon	First Nations	August 24, 2018	
Atlantic – Halifax	First Nation	August 28, 2018	
Manitoba – Winnipeg	Urban Inuit Engagement	August 29, 2018	
Manitoba – Winnipeg	First Nations	August 30, 2018	
Manitoba – Winnipeg	First Nations	August 31, 2018	

*\*Travel, accommodations and meals will be reimbursed per treasury board guidelines\**

*\*First Nations will have an opportunity to caucus with AFN one day before the engagement session\**

**Please fill the information above and return by fax, mail or email to:**

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 206-1075 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3G 0R8

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