

First Nations Capital & Infrastructure Agency of Saskatchewan 2023:

Transformation of Housing and Infrastructure through Service Delivery Transfer



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Legislative and Policy Supports for Transfer

- Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (RCAP)
- Department of Indigenous Services Act, June 2019
 - Section 7 – In exercising the powers and performing the duties and functions under this Act, the Minister is to:
 - (a) provide Indigenous organizations with an opportunity to collaborate in the development, provision, assessment and improvement of the services referred to in subsection 6(2); and
 - (b) in accordance with any agreements respecting the transfer of responsibilities that are entered into under section 9, take the appropriate measures to give effect to the gradual transfer to Indigenous organizations of departmental responsibilities with respect to the development and provision of those services.
- UNDRIP endorsed by the Government of Canada, June 2021
- ISC Departmental focus on Service Transformation and Closing the Infrastructure Gap by 2030



What Transfer Will and Will Not Do

Transfer **will** provide:

- First Nations with the opportunity to design and develop housing and infrastructure programs that meet their needs and priorities
- First Nations' control over funding, priorities, and decision-making
- Long-term Asset Management Planning to close infrastructure gaps on-reserve
- Predictable, long-term funding to manage and invest in infrastructure
- First Nations' discretion on how aggregations are formed and governed

Transfer **will not**:

- Transfer ISC's programs
- Be forced on First Nations
 - This is an **opt-in process** and does not affect Canada's supports outside of transferred programs and services
- This process does not impact Canada's fiduciary responsibility to First Nations
- This is not a Self Government or Modern Treaty Process



Elements of Transfer

- Governance – How will decisions be made? How will capital plans be developed? What is needed to deliver the new programs?
- Assets – Data driven infrastructure needs assessments:
 - What is needed for the infrastructure on the ground and what will be needed over the next 10 years?
 - With this information, ISC can advocate for program budget “top-ups” to effectively close infrastructure gaps
- Capacity – What skills and resources are needed to deliver infrastructure services?



Benefits of Transfer

Control: First Nations have control over the development and provision of programs and services and how funding is allocated.

Innovation: First Nations have the opportunity to explore innovative service delivery and funding approaches

Long-term Asset Management Planning: will enhance long-term community development planning, and will be supported by a negotiated funding agreement.

Predictable and Sustainable Funding: Long-term funding agreements will be co-developed between First Nations Partner organizations and ISC, based on comprehensive asset management and business plans.

- Long-term funding agreements will help alleviate existing program challenges.
- Investment priorities will be determined by First Nations.

Self-determined First Nations-led organizations: First Nations will develop their own program and governance policies that meet or exceed the level of service ISC currently provides.





Questions?



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