AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION – CITY OF SARNIA (AFN-COS) RENEWAL OF SERVICE AGREEMENTS

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AFN AND COS

• Huron Tract treaty signed in 1827
• Reserve lands set aside approximately 10,000 acres
• Several land sales reduced the size to 2400 acres
• Annexation by the City in 1951 defines the First Nation within City limits
• Several agreements developed over time including, roads, water & sewer, police & fire
STATE OF THE EXISTING SERVICE AGREEMENTS

• A NUMBER OF AGREEMENTS ARE CURRENTLY IN PLACE
• SOME ARE ACTIVELY USED AND FOLLOWED – POLICE AND FIRE
• SOME ARE OLD, OUTDATED AND NOT SPECIFICALLY ADHERED TO BY EITHER COMMUNITY – WATER, SEWER AND ROAD
• WATER – ORIGINAL AGREEMENT 1964 (AMENDMENTS IN 1967, 1969 and 1979)
• SEWER – ORIGINAL AGREEMENTS IN 1974 and 1975
• ROAD – ORIGINAL AGREEMENTS 1929 WITH AN AMENDMENT IN 1959
NEED TO IMPROVE/MODERNIZE SERVICE AGREEMENTS

• WALKERTON SHED LIGHT ON STATE OF DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS
• PUSH BY PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FOR COMPREHENSIVE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS
  • JUSTIFY CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS
  • APPLICATION FOR UPPER LEVEL GOVERNMENT FUNDING
• INTERESTING CONNECTION WITH A STAFF MEMBER IN PUBLIC WORKS
  • MEMBER OF AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION
  • WORKED FOR BOTH COMMUNITIES
  • KEY TIE BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES
NEED TO IMPROVE/MODERNIZE SERVICE AGREEMENTS

- AFN POPULATION IS GROWING ATTRACTING MEMBERS BACK
- DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLAN
- INDUSTRIAL PARK IS GROWING WITH NEW INDUSTRY/BUSINESSES OPENING
- EXPANDING NEED FOR WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE THAT CITY OF SARNIA NEEDS TO KNOW IN ORDER TO PROPERLY ACCOMMODATE
- CHIPPEWA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT LIMITED (CIDL) – THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP FOR AFN INITIATED THE APPLICATION TO THE FCM-CIPP
EXPLANATION OF THE FCM-CIPP PROGRAM – PROCESS FOLLOWED

• THE FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM IS A FUNDED PROGRAM TO HELP PARTNER MUNICIPALITIES AND FIRST NATIONS WORK TOGETHER TO ESTABLISH SERVICING AGREEMENTS

• DECEMBER 2014 – AFN AND COS SELECTED AS 1 OF 6 PARTNERSHIPS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INITIATIVE

• AS PART OF THE PROGRAM FCM PROVIDES WORKSHOPS, WEBINARS AND MEETINGS WITH COS AND AFN AND PROVIDE A SERIES OF TOOLS, RESOURCES AND EXPERTISE

• SET A ONE YEAR DEADLINE TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF A FINALIZED AND SIGNED SERVICING AGREEMENT
EXPLANATION OF THE FCM-CIPP PROGRAM – PROCESS FOLLOWED

• FEBRUARY 10, 2015 – FIRST WORKSHOP HOSTED BY AFN
  • KICK OFF MEETING FOR THE PROCESS
  • ICEBREAKER, GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER
  • TALK ABOUT CURRENT STATE OF AGREEMENTS
  • COMMON GOALS THAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACHIEVE

• OVER THE COURSE OF 2015, STAFF CHAMPIONS FROM AFN AND COS HELD APPROXIMATELY 8 WORKING MEETING TO NEGOTIATE AND DRAFT THE NEW WATER AND SEWER SERVICING AGREEMENT

• DECEMBER 3, 2015 – SECOND WORKSHOP HOSTED BY COS
  • PRESENT THE DRAFT SERVICING AGREEMENT
  • PRESENT THE DRAFT COOPERATION PROTOCOL
  • WORK TOGETHER ON ACTIVITIES RELATING TO CONFLICT RESOLUTION TO BE WORKED IN TO THE COOPERATION PROTOCOL
RESULTS OF SERVICE AGREEMENTS RENEWAL – POTENTIAL BENEFITS FOR BOTH COMMUNITIES

• COOPERATION PROTOCOL
• WATER/SEWER SERVICE AGREEMENT
• LAUNCH OF A COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP EVENT FOR THE OFFICIAL SIGNING OF THE REVISED WATER AND SEWER AGREEMENT
RESULTS OF SERVICE AGREEMENTS RENEWAL – POTENTIAL BENEFITS FOR BOTH COMMUNITIES

• POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES THAT ONE PARTNER COMMUNITY MAY HAVE ACCESS TO THAT THE OTHER DOES NOT
  • MINISTRY OF INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS
  • RECENT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS BUT ALSO FOR INVESTMENT IN FIRST NATION HEALTH AND CHILDREN
PATH FORWARD ON FUTURE SERVICE AGREEMENT

- COOPERATION PROTOCOL WILL REQUIRE REGULAR MEETINGS OF STAFF FROM BOTH COMMUNITIES
- WORK ON RENEWAL OF OTHER EXISTING SERVICE AGREEMENTS
- LOOK TO POSSIBILITY FOR OTHER FUTURE AGREEMENTS (IE. TRANSIT)
THANK YOU!

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