OUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO CLOSE SOCIO-ECONOMIC GAPS BETWEEN INDIGENOUS AND NON-INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

CORE INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC SUCCESS

**EMPLOYMENT**
- Ensure community workforce plans are informed by local employment needs of businesses so students can target education plans accordingly

**INCOME**
- Increase training and internship opportunities for employees to increase their earning potential in higher income occupations

**COMMUNITY WELL-BEING**
- Co-develop a broad dashboard of well-being outcomes to reflect mutually agreed-upon metrics (health, culture, environment, language)

UNDERLYING INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC SUCCESS

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**
- Enhance business services and raise awareness of funding supports and programs
- Provide access to skills training for new business owners
- Fund Aboriginal Financial Institutions to ensure entrepreneurs are able to access capital

**INFRASTRUCTURE**
- Bring advanced connectivity to Northern and remote communities
- Continue and expand investment in housing

**EDUCATION**
- Improve on-reserve education systems
- Develop bridging programs to help students wanting to upgrade from college to university
- Invest in distance education programs
- Expand and continue scholarship funding

**GOVERNANCE**
- Examine needs and opportunities aimed at urban Indigenous populations
- Support governance and financial management training and certification

**LANDS AND RESOURCES**
- Increase resources to the Additions to Reserve program to expedite applications

**GENDER, YOUTH AND IDENTITY GROUP**

**GENDER**
- Develop or adjust policy and programs to improve educational outcomes for men and employment/income outcomes for women

**FIRST NATIONS**
- Ensure distinctions-based approach to program and policy development
- Focus on better data collection and assessment of policy measures that stimulate economic development

**INUIT**
- Promote Indigenous entrepreneurship amongst youth
- Create urban Indigenous healing and employment hubs
- Create an alumni fund to enable mentorship

**MÉTIS**

**YOUTH**
- Support governance and financial management training and certification
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