

Background

Unauthorized Camping Crisis

Unauthorized camping is reaching crisis levels. Problems being experienced include the interruption of industry by campers blocking industrial roads, campers themselves creating unhealthy living conditions for themselves, access to homes being blocked by campers both in remote communities and in small urban centres, pollution through garbage and human waste, and increasing points of conflict between campers and those whose lives, perceived security and livelihoods are affected by the unauthorized camping.

Much of this is occurring on Crown lands including near first nations treaty lands and reserve lands. Multiple tools will need to be developed and resources will need to be contemplated to contend with this escalating situation. This can only be addressed through a partnership that starts with multiple provincial ministries, RCMP, first nations, and local governments.