



First Peoples
Innovation Centre

WHERE FIRST PEOPLE
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Message from the Executive Director



Hello,

Through this newsletter, we are pleased to share the latest activities, projects, and initiatives of the First Peoples Innovation Centre (FPIC).

This year is already shaping up to be an exciting one, with the continued success of our flagship Onaki FabLab program, the ongoing expansion of the Nomad FabLab, and the implementation of several new initiatives in Indigenous communities.

In this edition, we are pleased to share highlights of our recent projects, partnerships, and the progress we continue to make in advancing innovation, inclusion, and self-determination for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities.

I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to Dr. Céline Auclair, Founding Executive Director, who continues to support the FPIC as a Strategic Advisor. Her dedication and vision remain at the heart of our organization's growth and development.

Thank you for your continued interest and trust.

Happy reading,

JACQUES DALTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



DR. CÉLINE AUCLAIR
CO-FOUNDER
STRATEGIC ADVISOR

Our Projects in Motion

The Onaki FabLab Welcomes Its 15th Cohort



15th Cohort

The First Peoples Innovation Centre (FPIC) continues to build on the success of the Onaki FabLab. While the 14th cohort concluded in March 2026, the 15th cohort is now underway.



14th Cohort

This new cohort once again provides young people with the opportunity to learn, explore, and develop their creativity through hands-on digital fabrication projects. Participants were welcomed by Executive Director Jacques Dalton, together with a representative of the CEGEP, the institution that awards the program certificates.

Pessamit

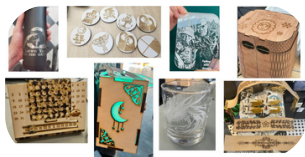
NOMAD FABLAB

Working in collaboration with the Pessamit Innu Council, the FPIC delivered a training program from January to March 2026 that combined Indigenous culture with digital technologies. Participants explored a variety of digital fabrication tools, including laser engraving, 3D printing, and digital milling.



Listuguj

NOMAD FABLAB



The Nomad FabLab program was delivered in Listuguj by the FPIC, in partnership with the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Development Centre, from April to June 2026. This paid, hands-on training program combined Indigenous culture with digital technologies, including 3D printing, laser engraving, and digital milling.

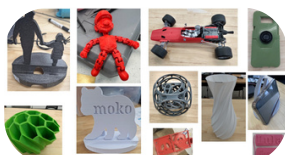
FPIC–Hydro-Québec: Inspiring the Next Generation

In partnership with Hydro-Québec, the FPIC delivered immersive robotics and drone workshops to youth from several communities, including Uashat Mak Mani-Utenam, Lac-Simon, and Pessamit. Through hands-on activities, participants developed valuable technology skills while strengthening their motivation to pursue their education.



Québec

NOMAD FABLAB



Québec City welcomed a new FPIC training cohort from April 27 to June 26, 2026. This paid, hands-on nine-week program gave Indigenous youth aged 16 to 30 who are unemployed and not currently enrolled in school the opportunity to explore digital fabrication technologies such as 3D printing and laser engraving in a creative and engaging learning environment.

FPIC Earns IDIN Certification and the Bear Logo



The First Peoples Innovation Centre (FPIC) is certified as a First Nations organization and is proud to display the Bear Logo.

The Bear Logo and First Nations Identification (IDIN) were created and are administered by the First Nations of Québec and Labrador Economic Development Commission (FNQLEDC). This certification recognizes First Nations organizations and helps protect them against the growing issue of cultural appropriation faced by First Nations artisans, entrepreneurs, and businesses.

Upcoming Projects

Join the FPIC Board of Directors

The First Peoples Innovation Centre (FPIC) is seeking new members to join its Board of Directors and help advance its mission of fostering innovation, education, and reconciliation.

Interested candidates are invited to submit their applications by May 31, 2026. Applications from both Indigenous and non-Indigenous candidates are encouraged. A strong understanding of Indigenous realities is essential, and bilingualism is considered an asset.

To apply, please send your résumé to directiongenerale@cipp-fpic.com.

Centre d'Innovation des Premières Peuples
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LE CIPP RECRUTE DES ADMINISTRATEURS ET ADMINISTRATRICES POUR SON CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION

Mission: La technologie et la formation numérique au service du potentiel des Premières Nations, des Inuit et des Métis.

Vision: Bâtir un avenir où innovation et réconciliation avancent ensemble.

Valeurs : Innovation • Ancré dans la culture • Coopération

Ouvert à toutes et à tous
Nous encourageons les candidatures de personnes autochtones et allochtones. Une bonne maîtrise des réalités autochtones et des enjeux actuels et futurs sont essentielles pour ce rôle.

Le bilinguisme (français et anglais) constitue un atout

Postulez avant le : 31 mai 2026

Soumettez votre CV à : directiongenerale@cipp-fpic.com

Do You Have Any Questions?



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