

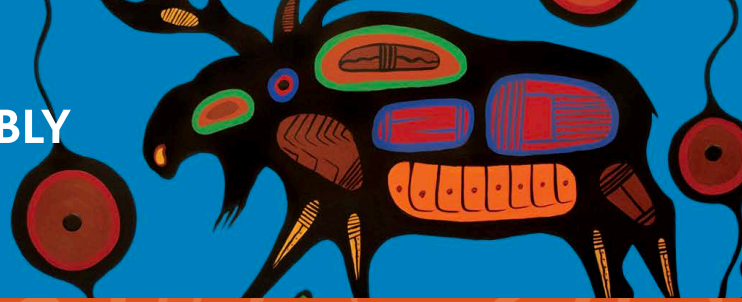


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Additions to Reserve (ATR) Redesign: Advancing First Nations Priorities Policy

Reform One Pager: The Assembly of First Nations ATR National Survey

To start the discussion, here is a list of considerations that AFN technicians have generated following the 2022 ATR National Survey.

In full coordination with First Nations, the Government of Canada could take steps to:

1. Ensure that a new ATR Policy includes increased financial and educational support to assist First Nations with capacity building, and to develop external and internal expertise to assist in all steps of the ATR process.
2. Ensure the prioritization of First Nations' access to suitable Crown, provincial, and territorial lands.
3. Prioritize the acceleration of ATR approvals, reduce the time required to move an application from submission to approval, and simplify the entire process, including by giving more authority to First Nations to manage the process.
4. Undertake a whole-of-government approach to simplify the ATR process, as First Nations have identified negotiating with governments as the most onerous aspect of the process.
5. Identify and address third-party interests and jurisdictional issues, with particular focus on the burden of proof placed on First Nations to address the challenges surrounding competing interests of municipalities, private owners, and utilities.
6. Prioritize the needs of First Nations who have experienced land lost due to climate disasters, including, but not limited to, the need to recover land and jurisdiction over its use.
7. Fully examine and support interim policy and process improvements, while co-developing and drafting a replacement of the current ATR policy.