NAN's Triple E Strategy

Energy
Environment/Climate Change
Economic Development

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Opening Remarks

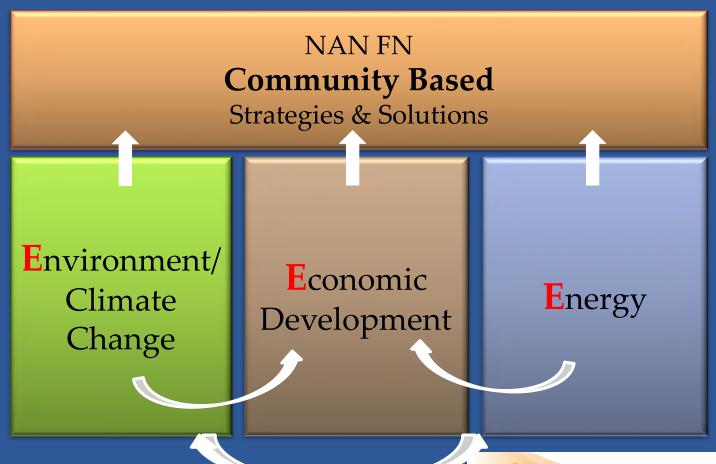


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Triple E Strategy

Environment/Climate Change, Energy & Economic Development



Environment/ Climate Change

- Ontario has set out a Climate Change Action Plan
 - Committed to working with First Nations
- Reinforce the impact of climate change on NAN FNs
- Ensure government policy is inclusive of the needs of NAN FNs
- Resources from government climate change policy are shared with NAN FNs



Energy

- Energy is identified as a key component of Ontario's climate Change Action Plan
- Ontario's 2016 Long Term Energy Plan (LTEP)review starts this Fall
- NAN is working with Chief's to clearly set out expectations & needs of NAN FNs in regards to energy, such as:
 - Establish need for aggressive energy conservation and efficiency for homes



Economic Development

- Climate Change Action Plan and LTEP both impact economic development
- Need to ensure resources flow to NAN FNs to develop capacity to address issues and take advantage of opportunities
- Have to embed these principles in all aspects of agreements with government
- Ensure all NAN FNs have opportunities to benefit and participate



- Needs of NAN FNs must be addressed in government policy and programs
- Resources must flow to NAN FNs
 - Capacity building, climate change mitigation programs, conservation and efficiency
- Effective two-way communication
 - Ongoing need for information flow
 - NAN must establish a framework that is workable for both –
 NAN FNs and the provincial government



NAN's Triple E Role: Framework

Ensuring that a framework is established with the Federal and Provincial governments on energy and environmental issues which provides:

- All NAN FNs with equal opportunity to participate and benefit from any developments in energy and the environment
- NAN FNs Aboriginal and Treaty rights are not impacted by any government policies and programs



NAN and Government

Ontario Government:

- NAN, on behalf of its member FNs, must establish meaningful mechanisms to actively participate in Energy and Environment/Climate Change policy and program development
 - Shape the future starting today not have to play catch up
 - Embed NAN FNs into any current and future processes
- Start resources flowing to NAN FNs
- Facilitate Economic Development wherever possible



NAN and Government

Federal Government:

- NAN, on behalf of its member FNs, must ensure our Triple E needs are fully recognized by the Federal government.
 - Not a lot of information flowing from or to the Feds
- Actively engage the policy makers and influence development of programs.
 - o Feds have made funding commitments
 - Details not yet defined
 - NAN FNs must benefit



Next Steps

- Continue your work
- Ongoing education of government
 - o Made possible by your work
- Sharing of information and ideas
 - Among NAN FNs, with scientists and with government
- Let us know what you need!
 - Reinforce this with government

