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Sustainability through Comprehensive Community Planning

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What is Sustainability?

Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

(Brundtland Commission, 1987)

Relationship History

INAC – First Nations relationship:

- Built on a colonial foundation
- Government made unilateral program and policy decisions
- Priorities changed frequently
- Often an ad-hoc approach
- First Nations not involved in government decision-making
- Results weak and not sustainable

A New Approach

INAC Sustainable Development Strategy

Principles:

- Fully consider economic, social, cultural and environmental values in decision making
- Open, inclusive and accountable decision making
- Honour treaty and fiduciary obligations
- Engage communities when developing federal programs

A New Approach

INAC Sustainable Development Strategy

Principles:

- Respect diverse cultures & traditional values
- Fair and equitable opportunities for First Nations
- Base decisions on best available scientific, traditional and local knowledge
- Efficient use of natural resources and minimize pollution

INAC's Sustainable Development Vision

- Communities healthy & safe
- Housing, infrastructure & services available
- Transportation & communication available
- Clean energy available
- Strong community governance
- Opportunities for education & training

INAC's Sustainable Development Vision

- Land claims, natural resource, and land tenure issues resolved
- Comprehensive community planning
- Self-government implemented – smaller department
- Federal – First Nations partnership-based relationship

Achieving Sustainability

- Changing the way we do business
 - Collaborate with First Nations
 - Making & keeping commitments
 - Balanced decision-making
- Comprehensive community planning key to changing the INAC – First Nations relationship
- More responsive to community priorities

Changing the Relationship

- INAC – First Nations funding relationship program-based
- Need to change the way we invest in communities
- Supporting the philosophy of comprehensive community planning means:
 - Community vision directs investments
 - First Nations drive the community agenda

What is Comprehensive Community Planning (CCP)?

A Holistic planning process that:

- Addresses all aspects of community life
- Engages the membership
- Creates a vision for the community
- Guides development
- Reflects community needs and aspirations
- Is coordinated and integrated
- Ensures effective use of resources

How CCP Works

- Phase 1 Pre-plan
- Phase 2 Gather background information
- Phase 3 Develop community vision
- Phase 4 Define priorities and build plan
- Phase 5 Implement community plan
- Phase 6 Monitor and evaluate

Why CCP is a Priority

- Sustainable Development Strategy
- First Nations priority
- Kelowna Accord Commitments
- Federal Treasury Board Initiative



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