STEP 7 TOOLKIT

Identify What the Community's Vision and Goals Mean for Infrastructure

What will this Toolkit help you do?

- Connect the community's vision and goal statements with the infrastructure that may be required to achieve them

- Get ready for Step 8: Identify and Prioritize Infrastructure Needs

What Tool is in this Toolkit?

- Infrastructure Implications Table

When should you use this Toolkit?

- If the community is in the process of developing a Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP), use this Toolkit as you complete Planning Step 3 in the *CCP Handbook* (see page 32 of the *CCP Handbook*).

  Don't wait until the community's vision and goals have been finalized to use this Toolkit. Use this Toolkit as soon as the conversation about the vision and goals is initiated, so that the discussion is informed by infrastructure considerations. There doesn't need to be a one-to-one connection between a vision/goal statement and an infrastructure need, but it is important that infrastructure is at least considered when you are developing the community's vision and goals.

- If the community is going through another infrastructure planning process, use this Toolkit to help you complete Step 7 in the Guide, before you establish the list of the community's infrastructure needs.

TIPS:

- Ideally, use this Toolkit collaboratively with all members of the CCP Planning Team (if you are completing a CCP). The Infrastructure Planning Team may drive the discussion, but a key benefit of this Toolkit is that it can build awareness of the link between the community's vision and goals and its infrastructure among people that may not currently have strong awareness of this connection.

- If the community already has a CCP, refer to the Comprehensive Strategic Framework—it can serve as a single stop for the community's vision statement, goals, objectives, and even specific actions and projects. It can help you use this Toolkit.

- If the community does not have a CCP, review your completed Infrastructure Studies, Plans, and Reports Table from the Step 5 Toolkit to see if they contain any high-level vision statements and/or goals and objectives that may create a need for infrastructure. You can also use this as an opportunity in your infrastructure planning process to engage community members in identifying a vision, goals, and objectives. If the community does not have a CCP, but is going through a significant infrastructure planning process, it may be a good time to develop a CCP.

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPLICATIONS TABLE

Because every First Nation is unique, vision and goal statements are diverse across communities. Some are high-level statements while others are quite specific. Some include very explicit statements about infrastructure, or the physical development of the community in general, while others connect to infrastructure in ways that may not seem so obvious.

To complete this table:

- Insert the community's vision statement, if there is one.

- Then insert the goals the community has identified to achieve its vision. If the community does not have a vision statement, it is a good idea to at least identify goals to inform your infrastructure planning process.

- Now think through and list potential infrastructure implications.

Use the following list of considerations to think through the potential implications of each goal statement for infrastructure:

- Does this statement result in a need for new or upgraded community buildings, such as Administrative Buildings, a Cultural Centre, an Elders Centre, a Youth Centre, or a school?

- Does this statement result in a need for new or upgraded community housing?

- Does this statement result in a need for new or upgraded services such as transportation, water, sewer, or electricity?

- Does the community have an existing Municipal Type Service Agreement (MTSA) with a neighbouring government or another group that may need to be renegotiated because of this statement?

- Does this statement potentially affect land use designations in the community (which may in turn have implications for infrastructure)?

VISION STATEMENT
Example: We are a self-sufficient and vibrant First Nation community. Every member of our community has the opportunity to reach their full potential, and to live, work, and play on our traditional territory.

GOAL STATEMENT	POTENTIAL IMPLICATION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
Example: "We have well-maintained and diverse housing options"	In addition to the dwellings themselves, other types of infrastructure are needed to service housing, such as transportation, water, sewer, drainage, and electricity.
Example: "Economic development brings jobs and revenue to the community"	New infrastructure may be required to service economic development, or the capacity of existing infrastructure will need to be assessed to find out if it can support proposed development.
Example: "Elders get the care they need in the community"	The community has identified a need for an Elders Centre to meet this goal. An Elders Centre requires various types of infrastructure: the building itself, as well as the services that enable the building to be used, such as transportation (roads, sidewalks), water, sewer, and electricity.