# How to access the *First Nations Fiscal Management Act*

The *First Nations Fiscal Management Act* (“the Act”) establishes several first nation institutions – the First Nations Financial Management Board, the First Nations Finance Authority and the First Nations Tax Commission - with mandates designed to permit first nations access to financial markets on a similar basis as municipalities and local governments in Canada. The decision by a first nation to begin working with any of these three institutions is entirely optional. In order to access the benefits and services offered under the Act the Chief and Council of an interested first nation must issue a resolution of Council to the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (“INAC”) requesting that the official name of the community be added to the Schedule to the Act. This Schedule which lists all first nations who have chosen to be added can be viewed [here](http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/F-11.67/FullText.html#h-41).

**Administrative Instructions**

* It is important that Council refer to their **Official Name** in the Council Resolution. If the chosen name differs from the name listed on INAC’s [web site](http://pse5-esd5.ainc-inac.gc.ca/fnp/Main/Search/SearchFN.aspx?lang=eng) the request will **not** be processed and a community will experience delays in being added to the *Act*’s Schedule.
* Using the attached template prepare the Council Resolution by replacing [Official Community Name] with the appropriate words. Do not modify any other words in the resolution. Replace [●] throughout with the appropriate details.
* An original signed Council Resolution should then be delivered to the following address:

**Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada**

**21st Floor – 10 Wellington Street**

**Gatineau QC K1A 0H4**

* Please also send an electronic version of your signed Council Resolution to the following addresses:

**Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada**

**aadnc.lgfpn-fnfma.aandc@canada.ca**

**First Nations Financial Management Board**

**Attn: Ms. Loretta James, Senior Administrative Assistant**

**Loretta\_James@fnfmb.com**

**Toll free: (877) 925-6665**

**[OFFICIAL COMMUNITY NAME]
COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

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**WHEREAS** First Nation leaders have led the development of the *First Nations Fiscal Management Act* (“the Act) to create national First Nation institutions that will serve and provide a range of financial services to First Nations, including but not limited to the First Nations Financial Management Board, the First Nations Finance Authority and the First Nations Tax Commission (“the Fiscal Institutions”); and

**WHEREAS** the Council of a First Nation that chooses to use the services of the Fiscal Institutions established by the Act must request that the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada add the name of their First Nation to the Act’s Schedule otherwise the First Nation will not be able to access the full range of services.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chief and Council of [***Official Community Name*]** request that the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada add the name of [***Official Community Name*]** to the Schedule attached to the *First Nations Fiscal Management Act.*

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