

**Nuu-chah-nulth questions for 2017 BC Provincial Election Candidates and
Political Parties**

1. The William/Tsilhqot'in decision changed the landscape in terms of **Aboriginal Title and Rights in BC and across Canada**, what are you and your party committed to doing to ensure that Aboriginal Title and Rights are respected, recognized, and implemented?
2. While many First Nations still prefer to negotiate, what are you and your party committed to do to ensure that negotiations of **treaties, agreements or other constructive arrangements** occur in the Province of BC?
3. What are you and your party committed to doing in terms of implementing the **UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) released their 94 "Calls to Action"**?
4. What are you and your party committed to doing to ensure there is action taken to address the issue so of **Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls**?
5. **First Nations Control of First Nations Education** remains a priority for Nuuchahnulth First Nations. What are you and your party committed to doing to ensure that the Province of BC advances First Nations Control of First Nations Education with BC First Nations?
6. **First Nations Child and Family Services** remain in a crisis in the Province of BC, with over 50% of all children in care in BC being Aboriginal. Due to inadequate funding from both the provincial and federal governments, the issue still remains at the forefront for Nuuchahnulth First Nations. What are you and your party committed to do in terms of improving First Nations Child and Family Services in partnership with BC First Nations?
7. Although some believe that emergency services are the jurisdiction of the federal government for on-reserve emergencies, Nuuchahnulth First Nations believe the Province plays a critical role in **emergency response, management and preparedness**. What are you and your party committed to do to address emergency response and preparedness with Nuuchahnulth Nations?

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8. BC's Ministry of Transportation plays an important role when it applies to **road access for our First Nations**. Are you committed to lobby and promote the paving of roads in and out of our remote/rural communities? (i.e. paving and improvements to communities such as Bamfield, Nitnaht, Zeballos and Fair Harbour etc.)
9. Reducing **poverty** remains a critical element to improving the life of First Nations people in BC. What are you and your party committed to do in terms of developing a provincial poverty reduction strategy and implementing it?
10. Nuu-chah-nulth communities have been devastated over the past several years in terms of **mental health and addictions**. What are you and your party committed to do to address mental health and addictions?
11. Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations want to ensure that resources taken out of their Ha'wiih Hahoulthee (hereditary chiefs territories) is done to the highest environmental and sustainable standards, while also ensuring that **benefits such as revenue, jobs creation and decision making stay within both Nuu-chah-nulth and non-Indigenous/British Columbians within that specific electoral district**. How will you and your party ensure this happens for the betterment of all British Columbians?
12. Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations want to ensure that there is a **government-to-government relationship between our First Nations and the Government of British Columbia in terms of management**. What are you and your party committed to do to ensure this occurs?

Note BC Political Parties have answered BC First Nations Leadership Council questions with answers being seen here (link can be copied and pasted into web browser):

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