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# Exploration of MMAHB Enhanced Co-management

Update to All Chiefs and Council  
September 28<sup>st</sup>, 2011

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MMAHB Evaluation Steering Committee

# Purpose

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- Update on Resolution #2011-009 which directed APC staff to work with FNIH to explore options for enhancing MMAHB co-management
- Engaged Health Directors (HDs), Health Techs (HTs) and Health Advisory Committees (HACs) over the summer on their perspectives
- Sought support from MMAHB on next steps
- Updating All Chiefs and Council

# Update on the Resolution

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## *February- May:*

- Reviewed literature on Co-management (CM)
- Collected info on alternative models in Canada
- Worked with FNIH's directors to identify preliminary perspectives on bringing more decisions regarding FNIH's resources to the MMAHB table. FNIH identified:
  - Guiding principles, pre-conditions, and
  - Areas of decision making that could be newly shared, shared more consistently, or could not be shared.
- Steering Committee agreed to discuss the “preliminary perspectives” with First Nations reps & seek FN views

# CON'T...Work to Date

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## ***June – September (FN engagement):***

- Engagement session with Health Directors (June 8<sup>th</sup>)
- Follow-up survey with Health Directors (July)
- Engagement session with HACs (August-September)
- Update session with Health Directors (Sep 14)
- Update to the MMAHB (Sept 21)

# Summary of What we heard from HD, HT and HACs

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- Re: Guiding principles
  - no concerns expressed
- Re: Pre-conditions
  - Suspect that it is unlikely that agreement can be had on mutual goals given the current MMAHB structure & operating practices
  - Politics, government bureaucracy, lack of funding, & competing agendas are barriers to all three pre-conditions
- Re: Areas of Decision Making
  - Communities not likely to agree to a pooling of the annual “Indian Envelope” increments for MMAHB to allocate.

# Next Steps

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- Recommended to MMAHB that the Evaluation Steering Committee continue to explore enhanced co-management by but
  - limit its scope to those areas of decision making that MMAHB and its sub-committees are already part of, albeit currently inconsistently and not systematically
  - also further develop the principles.
  - Approved by the MMAHB at the Sept 21 meeting
- Bring an update to All Chiefs & Councils on Sep 28
- Present concept model to MMAHB in January