

Indigenous Relations

We recognize the unique rights of Indigenous Peoples consistent with the principles set out in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

As some of our operations occur on traditional or ancestral land, it is important that we foster a respectful and mutually beneficial relationship with these communities through actively addressing concerns and considering potential operational impacts. By investing in, and working closely with, our Indigenous partners, we build a strong reputation, while mitigating planning and operational risks.

Our Approach: Our Indigenous Commitment

Our Indigenous Commitment outlines four key principles—Community, Connect, Partner and Action—that guide our efforts to support Indigenous inclusion and opportunity.



This principle-based approach is grounded in the traditional Indigenous Medicine Wheel. The traditional wheel represents the interconnectedness of the natural world and how all things grow and work together. The Medicine Wheel reminds us that we need to balance all four principles of being—the spiritual, emotional, physical, and mental. Similar to the Medicine Wheel, our Indigenous Commitment reflects a holistic and ongoing approach rather than a linear process, striking a balance between each of the four principles.

Community

We are committed to building strong and respectful relationships with our Indigenous partners. At Ovintiv, fostering trusted and transparent dialogue with the Indigenous communities across our operating areas is part of our culture and how we operate.

Connect

We recognize the importance of preserving Indigenous culture. We partner with local organizations, engage leaders, and participate in community programs. We also provide cultural awareness training to employees and offer staff opportunities to gain new perspectives on Indigenous ways of thinking and doing. In Canada, we are committed to doing our part toward reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples as outlined in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada recommendations.

Partner

Our relationships with American Indian Tribes and Canadian First Nations in the areas where we operate have been built over time and are defined by our mutual commitment to building resilient Indigenous communities.

Action

We are committed to creating economic benefit through action, employment and respect of applicable tribal ordinances. From enhancing inclusiveness within our supply chain and hiring practices to making meaningful, strategic investments, we are working to ensure Indigenous-led companies have access to economic opportunities within our operations.

Our Commitment in Action

Meaningful Dialogue Through Field Tours

Field tours provide a unique opportunity for Ovintiv staff to offer a local perspective of oil and natural gas operations and bring to life the reality of resource development, including our efforts to manage our impacts on the air, land and water, while fostering meaningful dialogue with our Indigenous partners. We learn about their interests, knowledge and concerns while providing our own insights and awareness of the areas where we operate.



Preserving and Celebrating Indigenous Culture

As part of our ongoing efforts to connect with our Indigenous communities and partners, each year we participate in events such as Doig River First Nations' Doig Day, Aboriginal Awareness Week in Calgary, Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Powwow and Aseniwuche Winewak Culture Camp. In 2025, we celebrated, sponsored and participated in the inaugural Cultural Gathering of Nations in Dawson Creek, British Columbia. This vibrant event brought together Nations from all over Western Canada, featuring hand-games, a Powwow, cultural teachings and Indigenous artisans.



Indigenous Awareness Training

We are committed to providing all staff with opportunities to engage with and learn about the cultural significance and contributions of Indigenous Peoples to promote greater understanding of our shared history. In addition to internal Indigenous awareness training, we also provide opportunities for employees to engage directly with Indigenous communities and their members to enable further dialogue and deepen employees' understanding of Indigenous history, cultural distinctions and nekaneew meeskanas (forward path).



Capacity Building and Education

We support Indigenous inclusion through employment and procurement strategies, opportunities for training and capacity building.

Education is a cornerstone of our Indigenous strategy, delivering long-term benefits to communities. Ovintiv is proud to provide bursaries, along with books and supplies, to Indigenous students pursuing postsecondary education in Canada. We also work closely with Indigenous and Tribal leaders to identify education programs that help build strong, healthy communities.



In Canada, Ovintiv has supported Indigenous learning for several years with a total annual commitment of C\$66,000 over four educational institutions, including the University of Alberta, UBC Sauder School of Business, Northwestern Polytechnic and Northern Lights College. Our scholarships are open to students who are Indigenous (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) to Canada, with a preference given to local students.

Partnering to Protect Culturally Significant Fungi

In alignment with Ovintiv's Indigenous Commitment, we incorporated input from Indigenous partners into project planning by expanding our Wildlife, Wetland and Watercourse assessments to include culturally significant fungi, such as diamond willow fungus and chaga. Based on feedback from First Nations in Alberta and British Columbia, we implemented a process for field assessors to identify and, where appropriate, salvage fungi for Nations or notify Nations so they could harvest directly. This approach led to the successful salvage and delivery of diamond willow fungus from a proposed pipeline right-of-way in Alberta, demonstrating how Indigenous Knowledge is shaping Ovintiv's on-the-ground environmental practices.



“This work reflects our approach to responsible development—listening early, respecting Indigenous Knowledge, and adapting our plans to reflect what matters to the communities where we operate. When we take the time to meaningfully engage and act on what we hear, we achieve better outcomes on the ground.”

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