Introduction to the First Nations Infrastructure Institute

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Mission

To provide the skills and processes necessary to ensure First Nations efficiently and effectively plan, procure, own, and manage infrastructure assets on their Lands.
Strategic approach

1. First Nations Led
2. Infrastructure Focused
3. Legislation Backed
4. Standardized Best Practices
5. Centre of Excellence
Building on Success

First Nations Fiscal Management Act

FNFMB

FNFA

FNTC

FNII
# What is FNII?

## What FNII IS

- A First Nation-led institute to support use of best practices in planning, procurement and delivery of projects
- Supports partner First Nations and/or First Nation organizations to develop projects on time and on budget
- Capacity developer
- Technical support / advisory services
- Complementary body to existing First Nation-led institutions established by *First Nations Fiscal Management Act*
- Supports due diligence on monies invested in infrastructure

## What FNII IS NOT

- Not a funding body
- Not an engineering, architectural firm
- Not a contractor or builder
- Not an operator of infrastructure project
- Not an owner
- Not a decision maker
- Not replacing other groups or stakeholders (Tribal Council, PTO’s, technical bodies, etc)
### Scenarios for FNII support

#### Scenario 1

- **FNII** □
- **Nation** ○

The Nation asks FNII to review their infrastructure project to FNII standards for certification.

#### Scenario 2

- **FNII** □
- **Nation** □

The Nation uses FNII tools/templates and seeks project certification.

#### Scenario 3

- **FNII** □
- **Nation** □

The Nation asks FNII to participate in project team, uses FNII tools/templates and seeks certification.

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**Standards and Certification**
- FNII □
- Nation ○

**Tools, templates, models, samples, guides**
- FNII ○
- Nation □

**Project Team Participation**
- FNII □
- Nation ○

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Example Funding Model

Funding Sources
- Federal Fiscal Transfer
- Local Revenue
- Other Revenue

Infrastructure Project

First Nation(s)

FMA Institutional Support

ISC Transfer and FNFA Loan using Own Source Revenue
- Funding contributed through both an ISC grant and OSR securitized through the FNFA
- FNII supports the development of the project to receive funding and approval to proceed to procurement from FN/s
- FNII supports the procurement of the project

Funding Flow

Standard Achieved

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Workshop Modules

Technical Engineering
- What is the project and how much will it cost?
- What engineering work is required?
- Incorporating best practices in terms of reference
- Evaluating responses to an RFP

Cost Recovery
- What are the tools to recover the costs?
- Identifying tools currently being used and gaps in existing policy framework
- Examining different revenue options

Community Engagement
- Embedding community engagement throughout the project lifecycle
- Identifying employment opportunities for members and member owned businesses
- Developing an engagement strategy

Financial Modelling
- Introducing key concepts
- Assessing project whole of life cost
- Using whole of life cost and net present cost to assess and compare project options
- Matching sources of funds to uses of funds

Business Case
- Why is the project needed?
- What is the preferred option?
- Procurement analysis and strategy
- Assessment criteria and guide for evaluation
- How do you implement the project?
Thank You

Learn More
- To learn more about FNII, please visit our website at http://fnii.ca/

Support
- Please consider supporting the development of an amendment to the FMA to establish FNII

Promote
- Please share information about the benefits of FNII

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