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1. PURPOSE
To establish procedures respecting the processing of applications for the expansion of Indian Reserves.

2. DEFINITIONS

Authorizing Agency means the provincial ministry responsible for the specific land use authorization.

First Nation is a term that refers to the Indian peoples in Canada, both Status and non-Status. Although the term First Nation is widely used, no legal definition of it exists. Some Indian peoples in British Columbia have adopted the term "First Nation" to replace the word "band" in the name of their community.

3. EXPANSION OF INDIAN RESERVES

3.1 Application Requirements
Application must be made by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) in trust for the appropriate First Nation.

Applications from INAC to the Authorizing Agency’s regional director must be accompanied by a resolution from local government (regional district or municipality) supporting the Indian Reserve expansion and a written rationale from INAC that demonstrates a clear need for additional land (e.g. for housing or community purposes).

Canada is responsible for First Nations consultation obligations that may arise and must provide documentation demonstrating that all consultation requirements have been met.

3.2 Pricing
Lands are made available for Indian Reserve expansion by sale at appraised market value, including the value of merchantable timber, or by an exchange of existing Reserve land of equal value for the Crown land. See Land Procedure: Land Exchanges (Indian Reserve Lands) for further detail.

3.3 Method of Conveyance
The land is conveyed to Canada in trust for the First Nations of British Columbia under the provisions of Section 31 of the Land Act. The Order in Council is made subject to the same terms as Order in Council no. 1036/38 which conveyed the bulk of Indian Reserves in the province to Canada.

The documentation for the transfer is done by the Authorizing Agency’s regional director, in consultation with the Manager, Aboriginal Relations.
Prior to transfer of the land to Canada, a Band Council Resolution agreeing to terms and conditions must be received as well as confirmation from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada that the transfer will be accepted.

In the case of an exchange of land, INAC must agree in writing to sponsor a Privy Council order to complete the exchange.