



Anishinaabe Governance is... **FISCAL OVERVIEW**

MORE MONEY

- Increased funding for much of the work we're already doing in our First Nations (governance) plus money to support language and culture development.

LANGUAGE & CULTURE

- The *Anishinabek Nation Fiscal Agreement* will provide more money to design laws and programs that will increase use of traditional language. Use of the Ojibway language is very low and likely to disappear in most Anishinabek First Nations, if it hasn't already.*
- The *Anishinabek Nation Fiscal Agreement* will provide more money to strengthen the use of our language and to learn more about traditional ways of governing ourselves (Clan-Dodemaag System). The number of Ojibway speakers in Anishinabek First Nations has declined by 60% in the last 20 years.**
- Building on Anishinabek traditions and culture will promote identity and unity. The *Anishinabek Nation Fiscal Agreement* will provide more money to make laws to promote and protect cultural practices such as ceremonies.

Sources

*Source: Pg 70. *Anishinabek Nation Socio-Demographic Profile*; Jeremy Hull, Prological Research Inc. Stewart Clatworthy, Four Directions Project Consultants. July 20, 2018.

**Source: Pg 5. *Anishinabek Nation Socio-Demographic Profile*; Jeremy Hull, Prological Research Inc. Stewart Clatworthy, Four Directions Project Consultants. July 20, 2018.

CITIZENSHIP

- Funding will support First Nations to decide who their citizens are and what responsibilities will come with that citizenship.
- Control of citizenship (currently known as "membership") by First Nations means the ability to negotiate future agreements using citizenship instead of "Indian Status" as the basis for funding. This is the first step towards eliminating the divisive and discriminative influence of "status" in our lives.

GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP SELECTION

- Money will flow to First Nations through the central Anishinabek Nation Government. But the central government cannot hold back any funding.
- There will be more money for band support funding, band employee benefits, registry events and Indian Registry Administrators.
- The *Anishinabek Nation Fiscal Agreement* provides flexibility in how the money is spent with accountability to First Nations Citizens.
- There will be funding to support, if First Nations desire, synchronized elections and longer Chief and Council terms. That will create stability and allow more time for leaders to complete important work.
- Own Source Revenue (OSR) to remain in a moratorium indefinitely.