First Nation Waste Management Initiative

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Current Context

- Some waste management systems are well-maintained and high functioning
- Unmaintained landfills
- Refuse sites
- Open burning
- Abandoned vehicles, white goods
- Lack of diversion programs
 - Recycling
 - Composting
 - Hazardous waste
- Rudimentary Municipal Type Service Agreements



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Long Term Vision

- Healthy communities have modern and environmentally sustainable solid waste management systems that:
 - Reduce environmental and human health and safety risks
 - Contribute to sustainable economic development
- Support First Nations to move along
 continuum of improved waste management
- Provide sufficient, long-term funding for the operation of waste management systems
- Transparent, predictable regulatory regime



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Budget 2016 Investments in Waste Management on Reserve



- Budget 2016 supports efforts to improve how waste is managed on reserve through:
 - A proposed investment of \$409 million over five years, starting in 2016–17
 - Committed funding of \$15.4 million in 2016-2017 and \$96.2 million in 2017-2018





Guiding principles

- Support waste reduction and waste diversion on reserve through education, capacity building and establishment of household hazardous waste, diversion, recycling, and composting programs
- Support sustainable, sensible solutions which are tailored to the needs of each community and address the entire waste stream
- Encourage Municipal Type Service Agreements between First Nations and third party partners to move wastes into regulated solid waste management facilities



Eligible Components for Funding

- Planning
 - Land use and waste management plans
 - Feasibility and design studies
 - Environmental Investigations (e.g., groundwater)
 - Waste site operation plans
 - Waste site closure and monitoring plans

Capacity and Training

- Training of waste management operators
- First Nation-led tools and resources
- Waste coordination
- Education



Eligible Components for Funding Continued

- Programs and Partnerships
 - Facilitation of Municipal Type Service Agreements (MTSA)
 - Diversion programs (recycling, composting, hazardous waste)
 - Seed funding for innovative waste partnerships and programs with First Nation organizations, industry associations, and others



Apply now to our new Community Infrastructure Partnership Project.

About the program

New initiative led by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to facilitate municipal/ First Nation waste MTSAs

Eligible Components for Funding Continued

- Infrastructure
 - Landfill sites in remote and isolated communities or regional landfill
 - Transfer stations
 - Decommissioning of refuse sites and legacy landfill
- Operations and maintenance
 - Landfill & transfer stations operation, including equipment
 - MTSA implementation





Potential Community Roadmap



Education: elders, families, youth, schools, industry



Governance & Implementation

- National Advisory Committee to provide high-level advice proposed
- Tribal Councils, technical bodies and other First Nation organizations to provide support to individual First Nations
 - Education, tool and capacity development
 - Aggregate services such as coordinating diversion of household hazardous waste, end-of-life vehicles, white goods, etc.



Proposed Engagement

First Nation communities First Nation organizations

- Assembly of First Nations
- National Aboriginal Land Managers
 Association

WHO

- Tribal Councils
- Technical services organizations (e.g., OFNTSC)
- Provincial and sub-regional First Nation organizations

Provinces and Municipalities Third-party waste operators Industry & Producer Associations

Not-for-Profit and community organizations

HOW

Participation in meetings, conferences

Website

Social Media

Outreach materials

Collaboration with partners such as FCM

Other suggestions?



Measuring Success

 Baseline data being collected regionally to identify needs, gaps and priorities and inform performance evaluation

Indicators

- Number of First Nations with:
 - Improved infrastructure
 - Improved waste programming
- Number of First Nations with adequate waste management systems





How to apply

- Ensure your waste needs are included in your community's First Nations Infrastructure Investment Plan (FNIIP)
- Contact your INAC Environment or Capital Management Officer with questions







Thank you!

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