

**Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
in collaboration with Centre for Indigenous  
Environmental Resources  
Community Infrastructure Partnership Project**



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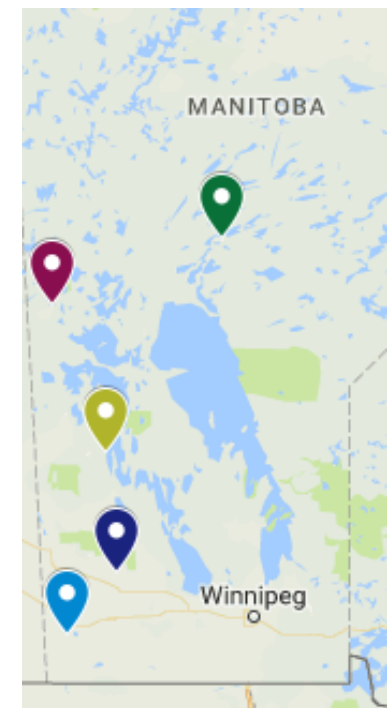
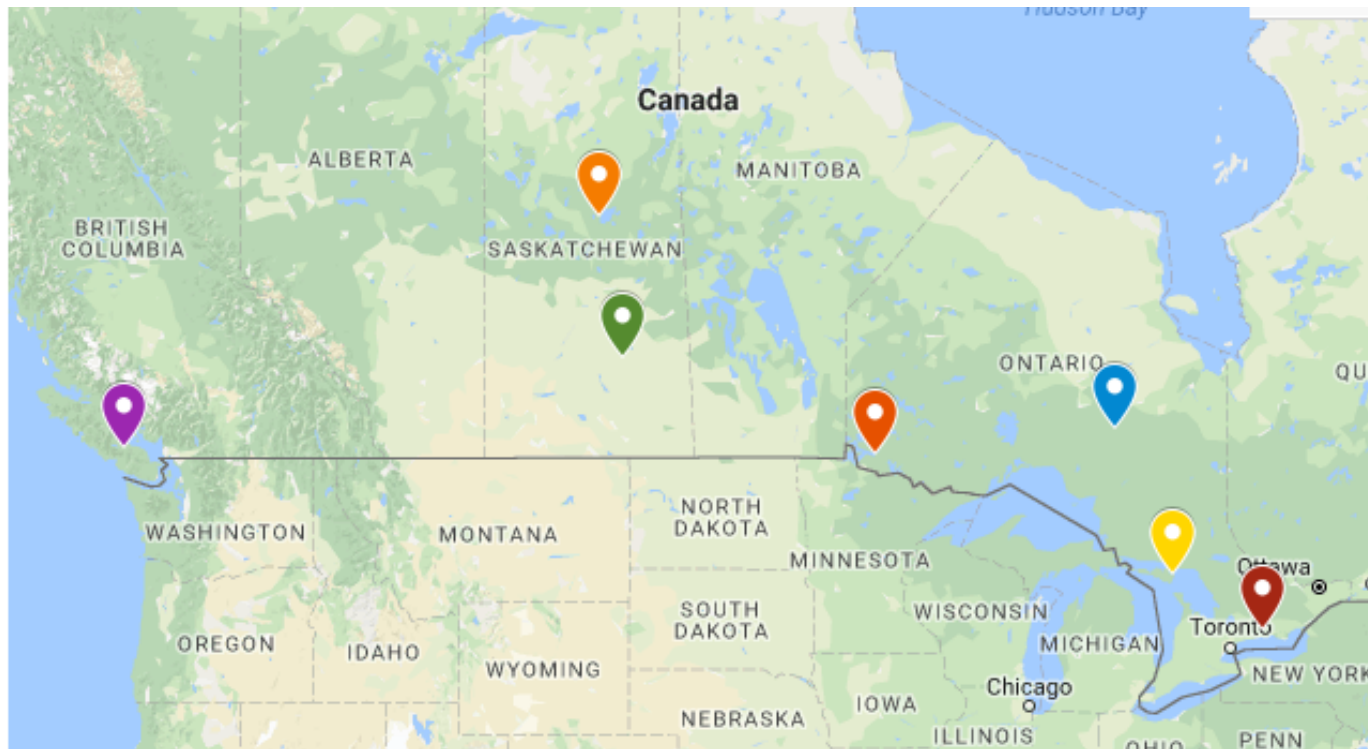


# Why First Nation – Municipal Collaboration?

- Reduced costs
- Improved service delivery
- Better relationships
- More attractive climate for investors
- Stronger voice at other levels of government
- Better use of limited resources
- Increased resources and capacity
- Coordinated planning efforts to improve land use, land management, environment & resource protection



# Current CIPP Partnerships



# What do we provide?

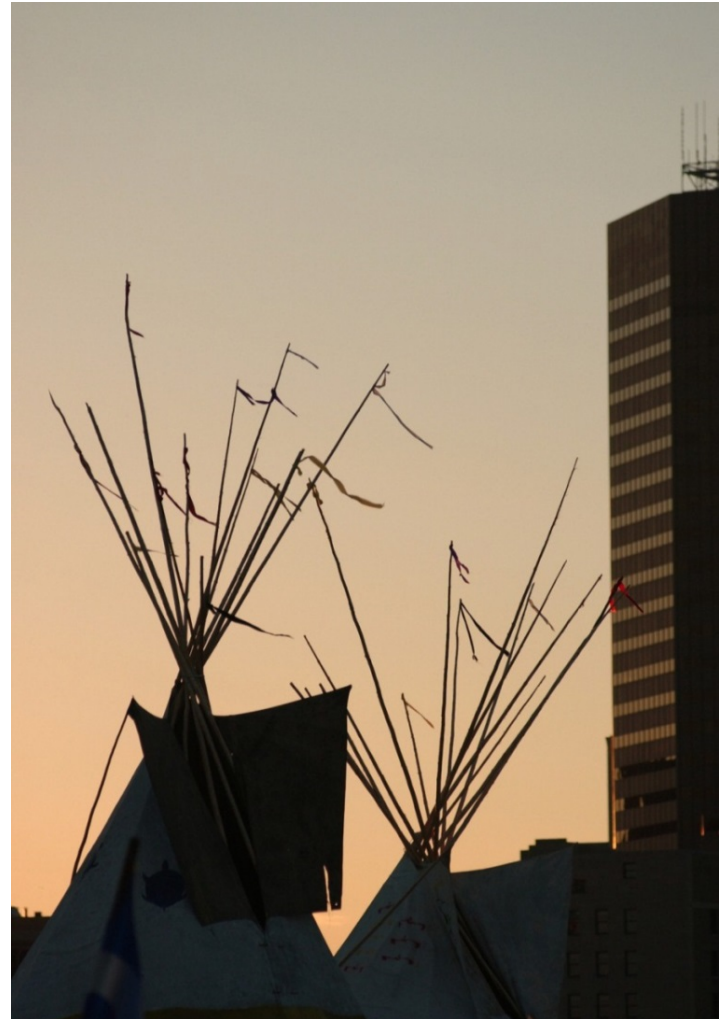


- Free capacity building service funded by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
- Staff teams serve as neutral third party facilitators
- Free resources (toolkits, exercises, templates and sample agreements or strategies)
- Mentoring and community of practice
- Capacity building grants (CEDI only)



# Long Term Goals

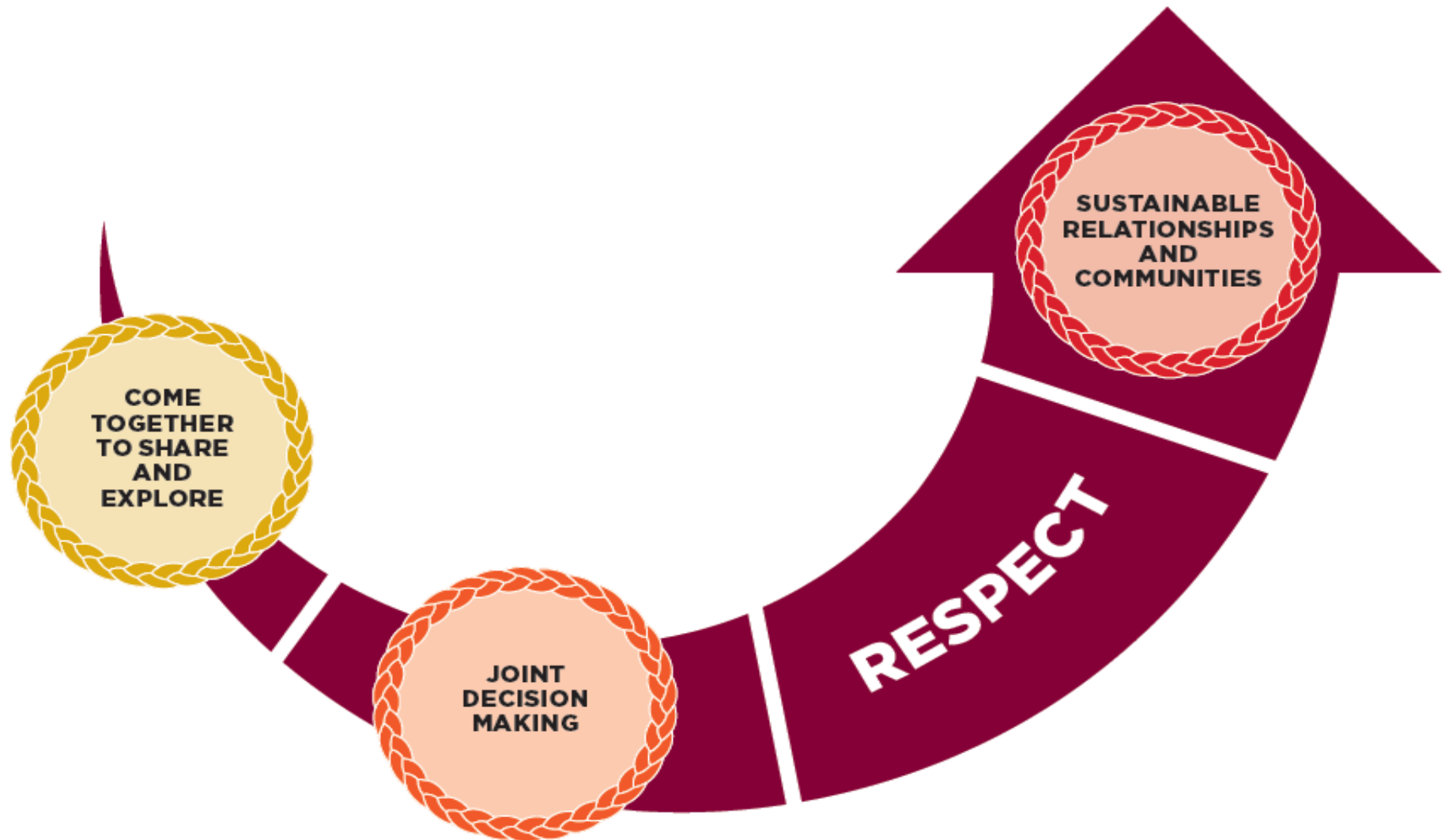
1. Improved relationships between Indigenous communities and municipalities
2. Collaboration on common needs – water, solid waste, economic development



# Holistic Approach



# Theory of Change



# How do we do it?



- Travel to the communities for initial and follow up in-person workshops
- Monthly check in conference calls with a small joint working group between in-person meetings
- Ongoing advice and support as required



# Lessons Learned



- Create a safe and inclusive space
- Identify common needs/concerns
- Encourage open lines of communication
- Share a meal
- Learn each other's history
- Get to know your partner through self-assessment exercises
- Make a commitment to implementing UNDRIP at the municipal level

# Lessons Learned

- Consider adopting friendship-type agreement
- Encourage relationship building between staff and between elected representatives
- Setting up long term processes (ie. joint working group, economic development committee etc.) more sustainable than one-off workshops
- Hold joint council meetings and social events
- Involve young people and elders
- Encourage creative solutions and open minds



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