

Requests to Federal Agencies and Departments for the Regional Assessment in the Ring of Fire Area from the Regional Assessment Working Group – Package 1

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HICC Response

Table 2. Requests to Federal Agencies and Departments

#	<i>Targeted recipient(s)</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Request</i>
1	All	Projects and Initiatives relevant for the Ring of Fire Area	<p>a) Provide a list of the projects and initiatives in which you are involved in that relate to the Ring of Fire Assessment Area. For each item, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Project name, description and timeframe ii. Lead organization iii. Other collaborators iv. Your role v. Geographic location (include maps if available) <p>b) Explain if and how Indigenous Nations and communities in the Ring of Fire Area collaborated in these projects and initiatives.</p> <p>c) Would you be willing to give a public presentation about any of these initiatives to the working group, and if so which ones?</p> <p>(See attached Table 1.0 for summary of HICC projects in the ROF Assessment Area)</p>

			Refer to HICC mapping tool for geographic locations: Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada - Housing and Infrastructure Project Map
2	All	Priority topics identified by the Working Group – Information and Gaps	<p>In the Call for Information and Data, the Working Group identified key priorities for information gathering and gap identification at this time. Table 3 reflects these key priorities.</p> <p>Referring to the priorities and issues listed in Table 3, based on your expertise, provide advice on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the best sources of existing data, including means to access it, adequate spatial and temporal boundaries to assess impacts, key indicators to describe potential impacts, known data gaps or uncertainties, and suggestions for studies or other ways to fill those gaps. <p>N/A</p>
7	ISC, CMHC, HICC	Homelands and Reservations, and Housing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Share what you know about housing and infrastructure trends in the assessment area, such as rates of overcrowding, waitlists for adequate housing, housing in need of repair, and housing deficits. Municipalities and service organizations collect this data and share with HICC. This information is best provided by those organizations directly. Describe the federal initiatives that support housing for community members in the assessment area, and elaborate on the future of these initiatives. More information on HICC funding programs can be found here: Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada - Funding programs

Canada's Housing Plan Programs and Initiatives: [Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada - Canada's Housing Plan: Programs and initiatives](#)

- c) Identify all mechanisms available to communities in the assessment area to expand their reserves to address growing populations and infrastructure demands related to potential development (not limited to the Addition to Reserve process). **N/A**
- d) Based on your experience, share lessons learned and best practices on how Indigenous communities can enhance use of their homelands to build local capacity while also enhancing local economic activities (including traditional activities).

Several First Nations have taken on, or are seeking revenue-generating/economic development activities related to housing both on and off reserve.

- This includes First Nation-affiliated housing developers that are creating housing on land recently designated under the additions to reserve process, such as the Sen'ákw project by Nch'kaý (Squamish Nation), which will create 6000+ rental properties in downtown Vancouver. Others are developing off reserve or in communities outside of their own, for example, the Chiniki Group of Companies' real estate activities (Chiniki First Nation), which have included housing developments.
- Some First Nations are investing in or creating construction businesses, including for modular and prefabricated housing. An example local to this impact assessment is Constance Lake First Nation, which is aiming to leverage its location and access to forestry resources to develop a prefabricated homes business to serve First Nations in Northern Ontario.

*Specific communities and initiatives noted here are examples of what we have seen/heard from First Nations through engagement and our

			own research, and are not necessarily currently funded through the HICC portfolio.
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Table 1.0 Past and Present HICC Funded Projects for Indigenous Communities within RoF Regional Assessment Area

Past and Present HICC Funded Projects for Indigenous Communities within the RoF Regional Assessment Area			
HICC Program Name	Indigenous Community	Project Name	Project Status
Clean Water and Wastewater Fund	Aroland First Nation	Aroland First Nation Sewage Lagoons Remediation	Completed
Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program	Aroland First Nation	Aroland First Nation Elder's Lodge	In Progress
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	Aroland First Nation	Aroland First Nation Portable Classroom	In Progress
Clean Water and Wastewater Fund	Attawapiskat First Nation	Repairs and upgrades to Sewage Lagoon	In Progress
Clean Water and Wastewater Fund	Attawapiskat First Nation	Repairs and Upgrades at Water Treatment Plant	In Progress
Clean Water and Wastewater Fund	Attawapiskat First Nation	Repairs and upgrades at Sewage Lift Station	Completed
Clean Water and Wastewater Fund	Attawapiskat First Nation	Repairs and upgrades at Sewage Pumping Station	Completed
Clean Water and Wastewater Fund	Constance Lake First Nation	Feasibility study and detailed design for optimizing seasonal lagoons discharge.	Completed
Clean Water and Wastewater Fund	Constance Lake First Nation	Seasonal wastewater lagoon optimization	Completed
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	Constance Lake First Nation	Constance Lake HVAC and Washroom retrofit	Completed
Clean Water and Wastewater Fund	Eabametoong First Nation	Sewage Lift Station Expansion	Completed
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	Eabametoong First Nation	Eabametoong First Nation Portable Classroom	In Progress
Clean Water and Wastewater Fund	Fort Albany First Nation	Repairs and Upgrades at Water Treatment Plant	Completed
Clean Water and Wastewater Fund	Ginoogaming First Nation	Feasibility study and assessment of water distribution and sewage collection system at the Ginoogaming First Nation	Completed
Clean Water and Wastewater Fund	Ginoogaming First Nation	Capital purchasing of new and/or replacement of equipment for optimizing the water losses and high inflow/infiltration issues from	Completed
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	Ginoogaming First Nation	Ginoogaming Classroom/Washroom Renovations	Completed
Clean Water and Wastewater Fund	Long Lake First Nation	Permanent Back up power to sewage lift stations	Completed
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	Long Lake First Nation	Long Lake #58 First Nation Portable Classroom	Completed
Clean Water and Wastewater Fund	Marten Falls First Nation	Wastewater Lift Station Repairs and Upgrades	Completed
Clean Water and Wastewater Fund	Moose Cree First Nation	Moose Factory Sewage Lagoon Upgrade	Completed
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	Moose Cree First Nation	Moose Cree Sewage System Rehabilitation	Completed
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	Moose Cree First Nation	Reconstruction of the Moose Cree Water Treatment Plant	In Progress
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	Neskantaga First Nation	Neskantaga Community Recreation Centre	Pre-Construction
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	Neskantaga First Nation	Neskantaga First Nation Portable Classroom	Completed
Clean Water and Wastewater Fund	Nibinamik First Nation	Wastewater Lagoon Design	Completed
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	Nibinamik First Nation	Rehabilitation of Nibinamik Lagoon Sewage Treatment Lagoon and Collection Systems	In Progress
Clean Water and Wastewater Fund	Webequie First Nation	Back Up Generator for the Wastewater Treatment Facility	Completed
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	Webequie First Nation	Webequie First Nation Portable Classroom	Pre-Construction
Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program	Weenusk First Nation	Sewage Pumping Station Rehabilitation	Completed