



# First Nation Waste Management Initiative

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# Current Context

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

# 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 waste management
- Provide sufficient, long-term funding for the operation of waste management systems
- Transparent, predictable regulatory regime

# Proposed Components

- **Infrastructure**
  - Landfill sites in remote and isolated communities
  - Transfer stations
  - Decommissioning/remediation of refuse sites
- **Programs and Partnerships**
  - Facilitation of municipal transfer service agreements
  - Diversion programs (recycling, composting, hazardous waste)
  - Seed funding for innovative partnerships and programs with First Nation organizations, industry associations, and other key players
- **Planning**
  - Land use and waste management planning
  - Environmental Site Assessments
  - Feasibility Studies
- **Capacity and Training**
  - Training of waste management operators
  - Regional/sub-regional waste coordinators
  - First Nation-led tools and resources
  - Education

# Potential Roadmap



Education: elders, families, youth, schools, industry

# Proposed Governance Regime

- National Advisory Committee to provide high-level advice
- Regional Advisory Committees
- Tribal Councils, technical bodies and other First Nation organizations to provide support to individual First Nations
  - Education, tool and resource development
  - Aggregate services (end-of-life vehicles, white goods)

# Measuring Success

- Baseline data being collected
  - Needs assessments
- Indicators
  - Yearly percentage increase of First Nations with
    - Improved infrastructure
    - Improved diversion programming
    - Municipal transfer service agreements
- Reporting to be developed in consultation with:
  - First Nations
  - First Nation organizations

# Engagement

- First Nation communities
- First Nation organizations
  - Assembly of First Nations
  - National Aboriginal Land Managers Association
  - Tribal Councils
  - Technical service delivery organizations
  - Provincial and sub-regional First Nation organizations
- Provinces and Municipalities
  - Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Third party waste operators
- Industry Associations
- Not-for-Profit and community organizations



# Discussion

- Are we missing anything?
- What questions would you ask communities?
- How will we know if we are going in the right direction?

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