Sioux Lookout Friendship Accord – Timeline

Several decades of relationship building
1990’s

- Sioux Lookout Indian Hospital \(\text{(circa 1949)}\)
- Sioux Lookout General Hospital \(\text{(circa 1922)}\)
  - Five years discussing amalgamation and building new hospital

- Historic 1997 Four Party Agreement between:
  - Nishnawbe Aski Nation
  - Municipality of Sioux Lookout
  - Canada
  - Ontario

Engagement, cooperation around mutual health care needs;
2000’s OUTREACH 2006-2010

- Sioux Lookout Mayor and Lac Seul Chief reach out
- 2007 Municipal Council visits Lac Seul
- 2008 Chief Bull and Mayor Poling march together in the Yellow Ribbon Walk
- 2008 Mayor and 2 Councillors visit neighbouring First Nation community after death of a teenager
- 2009 Mutual Planning for Economic Summit
- 2010 Municipal Council visits Lac Seul

Reaching out to each other;
• Sioux Lookout Friendship Accord – Guiding Principles
2012-2014

- Cat Lake joins Sioux Lookout Friendship Accord
- First Nations-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative launched by FCM
- Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) reaches out to the Municipality of Sioux Lookout and Lac Seul First Nation
2014

Save the Date!

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How we will Sustain Ourselves 2014
September 16-18, 2014
A gathering of leaders to discuss cross-cultural collaboration in sustainable economic development.
September 16: Forest Inn, Sioux Lookout
September 17-18: Lac Seul Event Centre, Frenchmen’s Head

And Grows
2015

- Mishkeegogamang First Nation, and
- Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) express interest in joining Sioux Lookout Friendship Accord
First Nations-Municipal Community Economic Development

Coming together is a **BEGINNING**
Keeping together is **PROGRESS**
Working together is **SUCCESS**

Henry Ford
Regional leadership, demonstrating how Municipal and First Nation governments can **work together**;
Encourage First Nation investment in Sioux Lookout including, but not limited to, people, culture, business, community and social participation;

- Meno Ya Win Health Centre – 104 million
- Hostel – 7 million
- Keewatin Patricia District School Board – 30 million
• Creating economically sustainable communities

• Core Sectors
  • Forestry
  • Mining
  • Energy
  • Transportation
  • Tourism

Increase First Nation participation in our local economy;
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- Creating economically sustainable communities
- New Business
  - Tim Hortons
  - Giant Tiger
• First Nations-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative
  
  • Three Communities
    • Sioux Lookout
    • Lac Seul First Nation – 43 km
    • Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug
      • (Big Trout Lake)
      • 270 air miles
      • 432 km remote access

Increase First Nation participation in our local economy; www.farnorthrdc.ca
• Breaking **DOWN** Barriers, Building **NEW** Economies
  • Regional Distribution Centre Project
    • 31 Far North Communities
    • Nishnawbe Aski Nation
    • Preliminary Report was published in June

**Increase First Nation participation** in our local economy;
**www.farnorthrdc.ca**
The development of protocols to establish open and improved lines of communication;
Encourage First Nation Investment, and community and social participation;

• Regional Distribution Centre
  • Final Report published September 2015
• Regional Distribution Centre Outcome
  • Feasibility
  • Results – negative vs positive
  • Lessons Learned

Breaking **DOWN** Barriers, Building **NEW** Economies;
• **Regional Distribution Centre - Moving Forward**
  - Ontario Fruit & Vegetable Grower’s Association
  - Local Grown Foods – Grow Forward 2 Project
  - Develop Private Sector Partnerships

• **Next Steps – Finding Workable Solutions**
  - Optimize Participation from the North
  - Find a Champion – (i.e. NAN, Tribal Council, est. New Group)
  - Create a Governance Model and Structure
  - Determine Supply Chain
  - Create a Plan
  - Seek out Financing
  - Start the “Social Enterprise”

*Breaking DOWN Barriers, Building NEW Economies;*
Business Hub Opens October 2015

Partner Communities
Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug
Lac Seul First Nation
Municipality of Sioux Lookout

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Lessons Learned – Relationship Building;
Increase First Nation participation in our local economy;

- Creating economically sustainable communities
- Next Steps
  - Economic Development Zones
Questions ?