First Nations Solid Waste Management Initiative

First Nations Waste Management Workshop
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Initiative Objectives

- Provide **financial support** to FNs to support their efforts in reaching and maintaining **sustainable waste management** practices through upgrades, improvements, optimization and innovation in present practices.
- Support **community based** waste management
- Facilitate the creation of a **community of practice** within First Nations
- Offer technical support to FNs
  - Environment and Infrastructure groups in the Department
  - Linking with other resource groups (FN organizations, provincial and federal departments, other organizations working in waste management)
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Up to now…

- **Initiative** started in 2016-17
  - Announcement by Treasury Board of a $409 M budget over 5 years for waste management in FNs across Canada.

- Québec Region – Two years almost completed…
  - 2016-17 : $2.6 M
  - 2017-18 : $13.7 M

- The Department is presently validating funding amounts for the next 3 fiscal years, i.e. 2018-19 to 2020-21

- Different scenarios are also under analysis to prolong the Initiative for an additional 7 years after 2020-21.
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Eligible activities

- **SWMP** (Development, updates, improvements et modifications, etc.)
  - 16 projects (12 communities)
- **Studies related to waste diversion** (Eco centres, recycling, composting, etc.)
  - 21 projects (18 communities)
- **Other types of studies** (planning, organisational or technology option studies, needs assessments, etc.)
  - 8 projects (7 communities)
- **Municipal type service** (negotiation, updates, etc.)
  - 2 projects (2 communities)
- **Waste sites** (construction, optimization, upgrades, decommissioning, etc.)
  - 10 projects (7 communities)
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Eligible activities (continued)

- **Infrastructure** (eco centres, transfer stations, sorting platforms, HHW collection sites, composting installations)
  - 17 projects (14 communities)

- **Public awareness and education**
  - 18 projects (11 communities)

- **Training for waste managers and operators**
  - 12 projects (8 communities)

- **Equipment purchase** (vehicles, heavy machinery and other small equipment)
  - 34 projects (21 communities)

- **Operations and Maintenance (O&M)**
  - 11 projects (10 communities)
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Summarizing…

- Approx. 30 projects in 2016-17 and 90 projects this year
  - 47 studies of all sorts
  - 36 infrastructure projects
  - 34 equipment purchase projects
  - A few projects general for all communities (FN Waste management portrait, WM circuit rider, workshop, technology inventory)

- 33 communities, 4 tribal councils and the FNQLSDI have benefited from funding
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About O&M…

Usually….

- **Pre-established categories of assets** that are eligible to O&M (ex.: school, water treatment plant, waste site, garbage truck, etc.). These categories are already included into our databases and funding systems.

- Yearly O&M amounts are generated by a **formula-based calculation** that take into account a series of factors, some general such as the asset category, some more specific such as the distance of a community from city services for example.

- **No need for funding requests**, O&M funds are automatically included in your funding agreements.
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About O&M… (continued)

- Presently for Waste Management…
  - **New asset categories** which do not exist in our systems (ex.: eco centre, sorting platform, HHW collection site, composting installations, etc.)
  - **No O&M formula** associated to these new asset categories.

- So…
  - **For the moment**, the *Initiative* can only contribute to the O&M of an infrastructure or of a vehicle that was funded by the *Initiative* (i.e. since 2016).
  - **For the moment**, O&M funding requests must be presented as a project, i.e. with described activities, costs and schedule.
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Last key messages…

- Project submission date is **February 22, 2018**.
- We wish to encourage you to submit your projects for this date as it will help us to negotiate our fair share of the national pot of money!!
- Don’t forget that your projects can include salaries for the engagement of temporary personnel to help you carry out your projects.

**BRAVO TO ALL OF YOU FOR THE GREAT WORK ACCOMPLISHED UP TO NOW!!**

**QUESTIONS?**