



Policy Respecting Corporate Relations With Aboriginal Groups

1. CLC MANDATE

The mandate of Canada Lands Company CLC Limited (CLC), a non-agent federal Crown corporation, is to ensure the commercially oriented, orderly disposition of surplus strategic real properties, optimizing financial and community value, and the holding of certain properties. It accomplishes this by purchasing strategic surplus properties from federal departments and agencies at fair market value, then improving, managing or selling them in order to produce the optimal benefits for the company's shareholder, the Government of Canada, and local communities.

2. POLICY OBJECTIVE

CLC has the objective of creating or fostering respectful and responsive relationships with all community stakeholder groups. The objective in creating this policy is to establish a practical and cooperative approach to dealing with aboriginal groups which have expressed interests in any surplus strategic properties transferred by the Government of Canada to CLC, as part of any community consultation on the future development of those properties.

In making decisions on the disposal of Crown properties that could affect aboriginal groups' rights, title, or treaty rights, the Government of Canada must respect the fiduciary relationship between the Crown and aboriginal groups, as confirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada, and fulfill any federal fiduciary obligations as they relate to the interests of aboriginal groups. This is the responsibility of the Government of Canada, and not CLC.

3. POLICY PRINCIPLES

In dealing with aboriginal groups, CLC will:

- a. address aboriginal groups' business interests when title to a property is transferred to CLC, as part of its development plan for dealing with community stakeholder interests, in accordance with the terms and conditions of transfer;
- b. respect CLC's existing Marketing and Sales Policy;
- c. respect CLC's individual business plans for any specific properties; and
- d. follow accepted normal commercial practices in each province or community in which its properties are located.



4. POLICY APPLICATION

The President & CEO and the operational Vice Presidents of CLC are accountable to the extent of their authorities and responsibilities to ensure the enforcement of this policy.

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