

Improving Indigenous Infrastructure Outcomes

An Introduction to the First Nations Infrastructure Institute
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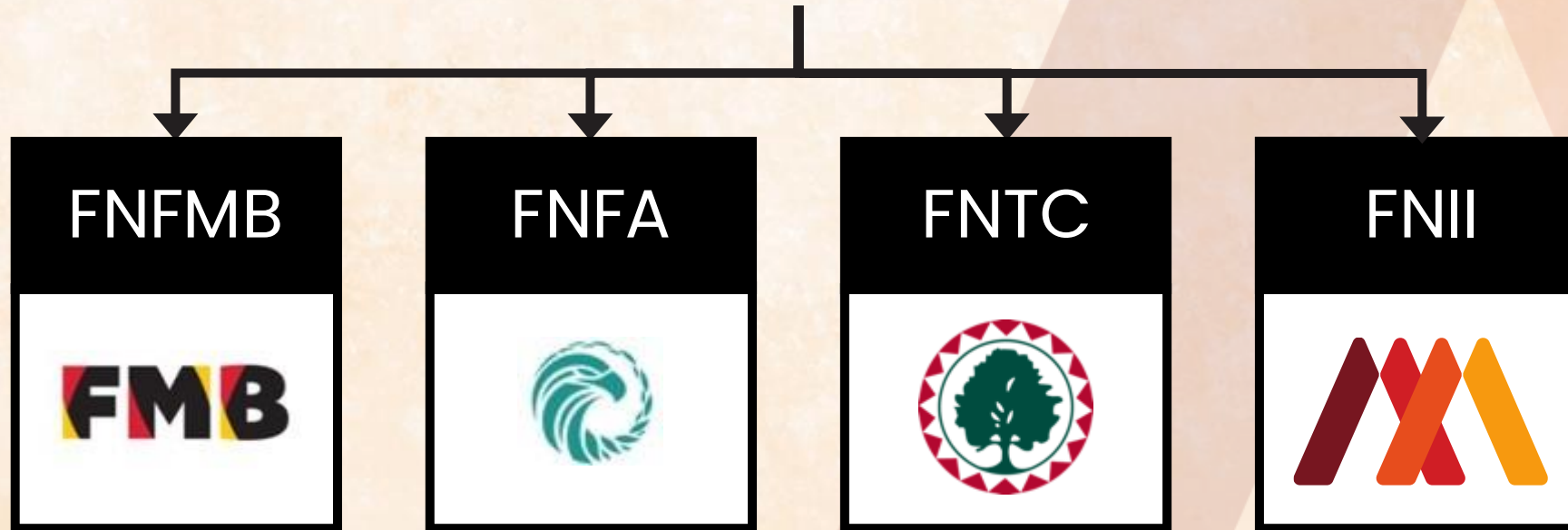
“FNII has been designed to build on the successes of the FMA model. It will also be optional to all First Nations. The First Nations and Indigenous organizations that choose to work with FNII will be able to use standardized best practices to plan, procure, own and manage their infrastructure projects.”



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A Fourth Institution

First Nations Fiscal Management Act



Working Together



First Nation



Indigenous organization



FNII



External advisors



Project Team



Project Development



Knowledge Transfer



Project Delivery



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FNII SUPPORTED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING 1

(RECREATION,
EDUCATION,
ADMINISTRATION,
OTHER)

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING 2

(HEALTH, CHILD
AND FAMILY
SERVICES, OTHER)

INDUSTRY

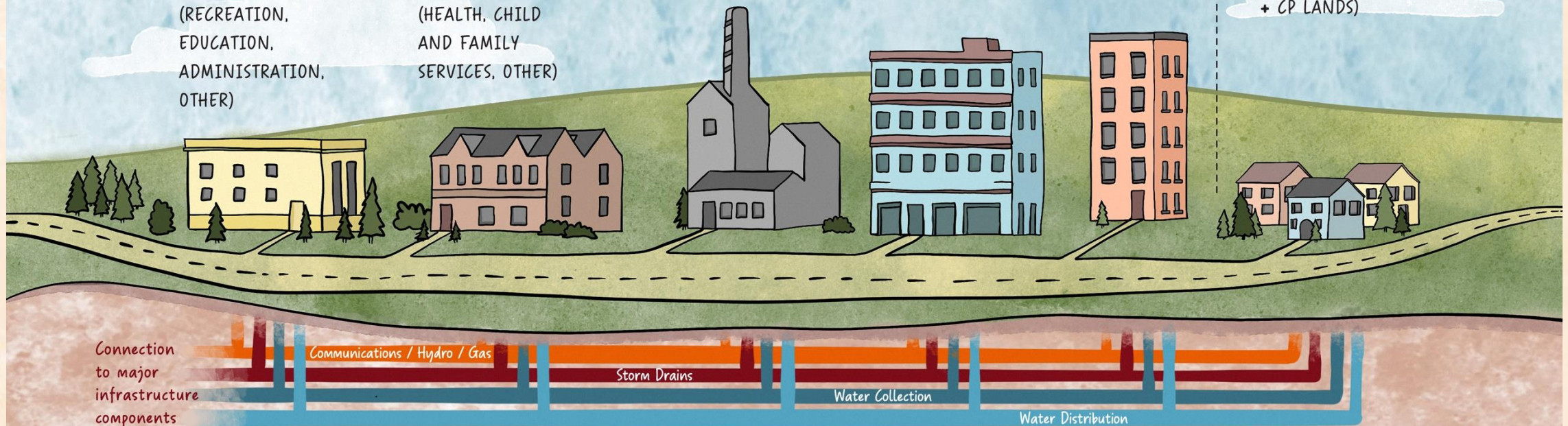
(ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON LEASED COMMUNITY +/- CP LANDS)

COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES

MARKET HOUSING

MEMBER HOUSING

(ON COMMUNITY
+ CP LANDS)



MAJOR OFF-SITE INFRASTRUCTURE COMPONENTS

TRANSPORTATION

(ROADS, SIDEWALKS, TRAILS)

STORM WATER/ DRAINAGE

(DETENTION PONDS)

WATER

(SUPPLY, TREATMENT,
DISTRIBUTION, STORAGE
RESERVOIRS)

WASTEWATER

(COLLECTION, TREATMENT,
DISPOSAL)

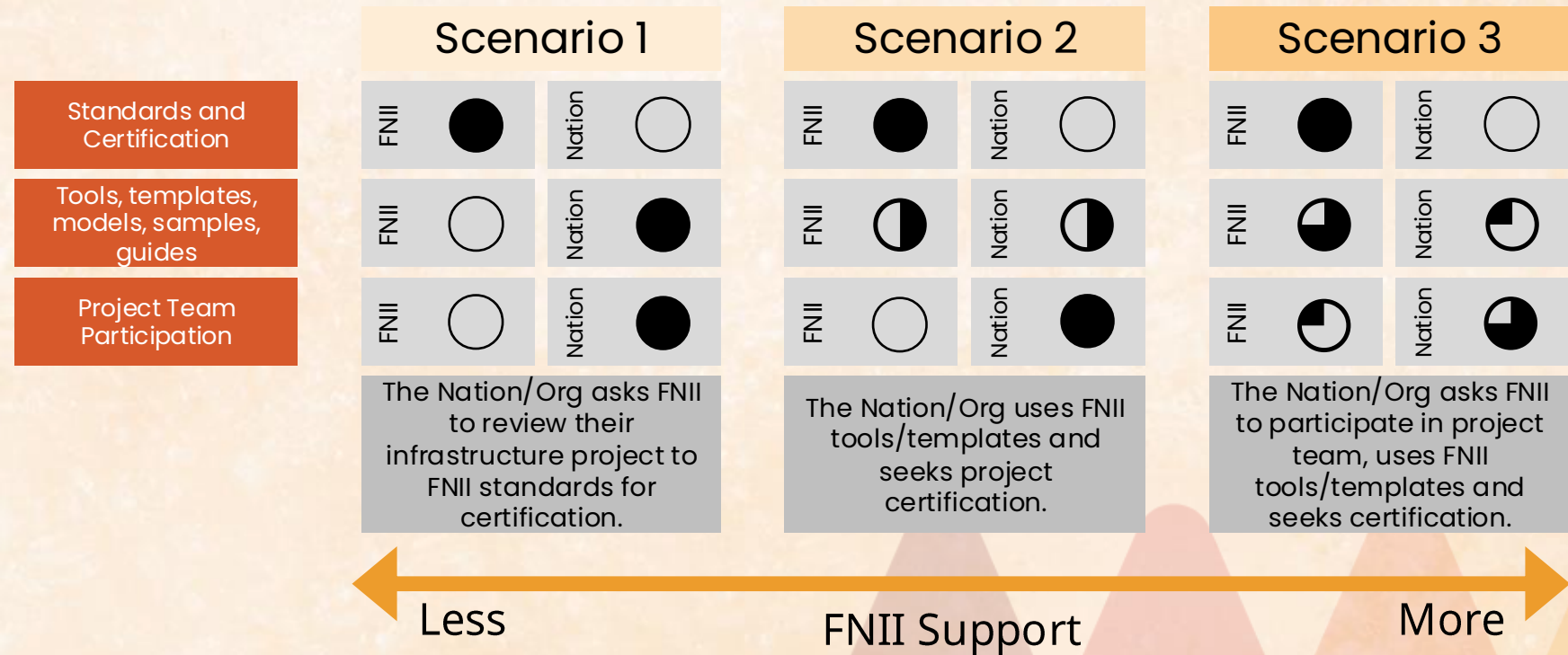
OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE

(SOLID WASTE, ENERGY SUPPLY,
TELECOMMUNICATIONS)

FNII Process



Scenarios for FNII Support



In summary

What FNII is	What FNII is not
• An Indigenous-led institute to support First Nations and Indigenous organizations develop projects on time and on budget • Capacity developer • Technical support / advisory services • Complementary body to existing Indigenous-led institutions established by First Nations Fiscal Management Act • Supports due diligence on monies invested in infrastructure	• Not a funding body • Not an engineering, architectural firm • Not a contractor or builder • Not an operator of infrastructure project • Not an owner • Not a decision maker • Not replacing other groups or stakeholders (Tribal Council, Provincial or Territorial Organization, Technical bodies)



Thank You!

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