# **First Nations** Waste Management **Initiative**







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#### **First Nations Waste Management Initiative**

- In Budget 2016, the government approved \$409 million for the First Nations Solid Waste Management Initiative for five years starting in 2016-17.
- The program was extended until 2027-28 with \$612.9M in B17. B17 included an O&M component.
- Proposal based approach used to fund projects.

## **FNWMI** Funding at a Glance

#### WASTE MANAGEMENT G&C FUNDING PROFILE



### First Nations Waste Management Initiative

- Driven by needs of First Nation communities
  - One size does not fit all
- Supports range of solid waste management solutions including:
  - Disposing of solid waste and hazardous waste off reserve
  - New or upgraded solid waste infrastructure
  - Improving solid waste management programming (e.g., planning, services)
  - Improving community capacity, operator training, and community education
    - Community solid waste co-ordinators and operators
- Complex issues
  - Solid waste management life cycle spans from waste generation to recycling to final disposal



#### **SUMMARY OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS**

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Planning	Capacity Building & Training
<ul> <li>Feasibility studies &amp; solid waste management plans</li> <li>Technical or engineering studies</li> <li>Site operations plans</li> <li>Waste site closure &amp; post-closure plans</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Training of waste site operators, including in-class qualifications programs, handson technical training</li> <li>Regional waste coordination</li> <li>Promotion of the development and use of First Nation-led tools &amp; resources</li> <li>General community waste education &amp; awareness, including materials development and outreach.</li> </ul>
Infrastructure & Operation	Programs & Partnerships
<ul> <li>Construction or upgrade of existing landfill sites and transfer stations</li> <li>Operational and maintenance funding, including equipment purchases and salaries (landfill &amp; transfer station operators)</li> <li>Site operation plans</li> <li>Decommissioning of refuse sites and landfills; post-closure monitoring</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Facilitation of Municipal Type Service         Agreements</li> <li>Diversion programming development &amp; implementation (recycling, organic composting, hazardous waste)</li> </ul>

# **Planning**

- Feasibility studies & solid waste management plans
- Site operations plans
- Post closure plans

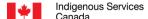


# **Capacity Building and Training**

- Training of waste site operators, including in-class qualifications programs, hands-on technical training
- Regional waste coordination
- Promotion of the development and use of First Nation-led tools & resources
- General community waste education & awareness, including materials development and outreach

# **Infrastructure and Operation**

- Construction or upgrade of existing landfill sites and transfer stations
- Operational and maintenance funding for newly constructed or upgrades sites, including equipment purchases and salaries (landfill & transfer station operators)
- Site operation plans
- Decommissioning of refuse sites and landfills; post-closure monitoring



# **Programs and Partnerships**

- Facilitation of Municipal Type Service Agreements
- Diversion programming development & implementation (recycling, organic composting, hazardous waste)



### **Areas Requiring Action**

- Reaching all communities: Ensuring all First Nation communities receive funding;
- Developing a long-term sustainable solid waste management funding model that includes sufficient funding for capital improvements, O&M for transfer stations and landfills, diversion programming, education, enforcement, and environment officers
  - Moving from a proposal-based funding model to a community planning-based model
- Building awareness with First Nation leadership, industry, and other levels of government;
- Strengthening partnerships with other jurisdictions (provinces, territories, municipalities);
- Exploring options for First Nation-led governance of solid waste management;
- Identifying legislative options to address illegal dumping and waste management standards

