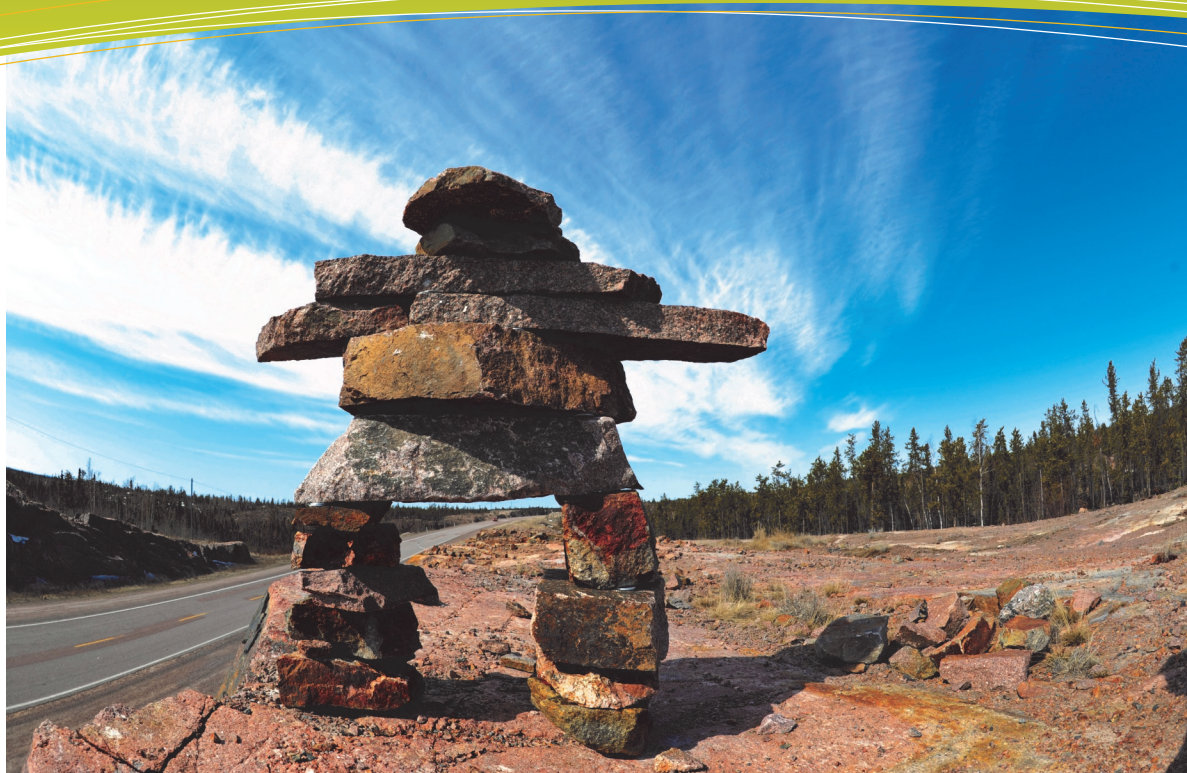


# Informed and Engaged Communities

## PLANNING SMART MANAGEMENT PRACTICES



### Integrated Community Sustainability Plans

Keeping communities informed and engaged can take time and effort, but it is important.

A variety of suggestions are provided in order to assist communities with keeping the public able to participate in the ICSPs.

Can we help you with your Integrated Community Sustainability Plan?

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### **Some Ideas for ensuring that you reach as many residents as possible include:**

- Celebrate the end of projects by organizing an event to show your success
- Use Bulletin Boards in public places to track progress on projects and action items
- Use Community Newsletters to show progress and successes as well as highlighting your vision and goals
- Use Community Feasts to highlight your vision, goals and information on projects—posters and verbal combinations work well
- Have an annual Open House and include lunch (or a café) include a graffiti wall—especially useful for youth and students
- Have a Hamlet/Band office drop in—tea, coffee and hot chocolate to view the vision, strategies and actions and provide input
- Make special efforts to include the youth and elders in events—ask them to be part of organizing the event
- Go to the schools and engage the students—inform them about the vision and goals and get input. Try to have contests and challenges
- Encourage child care and traditional and/or nutritious food for community events
- Listen and provide feedback opportunities at all events
- Use public places to show the vision and goals and to receive input i.e. library, recreation centre, post office, health centre, hamlet office, band office, school and even outside places
- Seek out ideas from other communities who had positive information and consultation events

### **MACA and NWTAC can help you by:**

- Providing materials and templates for tracking progress
- Providing information from other communities
- Assist with incorporating feedback and making adjustments to Plans and projects using the public input.
- Providing support, ideas and best practices
- Helping to facilitate meetings and workshops