

First Nations and Metis Women's Councils on Economic Security

The First Nations and Metis Women's Councils on Economic Security provide government with recommendations on policies, programs, and services that can improve the lives of Indigenous women and communities in Alberta.

On December 20, 2016, the 2016 reports were released.

- [First Nations Women's Council on Economic Security 2016 Recommendations](#) 
- [Metis Women's Council on Economic Security 2016 Recommendations](#) 

Members for each council come from a diverse range of professional and volunteer backgrounds. Both councils have a designated seat for an Inuk woman to ensure representation from the Inuit community.

- [Members of the First Nations Women's Council on Economic Security](#) 
- [Members of the Metis Women's Council on Economic Security](#) 

The councils were established in 2013 and have now provided two sets of recommendations to the Alberta government. Their recommendations provide a unique viewpoint that benefits ministries and helps to improve socio-economic outcomes for Indigenous women and their families.

In response to the first reports' recommendations, government has taken a number of actions, including:

- launched an Indigenous Services web portal to improve access to government programs and services
- provided funding support for leadership and empowerment initiatives for young Indigenous women
- facilitated opportunities for Indigenous women to sell their art in the Legislative Assembly Visitor Centre
- funded a cultural initiative at Heritage Park in Calgary that highlights the traditional roles of Indigenous women

Previous council reports:

- [First Nations Women's Council on Economic Security 2014 Recommendations](#) 
- [Metis Women's Council on Economic Security 2014 Recommendations](#) 