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Session: Panel Discussion 2

Working Together to Support Each Other

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Population Growth Strategy Planning Conference Northwest
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**Anishinabek Employment** and Training Services

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#### **Discussion Items**

- Creating a Culture of Learning and Inclusion
- Overview/Regional Map
- Indigenous Skills and Employment Training (ISET) Program Agreement Holders
- Client Based Programs and Services
- Project Based Programs/Employer Services
- Partnership Highlights & Examples:
  - Service Delivery Enhancement Partnership with the Thunder Bay Public Library
  - Sector Based Training Initiatives Past and Present
- Collaboration Highlights:
  - Supercom
  - Continuing Education and Aboriginal Leadership Program
  - Labour Market Information (LMI) Pilot Project
  - Indigenous Works Inclusion Continuum and upcoming Workplace Inclusion Event
- Contact Information









# **Welcome Mural Wall Guide – 20 Languages**

- Anishinaabe Ojibwe (Hello)
- Anishinaabe Ojibwe (Greetings)
- Cree
- Michif
- Mohawk
- Inuktitut

- English
- Arabic
- French
- Mandarin
- Italian
- Urdu
- Spanish
- Punjabi
- Filipino
- Ukrainian
- Portuguese
- German
- Polish
- Finnish



# **Creating a Culture of Learning and Inclusion**





#### Creating a Culture of Learning and Inclusion...cont'd

- The Aboriginal Population in Canada is young and growing:
  - Total Aboriginal population in 2016: 1,673,785
     (4.9% of Canada's total population)
  - Growth (2006 to 2016) **+42.5%**
  - Average age: 32.1 years
     (almost a decade younger than the non-Aboriginal population)





## Creating a Culture of Learning and Inclusion...cont'd

- Top 6 Ontario Census Metropolitan Areas (CMA) and Census Agglomerations by Aboriginal identity, 2016:
  - Toronto: 46,315
  - Ottawa-Gatineau: 38,115
  - Greater Sudbury: 15,695
  - Thunder Bay: 15,075
  - Hamilton: 14,445
  - London: 12,070



#### Creating a Culture of Learning and Inclusion...cont'd

- Top 15 CMA and Census Agglomerations by Aboriginal identity, Canada, 2016:
  - Winnipeg: 92,810
  - Edmonton: 76,205
  - Vancouver: 61,455
  - Toronto: 46,315
  - Calgary: 41,645
  - Ottawa-Gatineau: 38,115, Montreal: 34,745, Saskatoon: 31,350
  - Regina: 21,650
  - Victoria: 17,245
  - Halifax: 15,815
  - Greater Sudbury: 15,695
  - Thunder Bay: 15,075
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#### **Overview**

- Established in 1997 and Incorporated in 2009
- Assisted First Nation Citizens for over 23+ years to stay in or re-enter the labour force
- Acted as a Local Delivery Mechanism (LDM) under another Indigenous Skills Employment Training (ISET) Agreement Holder until July 1, 2019
- Approved as a stand alone <u>ISET Agreement Holder</u> with Canada as of July 2, 2019
- 1 of 22 ISET Agreement Holders in Ontario, under a 10 year program with Service Canada to improve:
  - skills levels, and
  - employment outcomes
- Offers direct programs and services connecting education to training to employment solutions for 9 member First Nation Communities (within the North Superior Region) which represents approximately 8,500 First Nation Citizens





#### Overview...con't

- Delivers employment and training services and programs for the First Nation Citizens who are from the following communities and beyond:
  - Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek (Lake Nipigon Ojibway)
  - Biigtigong Nishnaabeg (Pic River First Nation)
  - Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek (Rocky Bay First Nation)
  - Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (Sand Point First Nation)
  - Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay First Nation)
  - Michipicoten First Nation
  - Netmizaaggamig Nishnaabeg (Pic Mobert First Nation)
  - Pays Plat First Nation
  - Red Rock Indian Band



## **Regional Map**





## Indigenous Skills and Employment Training (ISET) Program Agreement Holders –

Northwestern Ontario Link: <a href="https://www.aets.org/nw-ontario-aseta-holders">https://www.aets.org/nw-ontario-aseta-holders</a>

- 7 Northwestern Ontario Regional ISETA Holders:
  - Anishinabek Employment and Training Services
  - Anishinabek Nation (Union of Ontario Indians)
  - Kiikenomaga Kikenjigewen Employment & Training Services (KKETS)
  - Metis Nation of Ontario (MNO)
  - Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres (i.e.: Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre)
  - Shooniyaa Wa-Biitong (Grand Council Treaty # 3)
  - Sioux Lookout Area Aboriginal Management Board (SLAAMB)
- 22 Ontario ISET Program Agreement Holders in Ontario
- 110 distinct based ISET Program Agreement Holders in Canada





#### **Programs**

- Course Purchases and Allowances
- Disability Supports
- Employment Maintenance & Upskilling
- Employment Start-Up
- Feepayor
- Mobility Assistance
- Pre-Employment Supports
- Relocation/Moving Expenses
- Self-Employment Benefits
- Wage Subsidy

#### <u>Services</u>

- Career Planning
- Continuing Education Assistance
- Cover Letter & Resumes
- Driver's License Assistance
- Employment Advising
- Job Search Strategies
- Leadership Training
- Resource Centre Access
- Training Initiatives
- Workshops



Client Based...



#### **Project Based...**

#### **Programs**

- Delivery Assistance
- Disability Supports
- Group Course Purchase
- Job Creation Partnership
- Job Development
- Project-Based Training
- Self-Employment Benefits
- Wage Subsidy
- Workplace Based Training



#### **Employer Services...**



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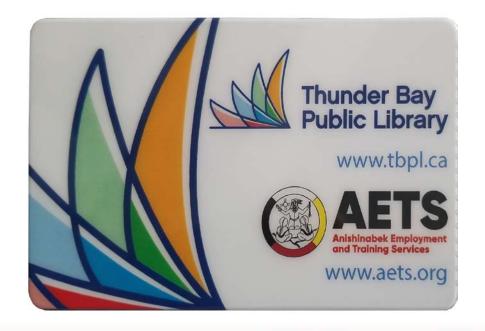
#### **Partnership Highlights**

- Partnerships with...
  - Businesses
  - Trade Unions
  - Non-profit Organizations
  - other Local Delivery Mechanism's (LDM's)/ISET Agreement Holders
  - Municipal Governments
  - Educational Institutions
- Collaborations with...
  - Provincial
  - Territorial Governments
  - Federal Departments





# Partnership Example: Service Delivery Enhancement Partnership with the Thunder Bay Public Library (TBPL)





# Service Delivery Enhancement Partnership...AETS in the TBPL Waverley Community Hub









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**Community Hub** 







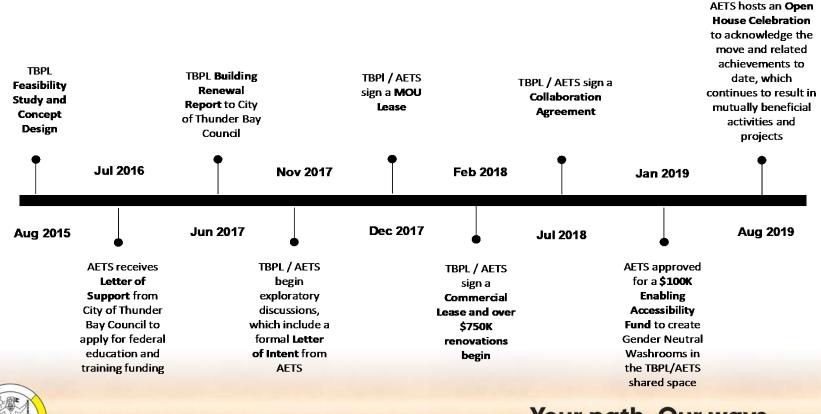
# Service Delivery Enhancement Partnership...AETS in the TBPL Waverley Community Hub

- Transformational Activities:
  - Letter of Intent
  - MOU Lease
  - Commercial Lease
  - Collaboration Agreement
    - All resulting in mutual benefits and growth to AETS and the TBPL





#### Service Delivery Enhancement Partnership...TBPL Collaboration Timeline





### Service Delivery Enhancement Partnership...AETS in the TBPL

- Strategic benefits including decolonization to:
  - Foster a safe, clean and healthy community
  - Challenge institutional and systemic racism
  - Cultivate diversity and inclusion
  - Mitigate the impact of homelessness and poverty
  - Encouragement and support
- Investment benefits:
  - Repurposed Space
  - Shared costs for staff training
  - New branding and signage





### Service Delivery Enhancement Partnership...AETS in the TBPL

- Performance benefits:
  - AETS program participation increase in more space
  - TBPL reversing a 10 year downward trend with personal visits up from 130,874 to 136,537
  - Free WiFi and Internet usage
- Service delivery benefits:
  - Shared spaces, services, equipment and a service desk
  - Elders in Residence
  - Indigenous Knowledge Centre
- Position and profile benefits:
  - Decolonization
  - Anti Racism
  - Truth & Reconciliation





#### **AETS Elder in Residence Program**

- The Elder in Residence offers support and guidance for clients continuing their education and training for careers, and is a resource for supporting client personal growth. The Elder role also includes offering teachings for clients, staff, and others that:
  - Enhance the Cultural Perspective
  - Build Relationships with both the Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Community
  - Promote Awareness of Culture and Traditions
  - Address Social and Cultural Issues
  - Provide a Mentor/Role Model
  - Promote Harmony.
- An Elder in Residence is available and can be scheduled by speaking with the AETS Administrative Assistant at 807-346-0307 or via email at aets@aets.org.





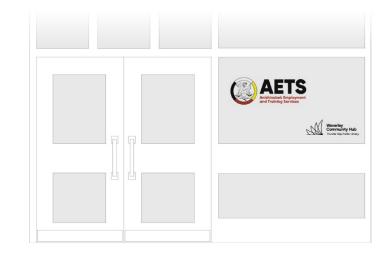
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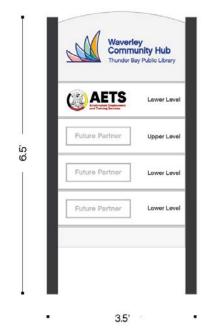
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# Service Delivery Enhancement Partnership...AETS in the TBPL Waverley Community Hub





Service Delivery Enhancement Partnership...AETS in the TBPL Waverley

**Community Hub** 





Left Side



Right Side





# Service Delivery Enhancement Partnership...AETS in the TBPL Waverley Community Hub





**Service Delivery Enhancement Partnership...AETS in the TBPL Waverley** 

**Community Hub** 







#### **Sector Based Training Initiatives - Past**

- <u>First Nations Pre-Employment and Education Pilot Project (FN-PREP)</u>
- Food Service Worker Training Program (FSW)
- PATP Construction Craft Worker Training Program (CCW) 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015
- PATP Carpentry 2019, 2018
- Summer Aboriginal Youth Business (SAYbiz) Program
- Natural Resources Training to Employment (NRTE) Program
- Mining Essentials Training
- Personal Support Worker (PSW) 2016
- Project ENABLE
- Aboriginal Apprenticeship Board of Ontario (AABO) North West Link Committee





#### **Sector Based Training Initiatives - Present**

- MINO BIMAADIZIWIN Building Innovative Pathways to Indigenous Employment
  - Education (i.e.: TOWES, PLAR, OSSD, etc...)
  - <u>Life Skills</u>, <u>Job Development Services</u>, <u>Elders In Residence Support</u>
  - <u>Dinowigehmin Aboriginal Leadership Program</u> (ALP)
  - Indigenous Workplace Inclusion: Strategies Moving Forward
  - Training to Employment Programs (Health, Construction, Energy, Forestry and Aviation Sector):
    - Recent: Aviation Technician, Driver's License, Industrial Millwrights, <u>Supercom Services</u>
       <u>Delivery Partnership</u>, Forest & Mechanized Harvesting, Sawmill Workers
    - Ongoing: Driver's License, Employment Advisor Certification, Line Crew Ground Support, Line Cutting
- Upcoming...
  - Personal Support Workers Training
  - Indigenous Entrepreneurship Program
  - PATP Carpentry 2020 & Drywall/Accoustics/Lathing Applicator 2020
  - Indigenous Workplace Inclusion Part 2, Date TBD



## **Collaboration - Supercom Service Delivery Partnership**

SUPERCOM TRAINING STRATEGY

East West Transmission Line ~ Northwestern Ontario







#### Collaboration - Supercom...cont'd

- East-West Tie Transmission Project identified in 2010 Long Term Energy Plan one of top 5 priority transmission projects
- Project needed by Ontario Power Authority to supply NW Ontario
- 230 kilovolt transmission line Wawa to Thunder Bay
- Construction involves over 1000 person years of employment
- Six Indigenous communities within project area, opportunities for training and mobilization of local Indigenous skilled workforce
- 'SuperCom' manages interests of the six communities
- Collaborative strategy Confederation College, Anishinabek Employment and Training Services (AETS) and SuperCom



## **Collaboration - Supercom East West Transmission Line**







#### **Collaboration - Continuing Education**

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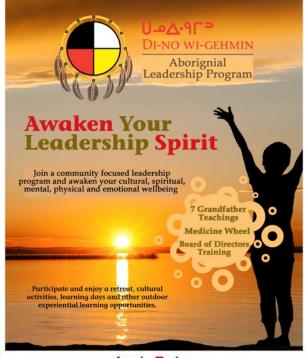
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# **Collaboration – Aboriginal Leadership Program**



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Collaboration - Labour Market Information Pilot Project - On Reserve (1 of 11 ISET's

in Canada)





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### **Collaboration - Indigenous Works Inclusion Continuum**

#### 1 - INDIFFERENCE

Inclusion is not on the radar

#### 2 - INTIMIDATION

Inclusion as forced compliance

#### 3 - IMAGE

Inclusion as public relations



#### 6 - INTEGRATION

Inclusion as a catalyst for growth

#### 5 - INCUBATION

Inclusion nurtured as a core compentency

#### 4 - INITIATION

Inclusion as a business imperative





### Collaboration - AETS's Workplace Inclusion Event Follow Up

- Northwestern Ontario Workplace Inclusion Event Part 1 Video, in cooperation with the North Superior Workforce Planning Board:
  - Part 1 Summary Link
  - Part 2 Testimonials Link
- Northwestern Ontario Workplace Inclusion Event Part 2:
  - Date TBD....before March 2021











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