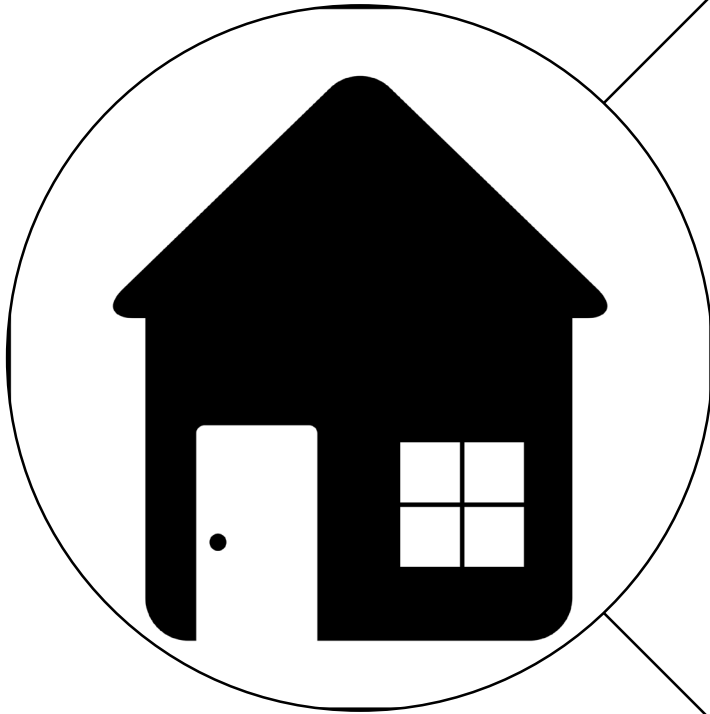


HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL

BC FIRST NATIONS HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY

CORE DIRECTIVES

FIRST ROUND ENGAGEMENT



BC First Nations want an authority to be:

1. Community-based
2. Inclusive (on & off reserve, Bands, self-governing FNs)
3. Service-oriented
4. Flexible
5. Build internal readiness
6. Long-term and sustainable
7. Trustworthy

1. COMMUNITY BASED

- Housing & infrastructure exist at the community level therefore the primary focus is on:
 - Supporting community's needs
 - Providing services to communities
 - Using community to drive priorities
- Some things may happen at a broader level (e.g., region)
 - Where communities have a regional authority to manage their housing & infrastructure as a collective
 - Where communities choose to work through a central political body
 - Priority setting (involving collections of communities)
 - Political advocacy

2. SERVICE-ORIENTED

- The new Authority needs to
 - focus on quality service to communities as its main goal
 - act like a member of the community
 - Behave like it is owned by the communities

3. INCLUSIVE / HOLISTIC

- The focus needs to shift from geography (on versus off reserve) to occupants
 - These delivery systems need to be harmonized or integrated
- Need to focus on outcomes versus outputs
 - Shift from looking at “number of houses built
TO
 - How well did we improve our communities’ well-being
 - Need to work with other FNs authorities so that we are all working on this and coordinated
- Needs to be a one-stop shop for communities
 - Have a working relationship with other service providers
 - Be able to assist a community through the processes

4. FLEXIBLE

- Delivery needs to accommodate each community's unique situations
 - Geography
 - Construction season
 - Climate
- Do not lump into zones
 - There are big differences in construction needs within the current zones
- Allow project funding to follow projects
 - Work across fiscal year boundaries
- Promote communities to organize themselves as they see fit
 - Local delivery groups / authorities

5. BUILD READINESS / CAPACITY

- Readiness involves having adequate:
 - Qualified people
 - Support systems (finance, IT, administration)
 - Effective working relationships with all players in the full housing delivery system
- Readiness is at all levels
 - Provincial, regional and community
- Building readiness involves:
 - A large push as the new Authority is implemented
 - Ongoing capacity development as the system evolves

6. LONG-TERM AND SUSTAINABLE

- Adequate resourcing is required to:
 - Provide the necessary support services
 - Address the large shortages of housing & infrastructure
- We need the time to build our own system and learn from our own mistakes
 - The current system has others learning – not us
- Need to formalize the new Authority
 - Explore a legislated entity that draws down all federal authorities (replaces the federal government)
 - Not just a delivery agent for other government's programs and services
 - Can design its own programs and services

7. TRUSTWORTHY

- Dual accountability
 - To FNs communities / leadership
 - To the government (for public funds)
- Behave like a member of the community
 - Follow community set priorities
 - Report back to the communities on what the community wants to achieve (e.g., community well-being)
- Share all results, progress and spending (transparency)

QUESTIONS?

- 1) Are HIC's current set of Core Directives complete?**
 - a) Are there any missing?**
 - b) Are there any that need to be added?**
 - c) Are there any that need to be changed?**
- 2) Should HIC get its Core Directives approved?**
 - a) If YES then**
 - i) By whom?**
 - ii) When in the authority development process?**
- 3) How should HIC use its core directives?**
- 4) What is HIC's accountability to the Core Directives?**
 - a) How does HIC report on the Core Directives?**



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