

The background features a gradient from light purple at the top to light blue at the bottom. Scattered throughout are various-sized, realistic water droplets with highlights and shadows. In the center, there is a faint, circular logo that appears to be a stylized sun or a similar emblem.

# **METRO VANCOUVER ABORIGINAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

MVAEC EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE PROJECT

## MVAEC MANDATE AND MISSION

- MVAEC MANDATE IS TO ADVOCATE COLLABORATE, AND BUILD CAPACITY WITH A UNIFIED VOICE FOR URBAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF METRO VANCOUVER.
- OUR MISSION IS A UNIFIED VOICE OF 23 INDIGENOUS ORGANIZATIONS, WHO STRATEGICALLY PLAN, ADVOCATE AND POSITIVIELY INDLUENCE OUTCOMES THAT STRENGTHEN THE SERVICE DELIVERY AND POLICIES THAT IMPACT OUR METRO VANCOUVER URBAN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY.

OUR TRANSFORMATIONAL MODEL OF PEOPLE ENGAGEMENT:  
WE DEVELOPED SIX ROUNDTABLES TO MEET AND DISCUSS RELEVANT MUNICIPAL,  
REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL, AND FEDERAL ISSUES TO STRATEGICALLY ADDRESS SIX  
KEY AREAS:

TABLE 1 & 2

- CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
- ARTS, LANGUAGE & CULTURE

TABLE 3 & 4

- EDUCATION, TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT
- JUSTICE

TABLE 5 & 6

- HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS AND
- HEALTH & WELLNESS

## THE FRAMEWORK USED AT EACH TABLE IS:

### **INDIGENOUS COLLECTIVE IMPACT-(ICI)**

ICI- TO ADDRESS GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (POLICY, PROGRAMS AND SERVICE DELIVERY): THE GROUND WORK TO WORK TOGETHER- 1) A COMMON AGENDA, 2) SHARED MEASUREMENT, AND 3) MUTUALLY REINFORCING ACTIVITIES, 4) CONTINUOUS COMMUNICATION AND 5) BACKBONE SUPPORT,

### **INDIGENOUS PSYCHOLOGY OF POVERTY (POP)**

POP – ADDRESSES THE ROOT CAUSES OF INEQUITY (DECOLONIZING DEPENDENCY, ADDRESSES ROOT CAUSES AND TAKE THE DEFICIT & STRENGTH). POP COMPLEMENTS ICI BY FOCUSING ON THE DIRECT BENEFITS PROVIDED TO SERVICE USERS OF THE URBAN INDIGENOUS POPULATION ACROSS METRO VANCOUVER.

### **POTLATCH ECONOMY**

POTLATCH ECONOMY- INDIGENOUS CRITERIA FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND SUCCESS.

# MVAEC & CITY OF VANCOUVER MOU

- MVAEC & THE CITY OF VANCOUVER CALL BOTH PARTIES TO WORK:
- COOPERATIVELY AND COLLABORATIVELY,
- SEEK WAYS TO STRENGTHEN CAPACITY OF INDIGENOUS ORGANIZAITONS,
- IDENTIFY COMMON ISSUES AND PRIORITIES AND
- DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS WHICH SUPPORT PLANS OF ACTION TO ACHIEVE NEEDED CHANGE,
- ENGAGE WITH THE URBAN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY.
- ENSURE BOTH PARTIES UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER'S CAPACITIES, ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES.
- MVAECS EXISTING ROUNDTABLES ALIGN WITH THE CITY'S HEALTHY CITY STRATEGY GOALS.

## MVAEC EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE (ELCC) PROJECT:

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF VANCOUVER AND MCFD:

- MVAEC WILL LEAD A COORDINATED RESPONSE TO THE EARLY LEARNING AND CHILD CARE (ELCC) PROJECT.
- WHICH WILL INFLUENCE AND SUPPORT THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION WITHIN VANCOUVER.

## DELIVERABLES & LINKAGES:

- DESIGN & ESTABLISH AN INDIGENOUS EARLY LEARNING CHILD CARE INITIATIVE
- BUILD CAPACITY TO SUPPORT GREATER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF INDIGENOUS ELCC STAFF
- IDENTIFY NEEDS FOR MUNICIPAL AND PROVINCIAL POLICY CHANGES THAT WILL STRENGTHEN INDIGENOUS ELCC PROGRAMING
- PERFORM AN ACCOUNTABILITY FUNCTION.
- **LINKAGES:** MCFD LOCAL SERVICE DELIVERY, FRIENDSHIP CENTRE, MOTHERS CENTRE, ACCESS, NEC, METIS NATION OF BC, BCACCS, STRONG START BC, FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY, ABORIGINAL HEAD START ASSOCIATION OF BC ETC.
- MVAEC WILL ENSURE WE HONOUR UNDRIP, TRC & ROYAL COMMISSIONS CALL TO QUALITY OF LIFE OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES.