

INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA'S COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLANNING STRATEGY

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Presentation Plan:

- **INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NATIONAL STRATEGY**
- **REGIONAL STRATEGY FOR COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLANNING**
- **GOING FORWARD**



INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NATIONAL STRATEGY



Background

- Comprehensive Community Planning is not a new concept;
- Proven to be an important tool in community development to assist in building stronger, healthier and more sustainable communities.
- British Columbia, collaboration resulting in + 80 First Nations communities that have completed comprehensive community plans.
- INAC has been partnering in promoting community-driven initiatives for quite some time but is not until 2013 that INAC focused on the need for a concerted, national approach to capacity-building with a focus on comprehensive community planning (CCP).



Indigenous Community Development National Strategy

- The draft strategy builds on existing regional strategies and best practices and defines an INAC national perspective on community development.
- Designed to bring together best practices in community development to assist in building a nationally sustainable model. It can be applied in a flexible way to meet the unique and diverse regional needs.
- INAC has engaged Indigenous planners to ensure that it's strategy will better support Indigenous needs with respect to community development and that all communities are able to achieve better outcomes.
- INAC commits to support community development through its National Indigenous Community Development strategy which rests on four pillars.



Proposed Community Development Pillars

Pillar #1: Support Community-driven, Nation-based Planning Initiatives and Capacity Building

- Dedicated, multi-year resources for
 - planning initiatives, such as Comprehensive Community Planning and Land Use Planning; and,
 - for capacity building, as requested by Indigenous communities.



Proposed Community Development Pillars

Pillar #2: Support Indigenous Community-to-Community Learning

- Funding to bring Indigenous communities of practice together to share knowledge, in small groups, and in regional and national workshops;
- Financial support for the development of tools, such as handbooks, websites;
- Opportunities to facilitate connections and provide learning opportunities between Indigenous communities and INAC officials to support implementation of plans; and,
- Opportunities for more resources to remain in Indigenous communities to build capacity.



Proposed Community Development pillars (contd.)

Pillar #3: Collaboration and Partnerships Within and Across Government Departments

- Developing integrated support teams and cross-directorate committees with strong community and partner participation;
- Engaging other regions, departments, governments and relevant partners;
- Developing and sharing national and regional tools such as a planning repository and resource compendium; and,
- Aligning funding with community planning objectives.



Proposed Community Development pillars (contd.)

Pillar #4: Strengthen Government's Awareness of Cultural Diversity

- Making Indigenous Community Development training available to all federal public servants; and,
- Hosting information sessions to showcase Indigenous success stories.



Comprehensive Community Planning (CCP)

- National priority ;
- A strong planning function supports First Nations in identifying their needs and aspirations, and developing a path forward to improved outcomes in areas such as health, education, and good government, which promotes community healing and leads to transparency and accountability.
- Principle to integrate community development knowledge and expertise across ministries into each policy and program.
- Announcement of a investment of \$30 million over four years to help Indigenous communities across Canada join in CCP.



Current state of Comprehensive Community Planning

- It is not an official program and, as such, there is no dedicated funding;
- As a result, Comprehensive Community Planning is not addressed with the same approach and each region is at different state in the development and implementation of comprehensive community plans.
- Approximately one quarter of First Nations have Comprehensive Community Plans and hundreds of communities have expressed an interest in developing or updating a Comprehensive Community Plan.
- In 2016-17, the Government financially supported 75 communities in the creation of their Comprehensive Community Plan and hopes to reach the same number of communities, if not more, in 2017-18.



REGIONAL STRATEGY COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLANNING - CCP -



Strengthening First Nations Governance Capacity

- The Quebec Regional Office is committed to contributing to First Nations' efforts in the optimal development of their communities by addressing Comprehensive Community Planning in an integrated and coherent fashion.
- In 2016, regional Community Development Strategy developed in line with the National strategy to promote capacity building and identify new approaches to strengthen local governance and capacities.
- Two complementary axes :
 1. **Internal focus:** Direct support to First Nations in community development (emphasis on capacity building)
 2. **External Axis:** Support to Community Development through Comprehensive Community Planning (in partnership with the FNQLSDI)



CCP Regional Strategy

- The Quebec Regional office has committed to support CCP as a priority.
- The regional office has concluded an agreement / pilot project to support the development of CCP with the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Sustainable Development Institute (FNQLSDI);
- This partnership aims to develop, promote and implement a three-year pilot project (from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2019) to establish the basis of comprehensive community planning in the Region.
- This collaborative work will allow us to identify factors of success and potential obstacles and inform us on the best way to support First Nations of Quebec on the development and implementation of their CCPs.



Going forward

- INAC continues to support the FNQLSDI as an expert resource to the CCP community (i.e.: technical support, training, development of tools);
- Continue to define and articulate the relationship with expert resources;
- Finalize the National Strategy jointly with the Joint Working Committee;
- Work to secure sustained funding for the years to come in order to ensure the sustainability of CCP;
- Promote CCP within the Department and other partners;
- Introduce more communities to the CCP according to their rhythms, their needs and local priorities.



Questions

