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Pathways to Technology

a First Nations Connectivity Program

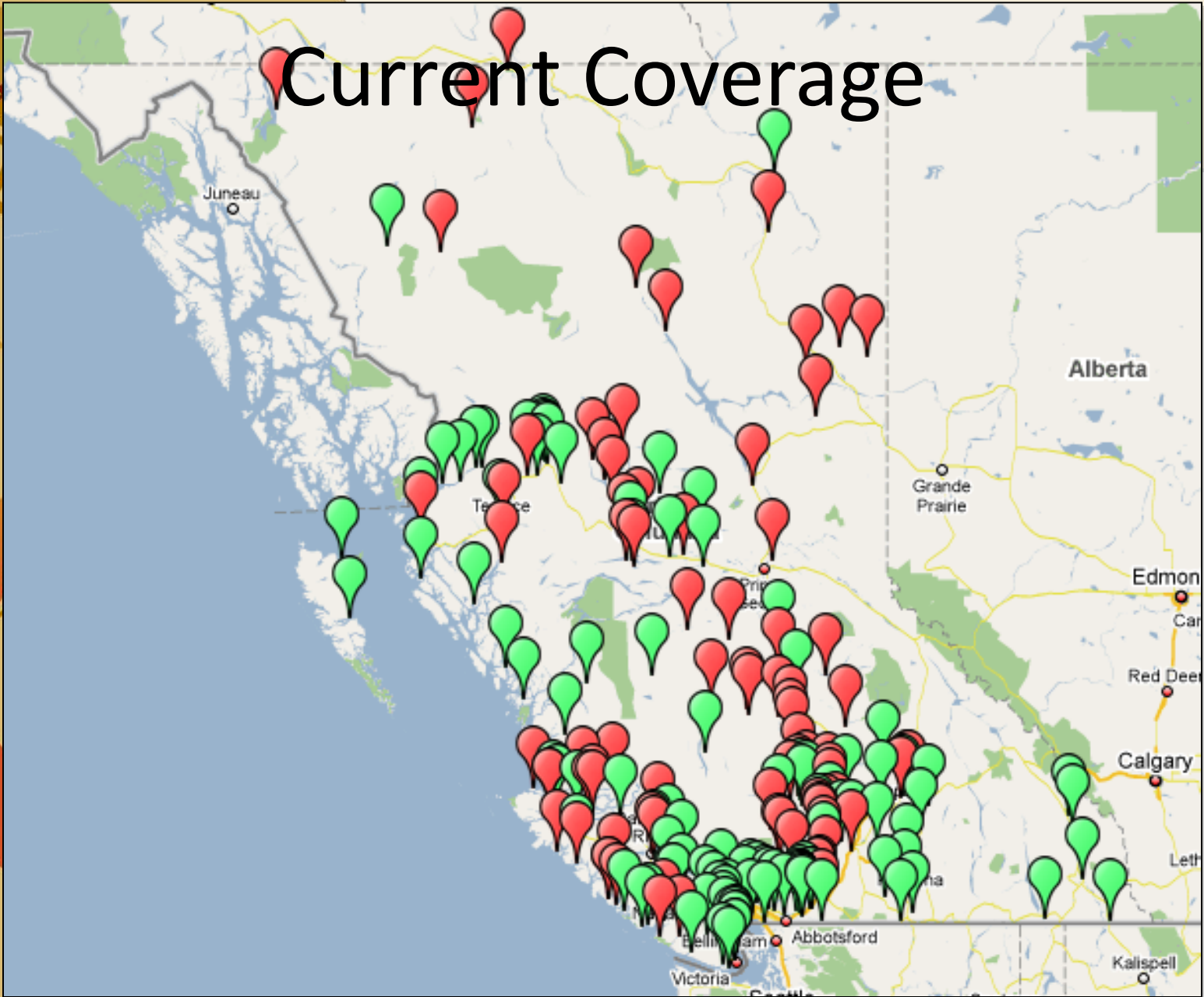




The Goal

- Reliable high-speed Internet access for ALL 203 First Nation Communities in BC
- recognized as a high priority by a number of organizations:
 - the First Nations Leadership Council;
 - the Premier’s Technology Council; and
 - the Province of BC in the Transformative Change Accord

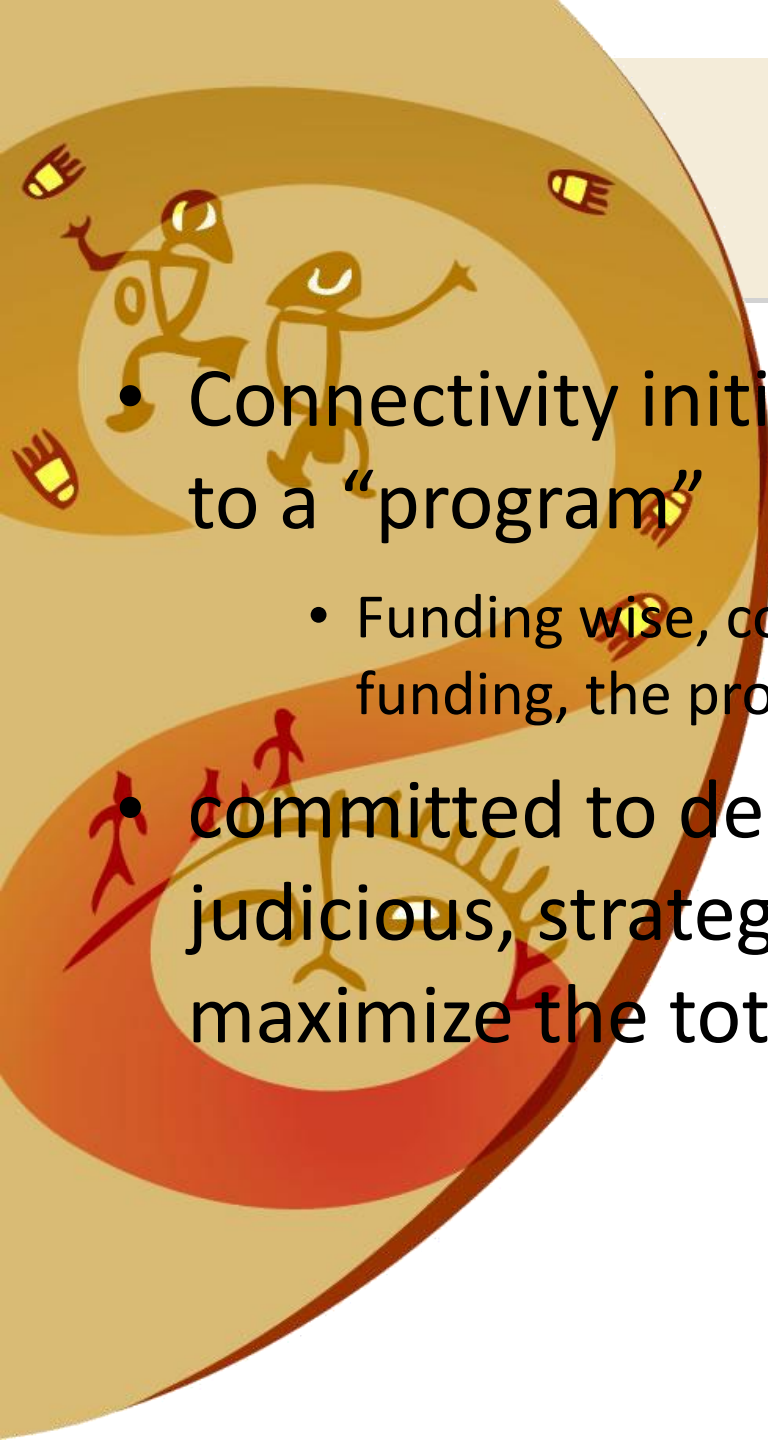
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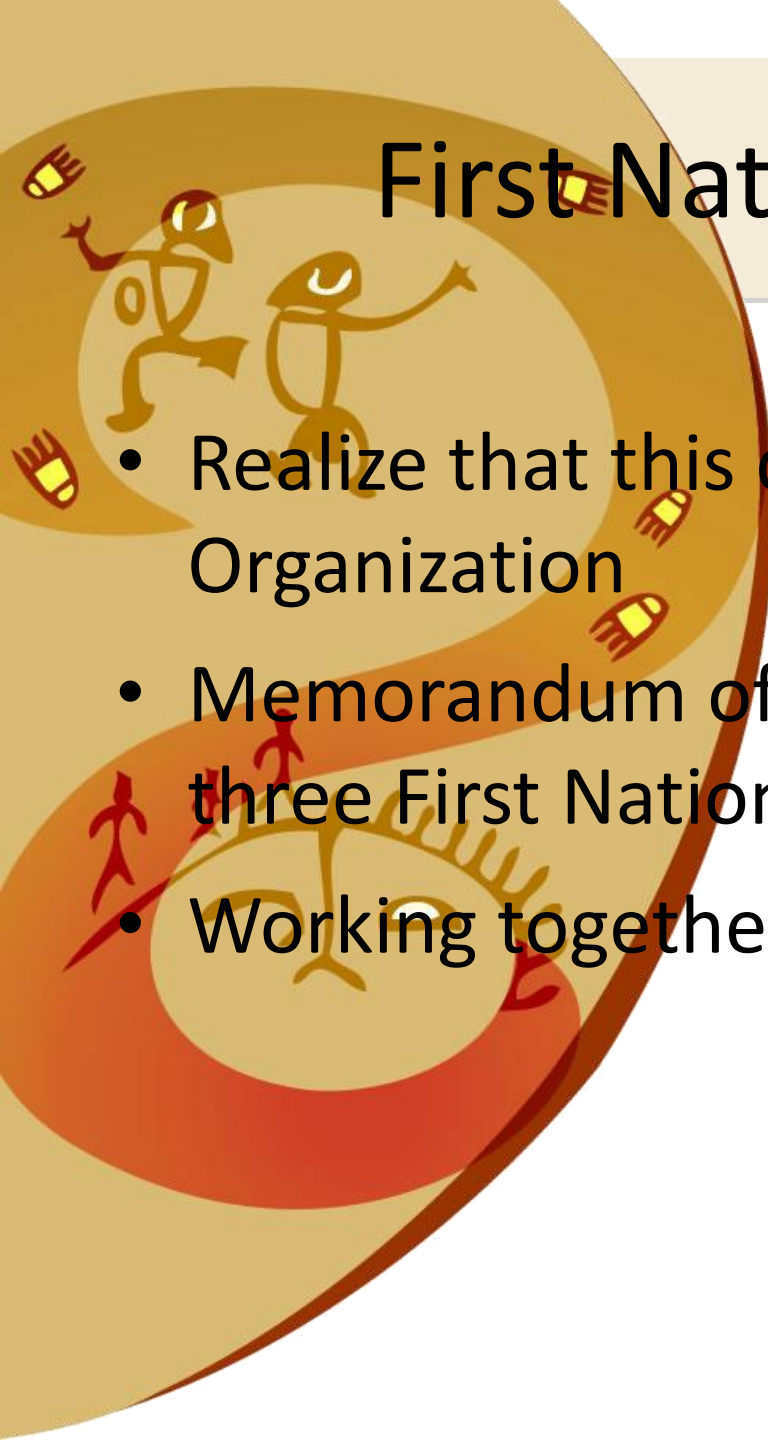




Background

- current commitment of \$40.8m
 - \$5m for Capacity Building
 - \$38.5m for Connectivity (Transport/Last Mile)
- current funding for this large and complex initiative is not sufficient to provide broadband connectivity to all 203 First Nations.

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- Connectivity initiative is a project, as opposed to a “program”
 - Funding wise, communities wont need to apply for funding, the project will come to them.
 - committed to deploying the funds in a judicious, strategic manner in order to maximize the total “spend.”



First Nations Partnership

- Realize that this can't be done by a single Organization
- Memorandum of Understanding between the three First Nations Organizations
- Working together to maximize ROI



FNHC



ANTCO

FNTC



The background features a large, stylized graphic on the left side. It consists of several overlapping circular and oval shapes in shades of orange, yellow, and red. Inside these shapes are various stylized human figures in different colors (yellow, red, orange) and poses, some appearing to be dancing or in motion. There are also some abstract symbols, like a hand holding a torch or a similar object. The overall style is reminiscent of traditional African art or modern African-inspired design.

All Nations Trust Company

- monies have been granted to ANTCO
- registered under the Financial Institutions Act
- 25 year successful track record
- Key Role:
 - Overall financial management responsibilities
 - Lead on the connectivity initiative
 - Administrative leadership and support to both initiatives.



First Nations Technology Council

- working to ensure all FN Communities have access to broadband, technical support and ability to build internal capacity
- established in 2002
- Key Role:
 - Lead on the Capacity Building Initiative
 - Provide technical and advisory services for both initiatives
 - Lead role to implement a project communication strategy



First Nations Health Council

- support FN Communities to realize their health aspirations and priorities
- established in 2007
- tasked to implement the Tripartite First Nations Health Plan
- Key Role:
 - Leader and team member on all technical aspects as they relate to First Nations eHealth
 - Provide leadership and support for both initiatives



Steering Committee

- First Nations Connectivity and Capacity Building Steering committee
 - formed in August 2008 to assist ANTCO in the delivery of the initiatives

Members

- FNTC
- FNHC
- ANTCO

Advisory Group

- Network BC (NWBC)
- Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (MARR)
- Health Canada
- First Nations Leadership Council liaison



Steering Committee

- Meet on a monthly basis
- Review work to date, work moving forward
- Ensures continuity and transparency



Where are we at?

- Request for Information from ISP's
- Communications Strategy
 - Pathways to Technology Website
 - Project Overview, Updates, Google Map
- Looking at other opportunities for Funding
 - First Nations Infrastructure Fund
 - Industry Canada Broadband Program
 - Deferral Account



Request for Information from Interested ISP's

- How do we engage the Regional ISP's in the Province?
 - realize that we can't do this without them
 - currently cover most of the province
- Purpose
 - what's the current coverage look like?
 - what's the interest look like to service First Nations Communities?
 - are there gaps in the province?



Proposed Project Roadmap

- Complete process to engage ISP's
 - Request for Proposal?
 - Other?
 - How do the actual First Nations Communities play a part in this?
- Engagement process

What will it look like?

Stakeholder Engagement

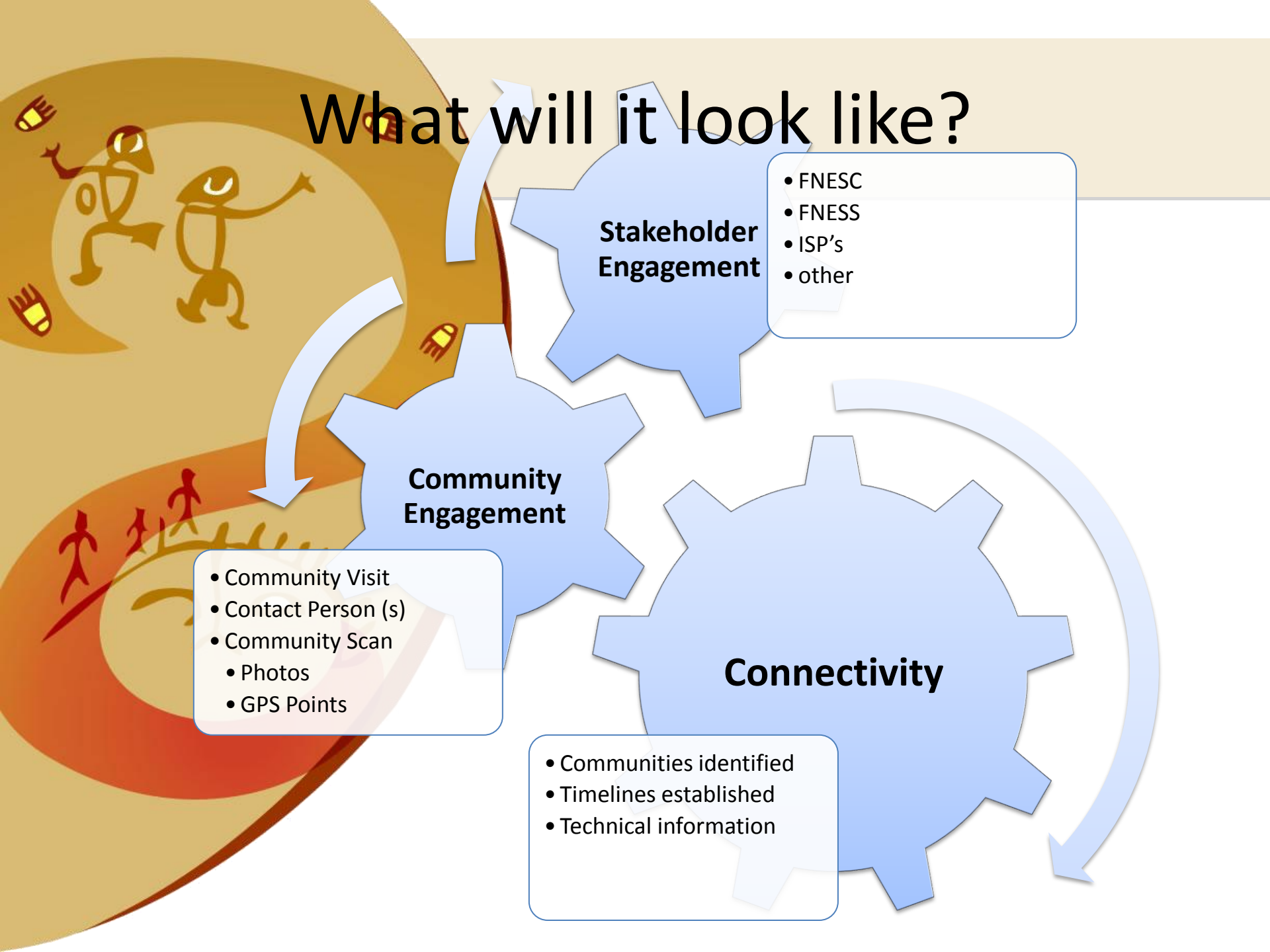
- FNEESC
- FNESS
- ISP's
- other

Community Engagement

- Community Visit
- Contact Person (s)
- Community Scan
 - Photos
 - GPS Points

Connectivity

- Communities identified
- Timelines established
- Technical information





Questions?

More information

www.pathwaystotechnology.ca

